

**Mud Lake School
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presents
“A Not So Mysterious Mystery”**

Cast

Detective, Narrator.....	Wallace Chaulk
Julie.....	Pamela Rumbolt
Sara (Julie’s Mother).....	Randy Best
Ray (Julie’s Father).....	Derrick McLean
Robert.....	Watson Rumbolt

Teacher Advisor

Mr. Chris Martin

Scene I

Narrator walks towards center stage.

Narrator: We look upon one sunny evening where a young man, eager for money but not eager for work, is an employee at a local restaurant. However, it looks like his days there are numbered.

The audience sees Robert flipping hamburgers at the grill. He looks left and right to see if anyone is around. When he thinks the coast is clear, he grabs a hamburger and begins to eat it. Ray, the manager of the restaurant enters.

Ray: Robert, I'm sorry but you have to leave now.

Robert: Why?

Ray: Because you don't do any work here and you steal the customers' food.

Robert: Stealing? What are you talking about, man?

Ray: Well, to start with, what do you have in your hand? *(Points to Robert's hand, which has a half-eaten burger in it)*

Robert: Whatever! I'll remember this! You'll pay! *(Takes another bite out of his burger. He storms out of the store and slams the door behind him. Ray goes on with his duties.)*

Scene II

Narrator: Later that evening we see Robert outside of his boss's house. It seems he is in the middle of hatching a nasty plan..)

(The audience sees Robert changing into dark clothes)

Robert: Tonight I'm going to be rich and I'll get my revenge! *(Walks up to the door of the house and tries to open it) It's locked! (Lifts up the Welcome Mat and finds the key. Shows it to the audience) Oldest trick in the book! (Unlocks the door with the key and walks into the house. Julie is asleep on a couch but Robert does not see her. Robert begins to steal antiques. After some time, Robert notices Julie.) I can't find any money anywhere! It doesn't matter, I just got a better idea for the*

perfect revenge. I'll be seeing you later! (*Leaves*)

Scene III

(Ray goes home with a startling surprise)

Sara: Oh thank goodness you're home! Someone broke in and stole our antiques.

(Julie runs to her mother's arms)

Ray: What do you mean? Was Julie home when this happened?

Julie: I'm scared.

Sara: It's okay, he's gone now.

Ray: We'll get to the bottom of this. Don't worry. The important thing is that you're safe. You were very brave for somebody so young. (*Hugs Julie*)

Sara: We'd better call for some help.

Ray: (*Picks up phone*) We were just broke into and we need some serious help. Get over here now, please. (*To family*) he's on his way here now.

(Detective runs into the house)

Detective: Good to meet you. Tell me everything that happened and I'll write it down in my notebook. So, what happened here?

Sara: Well, when I got home I noticed all of our valuables were missing and then my husband got home and called you.

(Detective starts writing)

Julie: Mom, can I go now?

Sara: Sure. You can go play upstairs. Go on now!

(Julie exits)

Detective: So none of you saw the culprit?

Sara: No. Julie told us she was asleep the whole time.

Detective: You mean your daughter was left home alone here? (*Writes more in his notepad*) Well, is that all?

Ray: That's it, I guess.

Detective: All right then, I'll do what I can. (*Walks around the house, taking notes*) Okay, I'll have to think really hard about this one. Tomorrow I'll come back and let you know if I found anything. I'll admit, there's not much to go on.

Sara: I understand. Thank you for everything.

Detective: You're welcome. Look, in the future, don't leave your daughter at home alone. She's only young, and you're lucky she wasn't hurt. (*Exits*)

Scene IV

Narrator: The next morning Ray gets ready to check on the restaurant.

Julie: Dad, don't leave me!

Ray: I won't be long. I just need to stop over into work for an hour. I'll be back with Mom, her shift's almost over.

(Ray exits. Julie begins to draw pictures)

Narrator: Robert gets ready to make his move.

Robert: Darn! The door is locked good this time and there's no key. I'll try the window. (*Trips over to the window frame*) Ouch, my knee!

Julie: Mom! Dad!

(Robert runs into the room)

Robert: You're coming with me! (*Ties up Julie. Stopping to rest, he takes off his hat, but he forgets it. Exits*)

(The parents enter)

Sara: Julie! We're home!

Ray: Where is she?

(They walk around the room, looking and calling for Julie)

Sara: Ray, I found a hat. Come here and see if you know who owns it.

Ray: I don't know.

Sara: Ray, call the detective again.

(Ray dials the numbers for the detective. Detective enters)

Detective: What is the problem this time? Any more clues?

Sara: Our daughter's gone missing! It's all our fault, we left her home by herself again!

Ray: I was only gone an hour! When we came home, all we found was this hat on the floor.

Detective: It must have been the butler!

Ray: But we don't have a butler.

Detective: Are you sure you don't have a butler?

Ray: Yes.

Detective: Oh. Well then, I'll take it to the lab for analysis. You should probably start calling people to see if they have seen Julie anywhere.

Sara: We should call her friends.

Ray: Well, Julie likes to hang out at the restaurant a lot. They'd know Julie if they saw her. Maybe we should call anyone who worked there in the past while.

Scene V

Narrator: At Robert's house, Robert is getting ready to deliver a ransom note.

(The phone rings)

Robert: Hello?

Sara: Hello, is this Robert? The Robert who used to work at Ray's Hamburgers?

Robert: Um, yes?

Sara: Hi, how are you?

Robert: I'm fine Mrs. Cook. How are you?

Sara: I'm fine, I guess. I was just wondering have you seen my little girl, Julie?

Robert: Julie! Julie? Um, who's Julie, Mrs. Cook?

Julie: Mom! Dad! Save me!

Sara: Julie, where are you?

(Robert hangs up the phone.)

Robert: We'd better get out of here and fast!

Sara: I'll use the phone book to find Robert's address. *(Looks through the phone book)*
Ray! I found her! I know where she is.

Ray: What?

Sara: I found Julie!

Ray: Where is she?

Sara: She's at Robert's.

Ray: Let's go!

(They arrive at Robert's house as he is about to leave with Julie.)

Julie: Mom! Dad! *(She gives them a hug)*

Ray: You're safe now. Okay, you can let me go. I have to handle this. *(To Robert)* Why did you take our child?

Robert: Why did you fire me?

(Silence. Detective enters)

Detective: hello everyone! I saw your car outside this house and thought I'd drop in to tell you that - *(stops when he sees Robert and Julie)* Ah-ha! Another mystery solved, all thanks to me!

They all look at the detective.

Julie: THE END