



WE'RE REALLY GOING UP THERE?



LIKE, MAYBE SCOOB AND I WILL STAY IN THE CAR!

SHES RIGHT.

DONT LET THE ATMOSPHERE SCARE YOU, SHAGGY.

...AFTER ALL, THIS IS THE MYSTIC MANSION, THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS MAGICIANS' HANGOUT.

EVERYTHING YOU SEE IS DESIGNED TO SURPRISE Y--

THATS CORRECT, MR. JONES. IT AS FRED JONES, ISNT IT?



NO WAY!

LIKE, HOW'D HE KNOW THROUGH A BLINDFOLD?

A MAGICIAN WOULD NEVER REVEAL HIS SECRETS, GUYS. ESPECIALLY NOT ONE AS GREAT AS...



...MURDSTONE THE MAGNIFICENT! ONE OF MY ABSOLUTE FAVORITE MAGICIANS!

YOUR GOOD TASTE IS JUST ONE OF THE REASONS YOU WERE INVITED HERE TONIGHT, FRED. BUT LET'S GO IN...

...THERE'S SOMEONE WAITING TO MEET YOU.



# MAGIC HASSLE

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THESE ARE SOME AWGAWGAYS FROM OUR MAGICIANS' ARCHIVE.

WE HAVE A LOT MORE ROOM TO SHOWCASE THEM HERE IN OUR NEW BUILDING.

BUT A 15<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY CASTLE MOVED BRICK BY BRICK FROM ROMANIA IS HARDLY NEW, MR. MURDSTONE.



TRUE, AND IT'S NOT JUST ANY CASTLE. THE PREVIOUS OWNER WAS A BIT...*ECCENTRIC*.

LEARNING ALL OF THIS BUILDING'S SECRETS HAS BEEN ONE OF MY MAIN TASKS.

YOUR INVITATION SAID SOMETHING ABOUT US HELPING WITH A PERFORMANCE?



RICKY DELGAUDIO IS DEBUTING A NEW TRICK, AND WANTED TO PROVE...

... THAT EVEN YOU KIDS COULDN'T FIGURE OUT HOW IT WORKS.

YOU MEAN RICKY D.? HE JUST PERFORMED AT THE UNITED NATIONS!

SO AWEN DOES HE WANT US TO TRY AND FIGURE OUT HIS TRICK?

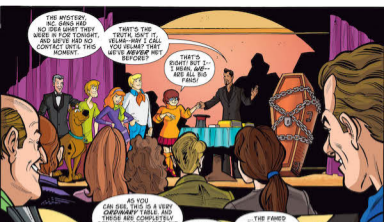
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE WELCOME...



NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT.

WOTKEY INCORPORATED!





THE MYSTERY, INC. GANG HAD NO IDEA WHAT THEY WERE IN FOR TONIGHT, AND WE'VE HAD NO CONTACT UNTIL THIS MOMENT.

THAT'S THE TRUTH, ISN'T IT, VELMA--WHY I CALL YOU VELMA? THEY WERE NEVER MET BEFORE?

THAT'S RIGHT! BUT I-- I MEAN, WE-- ARE ALL BIG FANS!

AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS IS A VERY ORDINARY TABLE, AND THESE ARE COMPLETELY ORDINARY HANDCUFFS AND A CLASSIC MAGICIAN'S TOP HAT...

...A MAGIC WAND AND, OF COURSE...

...THE FAMED DOUBLE-SIZE DECK OF CARDS, ALL PROPERTY...



...OF MY IDOL, THE LEGENDARY PRESTIMY SO WHAT DO YOU THINK, GANG?

IT ALL CHECKS OUT!

NO PROBLEMS!

REALLY? BECAUSE I THINK THERE'S A BIG PROBLEM...



...I DON'T SEE ANYTHING HERE!

CLAP CLAP WOW HEY CLAP CLAP



THANK YOU! NOW, OF COURSE, THE MYSTIC MANSION FOLKS WOULD GET MAD IF I DIDN'T BRING PRESTIN'S THINGS BACK, SO LET'S SEE...

CLAD CLAD CLAD



... WHERE DID I PUT THEM?  
**RIN ENERE! RIN ENERE!**

GOOD IDEA, SCOOBY-DOO. I'LL GIVE THAT A TRY, ONE... TWO...



... THE... HUH?  
... BUT THAT CAN'T B...  
... LIKE, IT'S EMPTY?

OH, BUT IT CAN



THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ORDINARY MEN TAMPER WITH THINGS THEY CANNOT BEGIN TO.



... UNDERSTAND...  
HE'S GONE!

AND SO ARE PRESTIN'S ARTFACTS!



I TOLD YOU IT WAS TOO RISKY TO USE SUCH VALUABLE ITEMS IN YOUR ACT.

OH, AND I COULD HAVE KNOWN THERE WAS GOING TO BE A **VAMP**! GIVE ME A BREAK, MURDSTONE!

YOU'VE NEVER LIKED MY ACT, WHICH IS WHY YOU ONLY LET ME BE A GUEST HERE, NOT A MEMBER!

GUYS, GUYS!



THIS ISN'T SOLVING ANYTHING! MR. MURDSTONE, YOU SAID YOU'VE LOCKED THE DOORS SO NO ONE CAN LEAVE THE BUILDING.

SO WE HAVE A LITTLE TIME TO FIGURE OUT WHAT **REALLY** HAPPENED INSTEAD OF POINTING FINGERS.



VELMA'S RIGHT, DAPHNE AND I WILL SEARCH THE ROOMS THAT CONNECT TO THE BALLROOM. MAYBE WE'LL FIND CLUES ABOUT THIS SO-CALLED "VAMP."

AND SHAGGY AND SCOOBY, YOU GO--

GET IT? SCOOBY-DOO, LET'S HEAD TO THE DINING ROOM!



I HOPE YOUR FRIENDS KNOW TO BE CAREFUL. THIS OLD BUILDING HAS SOME, WELL, **UNUSUAL** FEATURES.

THAT'S A REAL SWAME. EVERYONE HAS HEARD OF--**AWAY--CERTAIN** PERFORMERS WHILE LEGENDS GO FORGOTTEN.

WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT **PRESTINI**? I CAN'T SAY I'VE EVER HEARD OF HIM.

THIS MAY SURPRISE YOU, MURDSTONE, BUT I AGREE.



PRESTINI WAS THE **GREATEST** MAGICIAN OF HIS TIME. PEOPLE REMEMBER HOUDINI, FREEMAN, STERANKO...

... BUT, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THEY COULDN'T HOLD A CANDLE TO **PRESTINI**.

**THE GREAT PRESTINI**