The Misadventures of Marbles & Eugene, Private Eyes Episode 1

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MARBLES

And who would have thought it would be the daughter? It's a shame really, she was a looker! I know you fancied her Eugene, but I've told you before, don't get yourself mixed up with criminals.

EUGENE

As I recall, it was you that fancied her Marbles.

MARBLES

Perish the thought Eugene! I am a gentlemen!

EUGENE

Regardless, Damn shame about the money. It would be nice to get paid on ONE of these cases.

MARBLES

Pish Posh! We provided a much needed public service! We upheld JUSTICE, made the world a safer place and that, Eugene, is enough for me!

SFX Knock on the door

MARBLES

Nevertheless! Ask and you shall receive! Eugene, I do believe that destiny is calling us, Once again, Marbles and Eugene have the opportunity to deal a blow to the sinister forces of evil! A chance to uphold the glorious might of righteousness-

SFX second knock on the door

EUGENE

Don't worry Marbles, I shall "Answer the call of destiny -sigh-

SFX footsteps

SFX door opening

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GWENDOLYN

Excuse me, are you Detective Margret?

Music: Saxophone sting

EUGENE

No, No, miss. I am Eugene-

MARBLES

My Lady! Pay no mind to eugene there, that young man is simply my humble manservant, er sidekick.

EUGENE

Partner.

MARBLES

Sidekick...

MARBLES

My, my... Eugene, that's one heck of a dame, if I do say so myself. Those legs just go all the way up don't they...

EUGENE

Marbles, she can hear you...

MARBLES

My manners! Miss, please do come in and have a seat. My goodness, you look positively dreadful. Perhaps I can offer you a drink, to calm you nerves?

GWENDOLYN

Yeah... Sure... Thanks...

SFX Bottle pops

SFX Drink pours

MARBLES

There we are, now tell me everything indwell see what we can do to help. Eugene, take some notes would you?

EUGENE

Of course.

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GWENDOLYN

Okay, my name is Gwendolyn Havisham. My husband is Lloyd Havisham of Havisham Entertainment.

MARBLES

Of Course! I have fond memories of his attractions.

GWENDOLYN

He was working on something new, a haunted murder house. Last night he went to check on something, but he never came back. I'm afraid something has happened to him! You might laugh-

EUGENE

Ma'am, we would NEVER!

GWENDOLYN

Well, I think the house might be... haunted!

MARBLES

HA! Haunted!? That's...*Ahem* Excuse me...

EUGENE

MARBLES! Ma'am, please continue.

GWENDOLYN

Well, he had recently purchased the Snowden House in Los Feliz and we were going to turn it into a haunted mansion/escape the room kinda thing.

EUGENE

Snowden House? You mean where Elizabeth Short, the Black Dahlia, was supposedly murdered!?

GWENDOLYN

Yeah. He thought the history would attract a larger audience than would normally come out to a haunted house. But, strange things started happening during construction. Lights flickering, tools disappearing and reappearing somewhere else. I was spooked, but Lloyd was just elated. He convinced (MORE)

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GWENDOLYN (cont'd)

me that there was nothing to worry about. But, now he's missing!

MARBLES

Enough said!

EUGENE

Enough said?

MARBLES

Marbles Margaret is on the case! Eugene?

EUGENE

Yes?

MARBLES

I am going to away myself to the mansion and see what clues I can dig up. You keep Mrs. Havisham company would you?

EUGENE

Of course. Should I question her?

MARBLES

Dear boy, do you think a lovely little thing like that would be capable of foul play?

EUGENE

...Yes?

MARBLES

Good heavens, don't be absurd! My dear, I promise you, I will get to the bottom of this!

SFX Drawer opens

MARBLES

Can't forget my lucky sack of
marbles no can I? Farewell for now!

SFX fotsteps

SFX Door opens and shuts

EUGENE

Now then, Mrs. Havishim, did your husband have any enemies?

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GWENDOLYN

None that I can think of. He was an eccentric old man, but everyone seemed to love him.

EUGENE

Can you think of anyone who would want to do him harm? Or perhaps a rival business trying to run him out?

GWENDOLYN

No one ALIVE...

EUGENE

Excuse me? You don't to mean to say-

GWENDOLYN

Ghosts!

EUGENE

So you did mean to say...

NARRATOR

We now join Marbles as he arrives at the Snowden House and tries to get to the bottom of all this.

SFX Car engine cuts

SFX Car door opens and shuts

MARBLES

Chills This is quite the spooky house indeed, no wonder Mr. Havisham thought he could capitalize off of this property. I shall now venture inside.

SFX Spooky slow door opening.

MARBLES

Mr. Havisham? Hello? Are you there?

SFX Door slams upstairs

MARBLES

Ah! Someone certainly is here. I bet it's that silly old man. He probably just decided to sleep here to get the full experience, as it were. Mr Havisham!

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SFX Spooky moaning

MARBLES

And that is obviously just the wind coming in through a cracked window! Certainly not an evil specter come to reap my soul and drag it to the depths! I must press on! Upstairs!

SFX Creaky board

SFX Wind howling

MARBLES

Eek! A ghost, white and billowing, like costs tend to do! Coming right toward me!

SFX running footsteps

SFX quick open and slam door

SFX Dial tone and ring

MARBLES

Eugene!? Your presence is required at the mansion at once! There is something in the house. Something of an otherworldly in nature! I have taken refuge in a closet and seem to have locked myself in!

NARRATOR

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