

Scared? No, Silly!

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Log Line: A couple of bugling cops and a dandy detective solve the mysterious death of a naked old vaudevillian in a haunted house of gags.

Pitch: "Hold that Ghost" meets "Dumb and Dumber"

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FADE IN

EXT. HAUNTED HOUSE - STORMY NIGHT

LIGHTNING STRIKES with a CRACK. The silhouette of a CLIFFSIDE HOUSE looms. CREEPY music plays under.

OFF CAMERA voice

MYSTERY MAN

Hoo Boy!

We hear SHATTERING GLASS, a BIG THUMP, and a slow WHOOPIE CUSHION FART. THUNDER drowns out the whoopee cushion.

INT. HOUSE - NIGHT

LIGHTNING ominously flashes onto an old gray haired head. Blood oozes out flowing past a bony hand. The middle finger points to a note that reads: "I DID IT." The blood mixes with shattered glass and juice from a jar of Gefilte fish.

A DOOR SLAMS - LIGHTNING FLASHES

TIME LAPSE of nights and days as the Gefilte fish patties turn pink and fuzzy. The old guys hand withers. A mouse scurries in, wiggles its nose like there's a bad smell and runs off. We follow the rotten smell as it wafts out of the house and over the windswept dunes and swampy bogs.

EXT. OLD AGE HOME VERANDA - DAY

Two old geezers rock like they don't give a damn if there's a tomorrow. A warm sea breeze rustles a weeping willow.

FRANCIS

Was that you?

BERNIE

Nah. Probably one of them drifters' rotting

FRANCIS

Will you stop it with the drifters!

BERNIE

I swear I hear them laughing and hiccupping.

FRANCIS

Ah go on you're crazy. It's just the waves on the cliffs.

BERNIE

OK, then how many drifters have you seen go down there?

FRANCIS

Dozens. So.

BERNIE

Ever seen any come out?

FRANCIS

Nope. But who cares. Those drifters are drunks. They probably drowned.

Francis fans his nose

FRANCIS

Are you sure that wasn't you?

Bernie smiles devilishly

BERNIE

OK that one was. But something else stinks worse than me.

A flimsy screen door swings open. HENRY enters.

HENRY

Gee-zus it stinks out here

FRANCIS

It's Bernie.

HENRY

Bernie, what the hell are you eating?

BERNIE

It's the drifters.

HENRY

Ah gee-zus not again with the drifters.

INT. PATROL CAR - DAY

A creaky old patrol car drives along. The POLICE CHIEF rides shotgun. His loyal young DEPUTY is driving. It's a bouncy ride.

CHIEF

Was that you?

DEPUTY

Not me CHIEF, It's the bogs.

CHIEF

They've never smelled that bad.

OFF CAMERA RADIO CALL

DISPATCHER

Car 54, where are you? Over.

CHIEF

We're out by the bogs. Over.

DISPATCHER

We got a complaint of a foul smell coming from the old

folks home. Can you check on  
it? Over

POLICE CHIEF  
Will do. Over

DEPUTY  
See! I told yah it wasn't me.

CHIEF ignores him

CHIEF  
Let's head to the old folks  
home - and roll up your  
window.

EXT. OLD AGE HOME VERANDA - AFTERNOON

The CHIEF and DEPUTY step up onto the veranda. Three old geezers are playing mahjong and ignore them. BERNIE is in a sleeveless tee shirt with a Yankee baseball cap. A handkerchief over his face makes him look like an over-the-hill bandit.

CHIEF  
Good day gentleman. We got a  
complaint about a foul smell.

HENRY  
Yeah it's Bernie!

Bernie slaps his hand down.

BERNIE  
I'm telling yah it's not me.  
It's those drifters rotting.

The two old timers look at the cops and roll their eyes.

FRANCIS & HENRY  
Sure Bernie, the drifters

BERNIE

All right, suit yourself but  
I hear them out there at  
night.

The wind rustles a willow tree. They hold their noses.

CHIEF  
Jez-zus - that stinks.

BERNIE  
That's nothin. You should  
smell it from my room. Come  
on I'll show ya.

INT. BEDROOM - AFTERNOON

It's the bedroom of a lonely man. No pictures, just old  
newspapers. The CHIEF and DEPUTY hold their noses.

BERNIE  
I told yah, this room really  
stinks and the view, ah don't  
get me started.

Bernie points across a swampy marsh.

BERNIE  
I'm tellin ya I've seen  
drifters out there, but they  
never come back. Late some  
nights I hear um partying,  
laughing and hiccupping!

CHIEF  
Yes Mr. Fine you've put in a  
number of calls.

BERNIE  
But, yah know, I haven't  
heard them lately, now this  
smell.

FART SOUND - Bernie smiles devilishly.

INT. COP CAR - DAY

CHIEF

Head to No Return Point.

DEPUTY

Ah way the heck out there but  
that's not our jurisdiction.

CHIEF

The smell's coming from  
there. Let's find out what  
stinks.

DEPUTY

Ahhh CHIEF, Do we have to?

STERN LOOK from the CHIEF

DEPUTY

OK CHIEF

The DEPUTY punches the gas pedal. The old patrol car  
sputters and backfires as it rides along a rutted road.

EXT. LIFELESS FOREST - CLOUDY DAY

The car slowly creaks along the windy dirt road. Beer cans  
and bottles crunch under the tires, torn t-shirts, ripped  
panties and shoes hang off dead gray tree limbs like  
Spanish moss. Shafts of light poke through thick gray  
clouds onto a wild wilderness party scene.

INT. PATROL CAR - DAY

DEPUTY

WOW Chief! It sure feels like  
there was a party. Maybe  
Bernie was telling the truth.

CHIEF

HMMM, interesting...

DEPUTY

LOOK!

A huge bra tied to tree branches looks like a double-barreled slingshot.

DEPUTY

Sure looks like they had fun.

CHIEF

Interesting.

The car rounds a bend. SUDDENLY.

DEPUTY

AHHHHHHH!

The car screeches to a halt nearly hitting something wearing a weather beaten Mexican sombrero.

CHIEF

What the hell is that?

DEPUTY

Why, its a sombrero Chief!

CHIEF

I can see that silly. But what's it doing there?

DEPUTY

It doesn't look like it's doing anything Chief.

CHIEF

Oh just get out and move it.

The DEPUTY walks over, puts the sombrero on and does a Mexican hat dance. The CHIEF shakes his head.

DEPUTY

Hey Chief, look, it's a fork in the road.

He yanks the poles out and smiles.

DEPUTY

It's a pitchfork! And a hoe!

The DEPUTY holds the pitchfork like the farmer in the Grant Wood "American Gothic" painting. The CHIEF shakes his head. The DEPUTY shrugs, tosses the sombrero and pitchfork aside, and gets back in the car with the hoe.

CHIEF

What are you doing?

DEPUTY

I've been looking for a good hoe. They're tough to find.

CHIEF

Ditch the hoe and let's go.

The DEPUTY shrugs and tosses the hoe out.

DEPUTY

OK, which way CHIEF?

CHIEF

Let's take that fork.

The DEPUTY chuckles, the CHIEF ignores him. They drive on.

CHIEF

STOP! STOP THE CAR!

CAR SKIDS TO A SCREECHY DUSTY STOP.

CHIEF (CONT'D)

LOOK!

The CHIEF points down the steep cliffs to a rickety pier.

EXT. RICKETY PIER - CLOUDY DAY

The scene has a CARTOON like LOOK. Tattered clothes wave from rotting pilings like AMUSEMENT PARK FLAGS. A sailboat named the "SLOOPY SAILS" sways side to side as big waves

crash and swirl up mounds of sea froth like a cotton candy machine. Flotsam and jetsam bob up and down like candy apples. It's an eerie yet funny looking scene. Their jaws drop. NERVOUSLY - They drive on.

INT. CAR - DAY

DEPUTY

What do you make of that Chief?

CHIEF

I don't know. Inter-esting

DEPUTY

CHIEF LOOK!

There is a large wrought iron gate with a strange looking house behind it. Two circus seal statues are atop the stone columns. One balancing a beach ball on its nose the other is clapping its flippers. A big brassiere and underwear are impaled on the fence, and something else.

CHIEF

What the heck is that?

DEPUTY

It looks like - like Chickens

CHIEF

They're Rubber Chickens!

EXT. GATED ENTRANCE - DAY

The CHIEF gets out and stands next to a sign that reads: "BEWARE! TRESPASSERS WILL BE TICKLED - TO DEATH!" Bullhorn in hand he calls out through the locked gate.

CHIEF

This is the Police. Come out with your hands up.

No response. He takes two giant steps forward like he's playing RED LIGHT GREEN LIGHT and clicks the bullhorn.

CHIEF

(childish voice)

Come out come out wherever  
you are!

The DEPUTY does a double take. The CHIEF quickly puts the bullhorn down, scratches his head and shrugs. The CHIEF waits for a response. - No response

CHIEF

OK - Let's bust it open.

DEPUTY

Gotcha CHIEF

The old cars' back wheels spin up gravel and busts through the gate. The overgrown yard looks like a playground with a swing set, seesaw and a rusted metal Jungle Jim. At one end is a dunk tank entangled by mysterious looking weeds.

EXT. FRONT YARD - DAY

A WATCHFUL HIGH ANGLE VIEW through parted curtains follows the CHIEF and DEPUTY as they point at things and laugh. They look up. The curtain closes. They don't notice.

LOW ANGLE view of the house - It seems to grow taller and prouder. Bright shafts of light break through a gray cloud and hit the house like follow-spots. The old house's faded yellow cut shingles look like teeth. The house looks like lots of smiling faces with moss between their teeth.

DEPUTY

Chief, the house looks like a  
bunch of smiling faces!

CHIEF

Yeah, and it looks like they  
should all floss!

A breeze picks up the stench. They hold their noses.

DEPUTY  
Yeah and use house wash!

CHIEF  
Yep. Let's scope it out.

EXT. HOUSE ENTRANCE - DAY

They step onto the creaky veranda. The front doors have two big door knockers shaped like hands cupping breasts.

DEPUTY  
WOW! Look at those knockers!

The CHIEF ignores him and slowly pushes the door open. They enter cautiously.

LOUD EERIE CREAKING SOUND - CREEPY ORGAN MUSIC plays under.

INT. FORAY - DAY

The house looks like a zany comedy gag shop. Motionless gag toys like CLAPPING MONKEYS, JOE PALOOKA PUNCHING BAGS, GORILLA SUITS, DRIBBLE CUPS, WHOOPEE CUSHIONS, and FAKE BLOODY HANDS are everywhere.

The door SLAMS shut. They JUMP. The DEPUTY grabs the CHIEF. The CHIEF pushed him away with a slap.

CHIEF  
Let go of me!

INT. VARIOUS ROOMS - DAY

A PEEPHOLE VIEW follows their moves through the gag filled house. They giggle like kids as they point at comedy props.

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

The CHIEF pushes the DEPUTY into the kitchen door. WHAM! They enter the dark room and flip on the lights.

CHIEF & DEPUTY

AHHHHHHH!!!

Fake bloody hands, rubber chickens, knives, cleavers and Halloween skeletons everywhere. The DEPUTY grabs a mallet. It falls to the floor with a HONK! He grabs the CHIEF.

CHIEF

Will you let go of me!

The CHIEF pushed him away. The DEPUTY slams into a cutting block and picks up a rubber knife. The CHIEF opens the big Frigidaire. Inside are jars of gefilte fish, matzo balls, kosher dill pickles, and seltzer bottles.

CHIEF

Interesting, interesting

Behind him the DEPUTY is wielding a fake knife poking at rubber chicken and stabbing skeletons. He stops.

DEPUTY

Look at that swingin door!

He points the limp knife to a door painted like a FLAPPER girl dancing. Her eyes seem to wink as they near. The CHIEF slowly opens the swinging doors. SUDDENLY their EYES BUG OUT. They GASP!

INT. DINING ROOM - DAY

In the middle of the dusty dining room floor lies the frail withered frame of an old man. He's naked lying in a fetal position with a whoopee-cushion under his butt. His outstretched arm and middle finger point to an "I DID IT" note. They hold their noses and speak with a nasal tone throughout the scene. They can't stop giggling.

DEPUTY

(nasal)

Hey Chief. It looks like he's givin us the finger.

CHIEF

Hmm interesting, interesting

The DEPUTY points to the fuzzy Gafilte fish on the floor.

DEPUTY  
Are those Hostess Snowballs?  
I love them. I'll split them  
with you!

The CHIEF stands over the shattered jar.

CHIEF  
NO, no they're not snowballs  
you Twinkie. They're ah, ah,  
ah GAFILTE FISH!

DEPUTY  
Darn, I wanted a snowball

CHIEF  
Oh never mind, just don't  
disturb anything.

DEPUTY  
Oh don't worry I won't, I  
won't! But it's sure funny  
he's pointing that finger.

The DEPUTY points to the "I DID IT" note. The CHIEF bends  
down to look. There's a tattoo of a pair of big red lips  
with "MY BUTT!!!" under it.

CHIEF  
Kiss MY BUTT!

DEPUTY  
What's that CHIEF?

CHIEF  
Kiss my butt!!!

DEPUTY  
You want me to kiss your  
butt?

CHIEF

No the tattoo has lips and MY  
BUTT, get it, Kiss my butt.

DEPUTY

So you don't want me to kiss  
your butt.

CHIEF

Well NO! -- I don't think so?

DEPUTY

That's good! Cause for a  
minute there I thought...

CHIEF

Say this may have been a  
murder. We're going to need  
to get to the bottom of this  
twisted caper.

DEPUTY puffs his chest and chomps on an imaginary cigar.

DEPUTY

(EDWARD G ROBINSON voice)  
OK Copper, so yah want to get  
to the bottom of this caper  
do yah - We'll see about that  
Copper.

CHIEF

(sniffing back a laugh)  
Interesting, verrry  
interesting.

DEPUTY

(ARTIE JOHNSON - Laugh In  
voice)  
Verrrrrry inter rest ting...  
But SHUU-TWO-PID!

CHIEF

Sock It To Me - BABY!

DEPUTY  
You bet your bippee!

The CHIEF does a little dance like SAMMY DAVIS JR. in  
LAUGH-IN

CHIEF  
Here come da judge - here  
come da judge

The DEPUTY falls down laughing and rolls around.

DEPUTY  
Stop it! Stop it! You're  
killin me. You're killin me!

The DEPUTY writhes around like he's been shot.

DEPUTY  
(whispering)  
See I'm dead!

CHIEF grabs the DEPUTY pulls him to his feet and slaps him.

CHIEF  
Thanks, I needed that.

The DEPUTY gives the CHIEF a shocked look.

DEPUTY  
YOU needed that!!!

The CHIEF smiles and slaps the DEPUTY again.

DEPUTY  
What'd yah hit me again for?

CHIEF  
(perplexed)  
Why - I don't know!

DEPUTY  
Well that hurts!

CHIEF  
(tearing up)  
Yeah I'll bet! Say you better  
take some notes.

DEPUTY  
O-key doe-key Chiefie

The DEPUTY flips open the note pad and speaks into it.

DEPUTY  
Beam us up Scotty.

CHIEF  
Please, just take the notes

DEPUTY  
OK - Captains log star date.

He writes 10,01 giggles and shows it to the CHIEF

DEPUTY  
Hey Chiefie. Doesn't it look  
like a happy puppy face?

CHIEF  
By golly, it does.

The CHIEF grabs the pad, writes 10,01 and shoves it back.

CHIEF  
Now it's a surprised puppy!

DEPUTY  
I didn't know you could draw!

CHIEF  
Come on, let's sniff around  
for some clues.

The DEPUTY drops to the floor, sniffs around like a dog and barks. He lifts his leg like he's going to pee on the CHIEFS leg. The CHIEF growls and drops to the floor and barks like an alpha dog. The DEPUTY scampers off wagging

his butt. The CHIEF chases him and runs by a mirror.  
SURPRISED - he BARKS then shakes his head.

CHIEF

Hey, wait a minute. What the  
hell's happenin here!

He jumps to his feet, brushes off and looks in the mirror.  
He's all stretched out. It's a funhouse trick mirror.

CHIEF

What's happening here!

DEPUTY

Woof, woof - What do yah mean  
Chiefie? I'm havin fun!  
Aren't you? Woof, Woof.

CHIEF

Yeah silly - but we're cops,  
we're not supposed to have  
fun!!! I think it's the  
house.

DEPUTY

Woof - The house! Woof, woof

CHIEF

Yeah I'm getting a funny  
feeling the place is getting  
under my skin.

DEPUTY

Oh that must be your  
room-atism! Woof, woof

CHIEF

Well whatever it is I'm  
getting the hell outa this  
wacky funhouse!!! Come on.

DEPUTY

Woof, Woof Ahhh, must we  
Chiefie? I'm havin fun. Woof!

CHIEF

Get up you idiot can't you see what's happening. We're possessed, under a spell. A spell, spell I tell yah.

DEPUTY

Spell! I've always had a hard time with Spelling Chief. I like numbers though, do you want me to add!

CHIEF

Come on come on - quick. Let's get the hell outa here.

The CHIEF runs through the house. The DEPUTY follows behind barking. The CHIEF grabs the front door - BUZZZZZ

CHIEF

WOOO!

There's a hand buzzer on the doorknob and a "GOOD RIDDENS" sign on the door. He pulls the door open and runs out.

DOOR SLAMS SHUT hard and the knockers' fly up

VOICE FROM NOWHERE

MYSTERY VOICE 1

"Knock-knock"

MYSTERY VOICE 2

Who's there?

MYSTERY VOICE 1

Lemme

MYSTERY VOICE 2

Lemme who.

MYSTERY VOICE 1

Lem me in silly!

EXT - YARD - DAY

HIGH ANGLE WATCHFUL VIEW - The two stumble out and onto the overgrown grass. They're rolling around laughing. The curtain in the window moves again. They don't notice.

DEPUTY

Hey Chief, I think that house  
is haunted!

The CHIEF catches his breath and stands. He sniffles.

CHIEF

There sure is something  
fishy, something mighty fishy  
going on in there. I smell  
foul play, foul play, or  
worse, shenanigans!

DEPUTY

Hmmm it smelled more like Cod  
and pickles, with a hint of  
oregano to me.

CHIEF

Come on, let's get outta  
here.

FAST ACTION "KEYSTONE COP" routine - They dash around the car slam into each other then jump up and in the car, both in the back seat. They jump out and finally get it right.

INT. COP CAR - DAY

Huffing and puffing, the DEPUTY starts the car up with a backfire. The CHIEF panting makes a radio call.

CHIEF

This is Car 54. Over.

DISPATCHER

Car 54 where are you?

CHIEF

We're out at No Return Point  
and we know what that smell  
is. We got a rotting stiff  
out here. Maybe a homicide.  
See if you can get me  
Detective MAGILLICUTTY.

WATCHFUL HIGH ANGLE VIEW - They drive off. The curtain  
closes.

EXT. SEASHORE BOARDWALK - DAY

WAVES CRASH and SEAGULL SQUAWK - The weathered boardwalk  
has fishermen along the pier and a few old shops. One is a  
salt-water taffy shop - Their sign reads "HAPPY TAFFY, we  
pull it for you."

INT. HAPPY TAFFY SHOP - DAY

The taffy shop has that old time hasn't changed in years  
look. A large dapper looking man dressed in a seersucker  
suit with a flattop straw hat and white buck shoes is  
tapping his fingers on the glass case. He's nearly  
salivating. - He's our plain-clothes DETECTIVE,  
MAGILLICUTTY.

TEENAGE CLERK

So what do you want?

MAGILLICUTTY

Well let me see. Hmm I'll  
have a handful of the  
peppermint strips, some  
peanut butter and jelly, a  
few banana and cherry and  
vanilla and butterscotch and  
peach and ... and of course my  
favorite hazelnut spearmint.

CLERK

Is that all!

MAGILLICUTTY

Yes, that will be - WOOO!!!

STARTLED He JUMPS away. His hat falls off as his CELL PHONE RINGS - DUM DEE DUM DUM - DUM DEE DUM DUM, DUM DEE DUM DUM - DUMMMM (Dragnet theme).

He fumbles in his pocket for the phone like he's playing with himself and nervously smiles at the folks behind him.

MAGILLICUTTY

Excuse me. Must be an emergency.

He turns away and cups his hand and whispers.

MAGILLICUTTY

Hellloooo?

Muffled voice of the CHIEF

MAGILLICUTTY

What! I'll meet you at the station.

He shuts the phone and picks up his hat and puts it on. He doesn't notice that there is a bright red piece of taffy stuck to the top of his hat. It looks like a tiny red light bulb. He turns to the clerk and grabs his bag of taffy and throws down a \$5 bill. The cash register reads \$4.95.

MAGILLICUTTY

Thanks - keep the change!

CLERK

Thanks Dick!

MAGILLICUTTY

Hmm guess my detective ring blew my cover

He pops a piece of taffy in his mouth and savors it.

MAGILLICUTTY

UMM now that's good taffy!

As he walks away his shoe picks up a taffy wrapper.

EXT. BOARDWALK - DAY

MAGILLICUTTY walks along in taffy ecstasy picking up sticky wrapper and bubble gum on his shoe. Board-walkers point and laugh at his red bulb hat and the increasingly long trail of debris. He passes a kid with a boom box.

RAPPER

Hey Gumshoe. Lookin good!

MAGILLICUTTY smiles and gives a thumbs up, clueless.

MAGILLICUTTY

Wow word travels fast. I  
guess my cover is blown.

EXT. SIDE STREET - DAY

He walks up and admires his shiny new unmarked car, jumps in wrappers and all. A parking ticket is on the windshield.

MAGILLICUTTY

DAMN!

He reaches out, grabs it and drives off.

EXT. POLICE PARKING LOT - DAY

The unmarked cop car flies into the Police lot and screeches to a sliding stop in a handicapped parking space.

A guilty looking SHOPLIFTER sees the undercover cop car and drops two shopping bags and holds his hands up.  
MAGILLICUTTY doesn't notice the willing confessor.

INT. UNMARKED COP CAR - DAY

MAGILLICUTTY gets out of the car and feels his head. No hat. His hat is stuck to the car's white fabric ceiling.

MAGILLICUTTY

DAMN!

EXT. POLICE PARKING LOT - DAY

The shoplifter puts his hands down and watches MAGILLICUTTY yank the hat down. Most of the red taffy stays stuck.

MAGILLICUTTY

DAMN! - This is a new car.

He puts his hat on the car roof then tries to pull the taffy off his fingers. He sticks his taffy-covered fingers in his mouth, makes a face and spits and spits.

MAGILLICUTTY

FOO-EEE Cinnamon! I hate  
cinnamon

He walked away spitting, ignoring the shoplifter.

SHOPLIFTER

Hey! There's gum on your  
shoe.

MAGILLICUTTY looks down and sees the sticky mess.

MAGILLICUTTY

DAMN!

He yanks at it and pulls the bubble gum out into a long thin pink string. It swings around and lands on the top of his white bucks.

MAGILLICUTTY

DAMN! These are brand new  
shoes!

The Shoplifter shakes his head as MAGILLICUTTY pulls off gum bits. His shoes now have pink poke-a-dots.

MAGILLICUTTY

DAMN!!!

He licks his fingers, spits and walks into the police station. His straw hat is still on the car roof. The Shoplifter slowly walks over and nonchalantly puts the straw hat in his bag.

Suddenly, the Chief and Deputy's creaky old patrol car bounds into the lot. The car backfires. The nervous SHOPLIFTER drops his shopping bags and holds his hands up. The CHIEF and DEPUTY notice and walk over to him.

CHIEF

Let's see what his story is.

The DEPUTY rummages through the bags. He pulls out the straw hat. There's a sexy black thong stuck onto the sticky red taffy.

CHIEF

Well, Well. What do we have here? This hat doesn't look your style - No comment on the thong.

SHOPLIFTER

It's for a friend.

DEPUTY

Hey! Is your friend a Detective?

SHOPLIFTER

What?

DEPUTY

Well this hat has Magillicutty's name in it. Is he your friend?

The shoplifter takes a gulp.

CHIEF

Why, I think your friend is inside. Would you like to give it to him in person?

SHOPLIFTER

No sir. Hey I'm just a  
drifter down on my luck.

DEPUTY

SAY! I get it. You don't even  
know the DETECTIVE - Do you!

The CHIEF gives the DEPUTY a look and shakes his head.

CHIEF

Just take him inside and book  
him Dano.

The DEPUTY grabs the Shoplifter's neck and marches him off.

INT. POLICE STATION FRONT DESK - DAY

MAGILLICUTTY is finishing a joke.

MAGILLICUTTY

No I said bagel not beagle!

FRONT DESK COP

(rolling eyes sarcastically)  
Yeah that's funny.

MAGILLICUTTY

Yep! I'll wait in the Chief's  
office

MAGILLICUTTY walks down the hall past a large Nordic and  
very well endowed uniformed policewoman.

MAGILLICUTTY

Hey Toots

She gives him a cold shoulder. He shrugs and walks on.

EXT. POLICE LOT - DAY

A BEAT COP walks past MAGILLICUTTYS car in the handicapped  
zone. He shakes his head and writes a ticket.

INT. CHIEF'S OFFICE - DAY

MAGILLICUTTY puts his feet up on the CHIEF'S desk and opens his taffy bag. He rummages around, smiles and pops one in his mouth.

MAGILLICUTTY  
They sure know how to pull  
it!

Suddenly he pauses and quickly turns. The CHIEF is standing in the doorway shaking his head.

CHIEF  
Missing something?

DETECTIVE  
What?

The CHIEF holds up the straw hat and thong.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Hey, that's mine.

CHIEF  
Nice thong!

MAGILLICUTTY  
That's not mine.

The CHIEF hands over the hat and thong. MAGILLICUTTY pulls off the thong and examines it.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Say this is a very nice  
thong. Where'd you get it?

CHIEF  
A friend of yours gave it to  
me.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Friend?

The DEPUTY passes by with the SHOPLIFTER. He smiles.

CHIEF

Never mind.

MAGILLICUTTY shrugs, puts the thong down and pops in a piece of taffy. The CHIEF looks at the bag. It reads, "HAPPY TAFFY, We pull it for you!"

MAGILLICUTTY

(slobbering)

Hey, want one?

CHIEF

No thanks I'm on duty.

MAGILLICUTTY

Suit yourself. They're good and sticky.

CHIEF

Yes, well we have another sticky situation to deal with. We got a stiff stinking up the place. Let's chew on that for a while, shall we.

MAGILLICUTTY

Is that the fishy smell?

CHIEF

Yep, and it looks like it might have been a murder.

MAGILLICUTTY swallows his taffy with a gulp.

MAGILLICUTTY

Murder! OK, give me the  
scoop.

CHIEF

Well there's a naked old  
geezer with a cracked skull  
and he's pointing to a note  
that says...

The DEPUTY enters

DEPUTY

Hi Detective. Nice hat. It  
goes well with your suit.

MAGILLICUTTY

Why thank you Dano!

The DEPUTY looks at the thong on the edge of the desk.

MAGILLICUTTY

Oh that's not mine. I like  
boxers.

DEPUTY

Me too! I find those jockeys  
and thongs are too...

CHIEF

Will you two cut your brief  
conversation short?

DEPUTY

Don't you mean cut our shorts  
conversation brief - Chief?

CHIEF

Oh never mind! We got a  
potential homicide on our  
hands.

DEPUTY

Hey. Did you tell the  
Detective about the funhouse?

MAGILLICUTTY  
Funhouse!

DEPUTY  
Yeah the place is riot, and  
it's haunted.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Haunted!

CHIEF  
Well it does have some  
peculiar peccadilloes.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Peccadilloes!

DEPUTY  
Come on CHIEF, the place  
turned us into barking dogs!

MAGILLICUTTY  
Dogs!

CHIEF  
Yes dogs! Well you'll see.

MAGILLICUTTY  
OK. Let's pay a visit to  
this stinking fun house.

MAGILLICUTTY picks up his hat. It brushes by the thong. The  
thong sticks to the top and comes along for the ride.

They walk past the FRONT DESK COP who sees the thong and  
laughs. MAGILLICUTTY smiles and thinks the DESK COP is  
laughing at his beagle joke and gives the thumbs up.

EXT. POLICE LOT - DAY

MAGILLICUTTY sees the ticket on his windshield.

MAGILLICUTTY

DAMN

CHIEF

Hmmm So I see the County  
managed to get you yet  
another new car - nice.

MAGILLICUTTY

Yep, brand spanking new.

CHIEF

Yeah. Well I hope you don't  
mind following us. I'll try  
not to kick up too much dust.

MAGILLICUTTY

Thanks!

He grabs the ticket, steps on some red taffy and gets in.

INT. NEW COP CAR - DAY

MAGILLICUTTY looks at the red taffy stain on the ceiling  
and takes his hat off. He sees the thong.

MAGILLICUTTY

DAMN

He grabs the thong and puts it in his jacket pocket. As he  
steps on the gas he looks down and sees the taffy on his  
shoe.

MAGILLICUTTY

DAMN!

He stops and wipes it on the pavement then looks out and  
waves the DEPUTY to go. The old clunker backfires and  
sprays soot on MAGILLICUTTY'S hood and windshield.

MAGILLICUTTY

DAMN! I just washed it.

INT. OLD COP CAR - DAY

DEPUTY  
Sorry about that CHIEF!

The CHIEF shakes his head and smiles.

CHIEF  
Let's go.

EXT. HAUNTED HOUSE FRONT YARD - DAY

WATCHFUL HIGH ANGLE view through curtain

The three get out. The CHIEF and DEPUTY are laughing. MAGILLICUTTY wipes his pink and bright red poke-a-dots shoes on the dirt. The curtain closes.

The CHIEF puts on a surgical mask. The DEPUTY puts on a swimmers nose clip and a surgical mask. They both look scared behind the masks. MAGILLICUTTY takes a whiff then holds his nose.

MAGILLICUTTY  
This is not so bad. I've  
smelled worse.

CHIEF  
Wait just wait. It's not the  
bad smell it's the rotten  
humor that gags ya.

They get to the front door.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Wow! Look at those knockers!

DEPUTY  
I know! I'd love a set of  
those.

MAGILLICUTTY  
You bet!

The CHIEF just shakes his head and mumbles

CHIEF

What a pair!

INT. HOUSE - DAY

They enter and MAGILLICUTTY is amused as he looks around.

MAGILLICUTTY

WOW, this IS a fun house!

He looks up

MAGILLICUTTY

Hey is that doggie do-do on  
the ceiling?

CHIEF

It is.

MAGILLICUTTY

Holy crap!

DEPUTY

Wow I've heard of holy water  
but never holy crap. Must be  
from an Airedale

MAGILLICUTTY

Or a mixed up shitzu!

The DEPUTY pokes at it with a stick. It falls on his head.

DEPUTY

OWW!

CHIEF

What did you do that for?

DEPUTY

Beats me! Guess I'm a shit  
head!

INT. DINING ROOM - DAY

They walk along and the CHIEF and DEPUTY slap and jab and giggle like kids. They reach the corpse and stop.

MAGILLICUTTY  
(whistles)  
Brother! Will yah get a load  
of his keester!

The CHIEF and DEPUTY burst out laughing and ran off frantically howling all the way.

HAND BUZZER sound

CHIEF  
WOOOO!

DOOR SLAMS SHUT and the Knockers do the "knock-knock" routine.

MAGILLICUTTY surveys the scene. He holds his mouth trying to hold back a laugh. SUDDENLY he bursts out laughing. Snot is all over his hand and suit.

MAGILLICUTTY  
DAMN

He grabs his back pocket, hanky wipes the snot off and slowly moves closer to the "I DID IT" note. He SQUATS down.

RRRRRRIP! - His pants split wide open. He's wearing DICK TRACY BOXER SHORTS.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Gol-darn it! Why this is a  
brand spankin new suit. GOL  
darn it. I got ripped off.

He squats down again and gently lifts the note with a pair of tweezers. He examines it through a tiny plastic magnifying glass like one from a Cracker Jack box.

MAGILLICUTTY  
HMM-fountain pen. HMMMM-nice  
penmanship. I better have

the boys dust. This place  
could use a good dusting.

INT. DARK HALLWAY - DAY

PEEP HOLE VIEWS - He tip toes down the halls. The wallpaper is covered with purple and white tulips. He hums then sings.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Tiptoe through the tulips...

Old vaudeville billboards, carnival posters of overdressed female looking men, and scantily clad bearded-ladies are slapped up here and there. They all have watchful eyes. He turns a corner and STOPS. At the end of a long dark hallway is a shaft of light coming from a slightly open door.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Is that doors ajar!

He moves closer.

MAGILLICUTTY  
It's a jar, it's a - a, it's  
a pickle jar.

A pickle jar poster is on the door. He reads the caption.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Millie's Dills, Pickles to  
DIE for!

He scratches his head and walks up to a pickle shaped doorknob.

MAGILLICUTTY  
A pickle doorknob, hmmm  
something isn't kosher here.

He grabs the pickle knob and swings the door open - SLAM! - His eyes POP wide. He JUMPS.

MAGILLICUTTY

Ahh - Ahhhhhh - Ahhhhhhhhhh

The room is filled with ventriloquist dummies, puppets, and marionettes. Their eyes start popping open. The marionettes begin dangling up and down. They look like they are coming at him. He slaps his hands over his face (like the HOME ALONE KID) and peeks through his fingers and runs down the hall screaming.

MAGILLICUTTY

I gotta get out of this  
funhouse for dummies,  
AAAHHHHH!!!!

He runs down the end of the hall and STOPS. A two-way arrow sign reads "EGRESS THIS WAY (BUT I WOULDN'T GO THAT WAY)" the other arrow reads "THIS WAY OUT (A BETTER WAY TO GO)." As he rushes down the BETTER way it looks like something is running toward him. It's him! He STOPS SHORT at a mirrored door. PANICKERD, he FRANTICALLY grabs the doorknob. It stretches way out like a rubber band then snaps back with a GLASS-SHATTERING BANG.

MAGILLICUTTY

DAMN! 7 MORE years of bad  
luck

The door opens to a staircase. He runs down. There's a lone door with a sign - "DR. UPPER, DDS. & DR. LOWER, DDS - PAINLESS DENTISTRY" (FOR US) "WE'VE GOT GAS!" SUDDENLY, he hears a noise. He TURNS QUICKLY. A GIANT MALLET is swinging toward him. He thrusts the doors open and jumps inside just as the MALLETS HITS the door behind him with a SQUICKY - HONK!

INT. DENTIST ROOM - DAY

Smiling teeth posters are on all the walls. There are Nitrous Oxide tanks with balloon hats and the floor is covered with windup false teeth. His jaw drops.

MAGILLICUTTY

I better not make a false  
move.

He gingerly takes a step. The thong in his pocket gets caught on the doorknob. With each slow step the thong stretches and stretches and finally snaps. He falls down. The teeth chatter and jump around.

MAGILLICUTTY  
AHHHHH - AHHHH Get me outa  
this diabolical denture den.

He hops like a bunny over the chattering teeth nipping at his heels.

INT. CHEMISTRY ROOM - DAY

He rushes into another room. SUDDENLY he crashes and falls into a bathtub in the middle of the room. Panting, he looks around. It looks like a chemistry laboratory but has toothpicks and olive and cocktail onion jars all over.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Is this a still! It is! Well  
I'm not staying still!!!

He runs into another room. There's a door to the outside. He swings it open and runs. WHACK! He slams into the top half of a double Dutch door and falls to the ground.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Damn that hurt

He scurries out of the house on all four whimpering.

EXT. FRONT YARD - DAY

The CHIEF and DEPUTY are playing patty cake. MAGILLICUTTY comes bounding around the corner running like a dog.

DEPUTY  
WOOF WOOF WOOF

CHIEF  
AAAAAWWWWWOOOOOO

MAGILLICUTTY bounds over and jumps to his feet. Huffing and puffing, he turns around, puts his hands on his knees and looks back at the house.

MAGILLICUTTY (panting)  
That place is ridiculously scary; you know there's a bunch of dummies in there!

The DEPUTY and CHIEF laugh and howl at his Dick Tracy underwear.

CHIEF  
Nice boxers Dick.

DEPUTY  
Yeah - sure glad you're not wearing that thong!

MAGILLICUTTY turns around angry but then starts to laugh.

HIGH ANGLE view watches as they frolic. They stand up slowly and dry their eyes. The curtain closes.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Honestly guys there's a room filled with dummies in there. You know I hate dummies and clowns. They scare me.

DEPUTY  
They scare me too, what about you CHIEF?

CHIEF  
Yeah, you clowns scare me. Let's go.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Hey, I'll race yah.

DEPUTY  
OK. Last one's a rotten egg

They take off in another KEYSTONE COP fast action Chinese fire drill routine and jump into the wrong cars.

INT. OLD COP CAR - DAY

The CHIEF gets in and looks over at MAGILLICUTTY. The CHIEF shakes his head in disgust. MAGILLICUTTY smiles and jumps out. The DEPUTY jumps in and sticks his tongue out.

DEPUTY

I beat yah NA NAH NA NAH NAH

CHIEF

Can we go please!

DEPUTY

OK Chiefie, where to?

INT. MAGILLICUTTY'S CAR - DAY

BEEP BEEPBEEP BEEP BEEP (beat) BEEP BEEP (the "Shave and a hair cut, two bits" tune).

INT. OLD COP CAR - DAY

CHIEF

Let's just get out of here.

The DEPUTY pops the car into gear, the tires spin. Gravel flies up and dents MAGILLICUTTY'S hood and cracks the windshield. The crack looks like MAGILLICUTTY is wearing a tiara. We see MAGILLICUTTY'S lips move -

MAGILLICUTTY

DAMN!

DEPUTY

Sorry about that CHIEF

CHIEF

Nice move! You crowned him.

DEPUTY

Thanks CHIEFie!

INT. OLD & NEW COP CAR - DAY

They drive off. In the rear view mirrors the swing set swinging with no one on it. A cypress branch seems to waves good-bye a weeping willow sways like a hula girl.

CHIEF

Faster!

CAR BACKFIRES

EXT. DIRT ROAD - DAY

The cars zoom down the hill. They skid around corners and fly through the woods. MAGILLICUTTY stays close behind. SUDDENLY, the DEPUTY gets a panicked look.

DEPUTY

CHIEF the gas pedal stuck!

CHIEF

STOP the car!!

DEPUTY

CHIEF! The brakes are out!!!

The car veers off, and CRASHES into a creek. Steam rises, red and blue fluid streams out.

DEPUTY

Sorry about that CHIEF

INT. NEW COP CAR - DAY

MAGILLICUTTY swerves off the road heading directly toward the double-barreled bra slingshot. He jams on the brakes and skids to a stop and catches the bras on his grill. His headlights are smashed.

MAGILLICUTTY

DAMN

EXT. WILD PARTY WOODS - DAY

MAGILLICUTTY steps out of the car - WACK! The hoe hits him.

MAGILLICUTTY  
DAMN Ough!

He holds his eye and walks over the CHIEF and DEPUTY.

DEPUTY  
What happened to your eye  
DETECTIVE?

MAGILLICUTTY  
A hoe hit me.

CHIEF  
What's the matter wouldn't  
pay her.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Very funny very funny, what  
happened to you two?

DEPUTY  
Our gas pedal broke.

Steam rises from the car and fluid pours into the creek.

MAGILLICUTTY  
So it looks like you're up  
the creek without a pedal.

CHIEF  
Yes, well I guess we are.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Let's survey the damage.

He walks to the front of the car and loses his balance but manages to stay standing. He smiles at his balancing skill. The CHIEF looks down. MAGILLICUTTY'S foot is in the creeks covered with red and blue fluid.

MAGILLICUTTY

DAMN!

One shoe has poke-a-dots and other red, white, and blue strips.

DEPUTY

They look very patriotic!  
You got another pair?

No response. They walk to MAGILLICUTTY'S car.

MAGILLICUTTY

Look at my nice new car.

CHIEF

Hey nice bra!

DEPUTY

Yeah look at those headlights

MAGILLICUTTY

My poor, poor car

MAGILLICUTTY puts the bra in his pocket, opens the door and gets in - CRUNCH! He pulls out his crushed hat and looks through the busted top and out the shattered window. The CHIEF and DEPUTY give him a silent sorry look.

INT. POLICE STATION - DAY

The worse-for-ware MAGILLICUTTY walks past the FRONT DESK COP. He has a bewildered look on his face. MAGILLICUTTY gives him a don't-you-say-a-word look.

INT. CHIEF'S OFFICE - DAY

CHIEF

Well does it look like we got  
a murder out there?

MAGILLICUTTY

Could be. We better keep our  
funny looking stiff under  
wraps and that fishy scene on

ice until we get some lab  
work done. We better get the  
Coroner out there fast.

MAGILLICUTTY unwraps a piece of taffy, makes a salivating  
grin and pops it in. MAGILLICUTTY offers the CHIEF some  
taffy. The CHIEF accepts and pops a piece in his mouth.

CHIEF

Mmmm - They are good!

The CHIEF looks at the DEPUTY who's making airplanes and  
origami figures with the taffy wrappers. The chief says in  
mouthful slobbering way

CHIEF

Get on the Coroner

DEPUTY

Get in the corner? What did I  
do, CHIEF?

CHIEF

No, no, no, the Cor-on-er!  
Call the Coroner!

DEPUTY

OH, yeah OK,  
Sorry about that CHIEF.

The CHIEF shakes his head. The DEPUTY walks out.

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

The DEPUTY walks down the hall as the Nordic beauty passes.

DEPUTY

Hi TOOTS

No reply. He turns and watches her move sexily down the  
hall. THUD! He walks into the wall and falls out of view.

INT. CHIEF'S OFFICE - DAY

The DEPUTY enters rubbing his head.

DEPUTY  
OK CHIEF the County Coroner  
is on his way.

CHIEF  
Did you tell him there's a  
gag order?

DEPUTY  
What!

The CHIEF chokes on the taffy and coughs.

CHIEF  
A gag order

DEPUTY  
No, I didn't tell him about a  
gag order. But I did tell him  
there's some mighty funny  
business going on out there.

The CHIEF coughs more. MAGILLICUTTY laughs

MAGILLICUTTY  
Gag order. Get it!

The DEPUTY giggles. The CHIEF coughs and looks annoyed.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Well I better fill the boys  
in and have um dust the  
joint. It could surely use  
it.

EXT. HAUNTED HOUSE - AFTERNOON

HIGH ANGLE - The Coroners van pulls past the Seal statues.

INT. VAN - DAY

The CORONER and EVIDENCE COP get out of the van laughing.

EVIDENCE COP  
Seal of approval... Say, did  
you get a load of those  
bloomers! She must have been  
one big cow.

CORONER  
Or two heffers!

EXT. VERANDA - DAY

They walk up to the door and see the knockers. The CORONER  
holds one of the breasts and puts on his stethoscope.

CORONER  
OK Cough.

He falls down laughing and rolls by a TWISTER game.

EVIDENCE COP  
Hey LOOK - TWISTER - wanna  
play?

CORONER  
Sure!

SLAPSTICK TWISTER ACTION FOLLOWS...

INT. HOUSE - DAY

PEEP HOLE views as the Coroner and Cop make their slapstick  
way to the corpse. HAND BUZZERS, FART NOISES, laughing and  
GENERAL MAYHEM accompany them

INT. DINING ROOM - DAY

They reach the body and start to point and laugh. The  
CORONER drops to the floor and barks. His stethoscope  
dangles out of his back pocket like a tail. The two race  
around on all fours.

- MORE SILLINESS ...

The CORONER pulls off his rubber glove, blows it up like a balloon and lets it fly. It hits the COP as he stands up.

They try to lift the corpse; it slips and rolls over the whoopee-cushion - FART NOISE

COP

Boy he's heavy

CORONER

(LEGHORN voice)

Well Son he is a dead weight!

COP

Say Doc I gotta idea

He runs off.

EXT. FRONT YARD - DAY

The two come out of the house laughing with the corpse rolled up in the poke-a-dot TWISTER board. The head and outstretched arm are sticking out. The corpse looks like Zippy the Pin Head giving a Heil-Hitler salute.

WATCHFUL HIGH ANGLE VIEW - They toss the poke-a-dot corpse cocoon into the back of the van. Then run around in a KEYSTONE COPS ROUTINE slam into each other, fall down, get up and finally drive off.

The CURTAIN CLOSES then OPENS QUICKLY as the vans back doors swing open and the corpse flies out. The van skids to a stop. They jump out, retrieve the corpse and drive off. The watchful curtain closes

INT. CORONERS VAN - DAY

The corpse is sticking out the side window.

EVIDENCE COP

Boy he stinks to heil heavens

CORONER

Do you mean high heavens?

EVIDENCE

Well I don't know, look at  
him!

EXT. DOWNTOWN STREET - DAY

The van passes a group of Nuns. It looks like the Corpse is giving them the heil Hitler sign with his middle finger. The Nuns GASP and make the sign of the cross. The van turns the corner -- CRASH!!!

EXT. POLICE LOT - DAY

MAGILLICUTTY's car is parked next to the handicapped zone. His windshield's cracked and he's got a big black eye.

INT. POLICE STATION - DAY

MAGILLICUTTY walks past the Front desk cop.

FRONT DESK COP

Hey, I heard a hoe hit you.

No comment

EXT. POLICE LOT - DAY

The same beat cop walks past MAGILLICUTTYS cars, sees the broken windshield, shakes his head and writes a ticket.

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

MAGILLICUTTY sees the Nordic beauty approaching. He goes to wave. His sleeve button pulls the bra and thong out.

MAGILLICUTTY

Hey Toots!

INT. CHIEF'S OFFICE - DAY

OFF CAMERA - SLUG! OUCH!!!

MAGILLICUTTY enters holding his other eye.

DEPUTY

What happened to your other  
eye DETECTIVE?

CHIEF

Another hoe hit you?

MAGILLICUTTY

No Toots

CHIEF

Don't call me toots.

MAGILLICUTTY

No, no your new International  
exchange officer, that Nordic  
bombshell hit me. She saw my  
bra and thong.

CHIEF

Hey, I'd hit you too.

MAGILLICUTTY

All right, all right have  
your fun, but I got some  
interesting news from the  
Coroner. Oh by the way his  
van is totaled and my  
evidence cop is laid up in  
the hospital.

DEPUTY

They didn't hit a hoe did  
they?

MAGILLICUTTY

No broken funny bone, but  
they just missed some nuns  
though.

CHIEF

What!

MAGILLICUTTY

Oh never mind. Well, here's the latest. It turns out after an amusing rib splitting autopsy the Doc figures the old guy probably slipped on the whoopee-cushion fell, cracked his head, and knocked himself out. His hip was broken which explains his big fat keester. But it was asphyxiation as well as food poisoning that actually got the old geezer.

CHIEF

You mean the Gafilte fish killed him?

MAGILLICUTTY

Well not exactly. It does appear he had a bad piece of fish. The Doc figures it musta been contaminated kosher white fish patties...

CHIEF

Hmm a Gafilte fish gone bad.

The DEPUTY jumps up sticks his index finger in the air

DEPUTY

Ah, the old bad piece-of-fish gag!

MAGILLICUTTY

Well, the actual cause of death was a matzo ball lodged in his throat.

MAGILLICUTTY pops some spearmint taffy in his mouth.

CHIEF

You mean a lousy matzo ball  
in the old geezers adams  
apple killed him.

MAGILLICUTTY

Yup, exactly!

CHIEF

Still seems fishy.

DEPUTY

What about the finger the old  
guy gave us, and the note?

MAGILLICUTTY

I guess it doesn't matter. As  
far as I'm concerned the old  
geezer's death is solved and  
not a murder. There was no  
smoking gun, just a pickled  
fish. So instead of a violent  
homicide we've got an  
involuntary suicide. After  
all, we can't book a Gefilte  
fish, or could we - WOOOO!

DUM DE DUM DUM - DUM DEE DUM DUM - His cell phone rings

MAGILLICUTTY

DAMN, I had that on vibrate!

DEPUTY

COOL ring tone MAGILLICUTTY!

MAGILLICUTTY

Thanks! Hello, Magillicutty  
here. Yeah, ah ha mmm, mmm  
REALLY! nooo, your kidding,  
noooo... yes, WOW! Thanks.

The CHIEF and DEPUTY watch with baited breath.

MAGILLICUTTY

So get a load of this. Our stinking stiff was Stanley Adam Ribinowitz, Dr. Stanley Adam Ribinowitz DDS! It appears he was a dentist who had a little trouble with gas. Seems he was a bit too generous with it. He was forced to quit his practice and became a vaudeville comedian. "ADAMS RIB" was his stage name. He had a hot career but got into debt and disappeared - mysteriously!

CHIEF

Adams Rib. Interesting

DEPUTY

Wow, a funny dentist. Now you don't see many of them.

CHIEF

Mysteriously disappeared huh

MAGILLICUTTY

Yup, it turns out old Mr. Ribinowitz was a pretty colorful and wily coyote. He's got a big open file and a mighty chubby checkered past. His family left some sly stones unturned. Yep, that rolling stone gathered no moss and I'll bet there are some drifters up on the roof and under the boardwalk.

DEPUTY

I like that song

(singing)

Under the Boardwalk da da da  
da under the boardwalk we'll  
be...

CHIEF

Will you stop singing!

DEPUTY

Sorry about that CHIEF

MAGILLICUTTY

Seems Adams Rib bought that mansion for a song from an old soft shoe guy named "Shufflin Shorty." Apparently Shorty almost lost it all in the 29 stock market crash and needed cash fast.

DEPUTY

So no one knew Adams Rib owned that Old House.

MAGILLICUTTY

Nope, it's in Shuffin Shortys' name. And get this, Shorty had to take it on the lam to avoid some other not so nice folks who were looking for him. He quietly shuffled off to Buffalo, where Ribinowitz had a summer home. Shorty finally got the place in Adams Rib's will. ---Once it was settled.

CHIEF

A Will!

MAGILLICUTTY

Yup. WILL. According to his obit Rabinowitz died with a bunch of friends and relatives in a boating accident near Acapulco back in the 1930s. There were three boats the BLACK TOOTH,

the WHITE FANG, and the  
SLOOPY SAILS

CHIEF

The SLOOPY SAILS!

MAGILLICUTTY

Yup, SLOOPY SAILS. They  
found the BLACK TOOTH and  
WHITE FANG but never found  
SLOOPY SAILS. They assumed  
they all drowned. But it was  
mysterious.

DEPUTY

Mysterious death! I thought a  
lousy matzo ball in the old  
geezers adams apple took out  
Adams Rib. How could that be  
if he died in 1930?

CHIEF

No, no, no! You dope! His  
death wasn't a mystery.  
Obviously he was very much  
alive after 1930.

DEPUTY

OH yeah I get it. Sorry about  
that CHIEF

CHIEF

So, apparently Mr. Rib  
concocted a plan to kill  
himself in order to run away  
from his troubles.

MAGILLICUTTY

Exactly. So long as he  
stayed dead he didn't have to  
answer to the law and he...

DEPUTY

Wait so if he wasn't dead...

CHIEF

Say Dano shut your trap so  
the DETECTIVE can fill us in.

DEPUTY

CHIEF don't you mean open my  
lid so he can fill us in?

The CHIEF gives him a dirty look

DEPUTY

Sorry about that CHIEF

CHIEF

Hey look if you say Sorry  
about that CHIEF one more  
time I swear I'll, I'll. I'll  
---Oh never mind! Continue  
Detective.

MAGILLICUTTY

So it looks like our good  
friend ran away from the  
grease paint, the limelight,  
and his creditors. The  
bastard even took his  
accountant wife Mildred with  
him and he must have planned  
it mighty well too cause the  
others who mysteriously  
drowned were relatives and  
friends with tax and debt  
problems.

DEPUTY

So sad, they all drowned.

The CHIEF shakes his head and looks at him.

DEPUTY

Oh yeah - I get it. Sorry...

The DEPUTY slaps his hand to his mouth

MAGILLICUTTY

Yep he was a scheming  
bastard. But apparently the  
public loved him and gave him  
a big roast.

DEPUTY

Was it a Rib roast? Say CHIEF  
when you die we can give you  
a Roeast roast.

MAGILLICUTTY

What?

DEPUTY

Yeah, the CHIEFS last name is  
Roast.

CHIEF

That's pronounced row east

DEPUTY

Yeah but everybody says roast

MAGILLICUTTY

Say Chief yah know I don't  
even know your first name.

CHIEF

It's Charles.

MAGILLICUTTY

Charles Roeast hmmm Hey can I  
call you Chuck - Chuck Roast!

CHIEF

How about you call me Chief.  
Now get back to the report.

MAGILLICUTTY

OK Well it seems after his  
bodiless funeral and the Rib  
roast The Rabinowitz's estate

was settled. They threw his accountant in jail for aiding and abating a tax evader.

DEPUTY

Wow, so he coveted his accountants' wife as he settled his estates affairs. Ya gotta give him credit!

MAGILLICUTTY

Yes he gave his accountant a real ribbing all right. And get this; Mildred was an Atlantic City bathing beauty and "art" model. Her professional name was Ava Goodtime. A pretty foxy momma they say and a sly one too. In her obit it said she owned a Boardwalk Taffy Shop called the HAPPY TAFFY!

DEPUTY & CHIEF

The HAPPY TAFFY!

(MAGILLICUTTY)

Yup, The Taffy shop wrapped up business in a jiffy, turns out it was also a brothel.

CHIEF

So they really were pulling it for you!

(MAGILLICUTTY)

She also had a nudist colony in the Catskills called "Oui so Naturale". And the nudist colony was mysteriously stripped clean of its cash and left with no exposed assets.

DEPUTY

Gee maybe they all became nudists out there.

CHIEF

Hmm - Well that is possible. We did find him buck-naked yah know.

DEPUTY

Don't you mean butt naked, CHIEF?

He gets another dirty look

DEPUTY

Sorry about that che...

The DEPUTY slaps his hand over his mouth.

MAGILLICUTTY

Yes. Seems like Adam and Ava were having a good time and committing some pretty original sins.

The CHIEF unwraps a taffy and pops it in his mouth and slobbers.

CHIEF

Interesting, verrrrry interesting

DEPUTY

verrry inter-rest-ting but SHTUPID!

CHIEF

OK! Get in the corner!

DEPUTY

The Coroner? But he's done!

The CHIEF points to the corner.

DEPUTY

Oh.

The DEPUTY lowers his head and walks over and sits down. He starts to play with the taffy wrapper airplanes.

MAGILLICUTTY

Say I wonder whose names' on the business license for our Happy Taffy establishment now and if they pay their taxes.

CHIEF

Interesting, very interesting.

The CHIEF quickly looks over at the DEPUTY. A taffy wrapper airplane flies into his nose. SURPRISED the CHIEF swallows his taffy and chokes.

DEPUTY

Sorry about that CHIEF.

CHIEF

Stop that!!!

MAGILLICUTTY

Is that a gag order?

The CHIEF gives a dirty look coughs and swallows.

DEPUTY

So there was enough pressure cooking on the Ribs they had to let off steam and sail off into the sunset.

MAGILLICUTTY

You got it Dano. Must have been all the pressure from the market crash and I'm sure prohibition didn't help. Those poor bastards couldn't even legally throw back a

nice tall cold one to calm  
their nerves. Say! I could  
use a nice tall cold one  
right about now - how about  
you Chief?

CHIEF

No thanks I'm on duty.

He pops taffy in his mouth.

MAGILLICUTTY

What about you Dano, are you  
booked?

The DEPUTY jumps up from his corner detention

DEPUTY

Can I go CHIEF, can I?

CHIEF

Sure why not.

MAGILLICUTTY and DEPUTY walk to the doorway and pauses.

MAGILLICUTTY

MMM, odd we only found one  
body. Oh well I guess my  
jobs' done. I suppose it's  
good it wasn't a real murder.  
They're no fun.

CHIEF

No fun for you. It was  
exciting for me.

MAGILLICUTTY

Oh well. Sorry about that  
CHIEF.

The DEPUTY snickers. MAGILLICUTTY and DEPUTY walk out of  
the office and down the hall. The CHIEF stares out toward  
the old house pondering.

CHIEF

Something still seems fishy.  
Where are the rest of the  
spared Ribs, and that note?  
Something isn't kosher about  
this whole stinkin thing.

OFF CAMERA

DEPUTY & MAGILLICUTTY  
Hey Toots!

SLAP! WHACK!

EXT. POLICE LOT - AFTERNOON

MAGILLICUTTY is hunched over and walking funny.

DEPUTY  
She's not your type anyway.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Yeah, well still she didn't  
have to knee me.

DEPUTY  
That was a low blow ---  
pretty ballsy though

DEPUTY gets a dirty look from MAGILLICUTTY. They reach the  
car. MAGILLICUTTY grabs the ticket off the windshield.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Broken windshield - DAMN!

INT. NEW CAR - DUSK

The two get in the car. Taffy and gum stains all over.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Say Dano, did I ever tell you  
about my time in Scandinavia?  
They are very open and giving  
people ya know...

(black-eyed wink)  
especially in Denmark. When I  
was there every morning with  
my coffee I had a Danish, if  
you know what I mean. (wink)  
What a way to start your day.  
Ahhh the Danish -- wink wink  
wink

DEPUTY  
I like jelly donuts! Say  
what's the matter with your  
eye Detective.

MAGILLICUTTY smiles a "you-don't-get-it-son" look.

MAGILLICUTTY  
What do you think about  
Hooters?

DEPUTY  
Oh they're just fine so long  
as they're not too big. I get  
scared. Once, my Aunt nearly  
smothered me. Big hooters.

MAGILLICUTTY  
No, no I mean the bar  
HOOTER'S!

DEPUTY  
Oh those Hooters, never been  
there, but they tell me  
they're nice.

MAGILLICUTTY  
OK. Let's try them on for  
size.

DEPUTY does a double take.

INT. HOOTERS' - AFTERNOON

BAR SCENES, MAGILLICUTTY and DEPUTY play drinking games and flirting with Hooters' best. They're living it up.

EXT. POLICE LOT - EARLY EVENING

MAGILLICUTTYS car weaves into the Police lot screeches to a rough stop. The DEPUTY steps out of the car.

DEPUTY

Thanks for teaching me that  
beer pong game, Detective,  
sorry I lost, or did I win?

MAGILLICUTTY

Sure, No Parabellum.

DEPUTY

Say, are you sure you can  
drive?

MAGILLICUTTY

Sure No praaabullum

DEPUTY

OK well be careful.

MAGILLICUTTY looks out the rear window and steps on the gas. CRUNCH! He drives straight into the handicapped sign. He looks up in a drunken weaving way.

MAGILLICUTTY

Sure No praaabellummm DAMN!

The FRONT-DESK COP and CHIEF rush out of the station. They see the bent pole. MAGILLICUTTY gets out, leans on the car and tries to eat some taffy. He misses his mouth.

MAGILLICUTTY

Daaaammmmm

He sees the CHIEF smiles and holds out the bag.

MAGILLICUTTY

Whaaannt onnnne

MAGILLICUTTY falls down. The CHIEF shakes his head.

CHIEF

Dano booked him into our best  
room and brought me his keys.  
He won't need them tonight.

DEPUTY

Sure thing Chief!

INT. CHIEF'S OFFICE - DUSK

The CHIEF is reading a report. The DEPUTY enters.

DEPUTY

Well the Detective is all  
tucked in Chief. He snores  
pretty loud and talks in his  
sleep. Kept calling me Inga,  
and tried to kiss me!

CHIEF

Say I don't like how that  
stinking stiff left his  
affairs.

DEPUTY

The old guy had affairs too!

CHIEF

No, No, no his life affairs.  
You know the "I did it" note  
the fact that there was no  
one else out there, the deed  
to the house. Something is  
rotten in Denmark.

DEPUTY

What's Denmark got to do with  
its Chief? -- Say Chief,  
which do you like better,  
danishes or jelly donuts?

The CHIEF ignores him

CHIEF

I think we should go pay  
another visit to that  
stinking funhouse and look  
around some more.

DEPUTY

Tonight!

CHIEF

Well if we wait till morning  
we can't use the DETECTIVES  
car.

He jangles the keys, the DEPUTY smiles.

DEPUTY

OK can I drive?

The CHIEF tosses the keys over. The DEPUTY misses them. They slide into the hall. Dano gets down to get them as a pair of tightly laced boots step into frame. He looks up to see a stern looking face framed between two very large cone shaped breasts looming over him. TOOTSIE RAWLS is holding a Billy club. She looks like a dominatrix.

DEPUTY

(cringing meekly)

Hi Toots, please don't hit  
me.

TOOTS

Oh don't be such a girly man.  
And don't call me Toots.

She yanks him up with ease.

TOOTS

Zooh vair is dat vile friend  
of yours?

DEPUTY

You mean Detective  
Magillicutty?

She nods

DEPUTY  
Oh he's sleeping off our  
Hooter games

She gives him a disapproving look.

OFF CAMERA - LOUD SNORTING SNORE echoes

DEPUTY  
No, no, I mean he's drunk  
from winning at beer pong

She gives him a more disapproving look.

MAGILLICUTTYS slurring voice ECHOING OFF CAMERA

MAGILLICUTTY  
"INGAA!"

DEPUTY  
He talks in his sleep.

MAGILLICUTTY  
"INGAAAA!"

DEPUTY  
I knew an Inga once - sad

The CHIEF looks down toward the cells.

MAGILLICUTTY  
"INNGAAAAA"

CHIEF  
Will you go shut him up!

DEPUTY  
Yes sir.

The DEPUTY walks off.

CHIEF

Why hello Officer Rawls.

TOOTS

(respectful and smitten)  
Good eve-ening Sir. How are  
you this eve-ening?

CHIEF

Oh I'm as good as can be  
expected I suppose and you?

TOOTS

Oh just fine sir.

CHIEF

That's good, that's good.

TOOTS

What's the matter Sir?

CHIEF

Oh nothing, nothing. I  
thought we had a murder on  
our hands but it turned out  
to be just a bad piece of  
fish. Something still stinks  
though.

TOOTS nonchalantly leans toward her armpit.

TOOTS

What's that sir?

CHIEF

OH - Well there was this old  
naked guy who slipped on a  
whoopee cushion cracked his  
skull wide open but it was  
actually a matzo ball in his  
Adams apple that killed him

but the gefilte fish would've  
gotten him too.

She smiles and nods.

TOOTS

OH?

CHIEF

Say we're going out to the  
crime scene in the  
Detective's new supped up car  
and want to come?

TOOTS

Well I'm on duty Sir.

CHIEF

This is police duty! We're  
investigating a possible  
crime!

TOOTS

But you said there was no  
murder.

CHIEF

Well yes that's true, but it  
still may be a crime scene?

TOOT

Oh?

CHIEF

So you will go?

TOOTS

If you ORDER ME to

SEXY giggle

CHIEF

OK Officer Rawls I ORDER YOU  
to go!

Toot comes to attention and salutes

TOOTS

Yes SIR!

OFF CAMERA - SNORTING SNORE and

MAGILLICUTTY  
INGGGGAAAAAAAAAAA

The CHIEF shakes his head.

TOOTS

I knew an Inga once - so sad.

INT. MAGILLICUTTY'S CAR - DUSK

TOOTS is driving. The DEPUTY is pouting in the back, his arms are crossed.

CHIEF

How are you back there?

The DEPUTY sulks.

TOOT

Oh don't be such a girly man.  
You can drive next.

CHIEF

So how does she feel? The  
Detective says she's got a  
big engine, plenty of power  
and good handling?

TOOTS

I love good handling, big  
engines unt power

EXT. WOODS - DUSK

They slow down and watch a tow truck lift the CHIEFS Cop car out of the creek.

CHIEF

Well she finally ran out of  
gas.

DEPUTY

We had plenty of gas Chief.  
It was the pedals.

The CHIEF shakes his head.

TOOTS

What?

DEPUTY

Yep. Our pedal gave out. We  
were sure up the creek  
without a pedal.

He smiles. The CHIEF shakes his head. TOOTS is oblivious.

TOOTS

OH?

EXT. HAUNTED HOUSE - DUSK

WATCHFUL HIGH ANGLE through curtain - The car pulls in. The  
CHIEF and DEPUTY are laughing. Toots seems unaffected.  
They get out of the car. The curtain closes.

DEPUTY

Hey CHIEF, pull my finger.

The CHIEF ignores him. Toots points to the yard.

TOOTS

What's that?

CHIEF

Oh it's a dunk tank

TOOTS

No, no, behind it.

DEPUTY

Come on Chief, pull my finger

The CHIEF sees glints through the bushes. They walk closer.

CHIEF

I don't know. I didn't see  
that before.

DEPUTY

Come on, CHIEF pull my  
finger.

TOOTS

I think it's a shed

CHIEF

It does look like one

DEPUTY

Will someone pull my finger!

Toot turns around and yanks his finger hard

TOOT

There!

DEPUTY

OW! That hurt. You're no fun.

The CHIEF shakes his head. The CHIEF looks at the DEPUTY.

TOOTS

Are those Cannabis?

CHIEF

You mean marijuana weeds,  
dope?

DEPUTY

Chief, don't you mean those  
are marijuana dope weeds -  
stupid.

TOOTS pushes away the weeds. Pinwheels cover the shed. A sign reads "Club HuOse". "KEEP OUT - MEMBERS AND HIGH OFFICIALS ONLY!"

INT. CLUB HOUSE - DUSK

They enter. One wall is covered with old bottle caps, another with slingshots and pie plates. The DEPUTY takes a slingshot down and pulls it back. WHACK! The slingshot hits him in the face. He falls down.

DEPUTY

OWWW

He gets up and trips over the threadbare rug and falls again. He pulls back the rug.

DEPUTY

Hey Chief Look, it's a trap door, and it's a jar.

CHIEF

A jar, what kind of jar?

DEPUTY

Not a jar Chief ajar, and something smells funny down there. Should I open it?

CHIEF

Why of course you should open it silly. It's not going to open itself yah know.

The DEPUTY opens the trap door.

DEPUTY

Wooh it stinks and it's dark. I don't want to go down there.

CHIEF

Oh don't be a girly man. Go on.

The CHIEF looks at TOOTS and smiles. The DEPUTY climbs down the ladder with his flashlight shining the way.

CHIEF

Officer RAWLS. You stay up here and keep watch.

TOOTS

Is that an order?

CHIEF

Yes. Yes it is, a STRICT order!

She winks and smiles. The CHIEF climbs down.

DEPUTY

It sure smells funny down here. AHHHHH!

TOOTS & CHIEF

What happened?

DEPUTY

Something grabbed me!

INT. DOPE DEN - DUSK

The CHIEFS' flashlight shines on a single light bulb hanging from the ceiling. He turns it on. The light swings around and casts spooky shadows. Marijuana plants hang from the ceiling drying. REEFER MADNESS and anti-drug posters cover the walls.

DEPUTY

It's dope CHIEF.

CHIEF

I can see it's dope stupid.

DEPUTY

Look, Chief. There's a big box

They walk toward it. The CHIEF sees a crank on one side.

CHIEF

It's a giant jack in the box!

DEPUTY

How do you know what's in the  
box CHIEF?

CHIEF

No, no it's not a jack in the  
box it's a Jack-in-box

DEPUTY

Oh I get yah Chief it a  
jack-in-the-box  
jack-in-the-box I thought you  
meant a...

CHIEF

Oh never mind, give it a  
crank.

DEPUTY

OK - well here goes

DA DUMP - DA DUMP - DA DOT DE DA DUMP - POP! -

DEPUTY

AAAHHHH!!!!

A stuffed weasel pops out and bounces around. The DEPUTY  
grabs the CHIEF. TOOTS grabs her gun and points.

TOOTS

Are you OK down there?

CHIEF

(CHEECH AND CHONG HIPPIE  
voices)

Yeah man we're groovy. It's  
like a jack in the box man  
(to DEPUTY)

Let go of me dude!

TOOT

Grewfy? Why iz der a jack in  
a box?

CHIEF

No, no man, not a jack in the  
box, a jack-in-the-box.

TOOT

Oh?

DEPUTY

Yo that weasels holding. He's  
holding a book. It's a photo  
album. WOW

The CHIEF grabs the book and flips through page after page  
of vaudeville and burlesque characters, circus performers  
and Borsht belt comedians.

CHIEF

If these are family photos  
that dude sure had a mighty  
funny and freaky clan.

They turn to pages with black & white photo booth strips of  
smiling faces.

DEPUTY

These dudes are drifters.

CHIEF

They do look like drifters,  
like the old guy said. And  
they were never heard from  
again. -- Did they kill them?

DEPUTY

Yeah well if these are the  
drifters and they killed um  
it looks like they died  
laughing.

TOOTS  
CHIEF, CHIEF! Come up here I  
found something interesting  
something very interesting.

They climb up with the photo album. TOOTS points out the  
back door to neat plots with flowers and clover.

DEPUTY  
It's a garden

CHIEF  
Or a cemetery

DEPUTY  
But there are no markers,  
Chief.

CHIEF  
If you killed a drifter would  
you mark it?

DEPUTY  
Well no but I wouldn't plant  
flowers either

CHIEF  
Good point

DEPUTY  
What do you think Toots

TOOTS  
Don't call me Toots

DEPUTY  
Sorry about that Toots.

Toots and the CHIEF give him a look

DEPUTY  
Sorry about that...

CHIEF

Officer Rawls, what do you think?

TOOTS

I like the begonias

DEPUTY

Me too and the Tulips are pretty. What about you Chief

CHIEF

I like pansies.

DEPUTY

You do Chief! I learn something new about you all the time.

CHIEF

Say I'm hungry, anybody else hungry?

DEPUTY

Not me CHIEF I nibbled on some Hooters.

He gets a dirty look from Toots.

DEPUTY

No, no I mean the Hooter girls shared their wings.

Toots stares, Dano changes subjects

DEPUTY

Say should we go into the house

CHIEF

Nope, no need. I found what I was looking for. Let's get out of here.

EXT. HOUSE - DUSK

HIGH ANGLE VIEW through curtain

The DEPUTY has some dope plants. The CHIEF has the family album and Toots has some tulips, begonias, and pansies. They get in and drive off. The curtain closes.

INT. HAUNTED HOUSE STAIRWELL - DUSK

We hear FOOTSTEPS running down a "VERTIGO" looking stairwell, then WHOPPIE CUSHION FARTS and a HAND BUZZER

MYSTERY VOICE

WOOOO!

DOOR SLAM SHUT. Knockers bounce and do the knock-knock joke thing.

INT. MAGILLICUTTYS'S CAR - EVENING

The CHIEF and Toots are in the back. The DEPUTY and dope plants are in the front. The DEPUTY turns back to the CHIEF and TOOTS.

DEPUTY

What do you make of that  
dope?

CHIEF

WATCH OUT!

The DEPUTY swerves. TOOTS grabs the CHIEFS' thigh. He smiles.

CHIEF

Keep your eyes on the road.

DEPUTY

Wow this car sure has pep  
Chief and good handling too.

TOOTS starts to message the CHIEFS thigh.

TOOTS  
YEP! Good handling

The CHIEF looks over and surveys her prominent protruding goods. TOOTS heaves them out further.

DEPUTY  
Too bad about the headlights

CHIEF  
(to Toots)  
Not bad!

DEPUTY  
Yeah I suppose it could have  
been worse. Good thing we  
still have the fog lights.  
Still and all I feel bad for  
the Detecti... OH NO

He jams on the brakes and CRASHES into the old squad car.

CHIEF  
You OK Officer Rawls

TOOTS  
Yah I'm a tough girl yah know

EXT. WOODS - NIGHT

Clouds pass over a FULL MOON.

OFF CAMERA - a wolf howls

The DEPUTY looks nervous. He gets out and slowly walks over to survey the damage.

CHIEF  
What happened?

DEPUTY  
We hit our car with our car

CHIEF

What!

They all walk over to the tow truck driver. He's wearing the weather beaten sombrero.

CHIEF

What happened to you?

DEPUTY

Pedals give out?

DRIVER

No ran out of gas.

CHIEF

Ran out of gas! But you're a tow truck! How do you run out of gas?

DRIVER

A hoe hit me.

CHIEF

A hoe!

The DEPUTY snickers.

DRIVER

Yeah, a hoe, it must have punched a hole in the gas line.

He holds up the hoe and takes an American gothic pose still wearing the sombrero.

DEPUTY

Boy that hoe gets around

CHIEF

Dano, can we drive our car?

He revs the car up.

DEPUTY

Yup we're good to go.

CHIEF

Want a ride?

DRIVER

Sure this place creeps me  
out.

EXT. SKY - NIGHT

Clouds move past the FULL moon. More WOLVES HOWL

INT. MAGILLICUTTYS' CAR - NIGHT

DRIVER

Say, are those weeds  
marijuana dope?

DEPUTY

Don't you mean...

CHIEF

Don't you dare Dano!

The TOW DRIVER turns back and catches the CHIEF coping a  
feel

TOW DRIVER

Nice Bugonias!

DEPUTY

(looking ahead)

I like the Tulips. The Chief  
likes pasties.

DRIVER

Not from where I'm sitting!

DEPUTY

Huh?

They ride along and SUDDENLY hit a bump. A moment goes by.

CHIEF

Was that you Dano?

DEPUTY

Not me Chief, but yah know  
what they say - he who smelt  
it...

TOOTS

(giggles)

The CHIEF looks over at TOOTS. She gives him a devilish smile.

INT. POLICE DRUNK TANK - DAWN

The FRONT DESK COP enters MAGILLICUTTYS cell with a cup of coffee and his straw hat. The SHOPLIFTER is in the next cell.

DESK COP

Well here yah go Detective.  
Oh I found this outside.

He sets the straw hat down. It's barely a hat.

SHOPLIFTER

Say Detective, sorry about  
the hat.

MAGILLICUTTY

It was a Reginald Fanning  
original and it went so very  
nicely with my seersucker  
suit.

SHOPLIFTER

Well sorry I tried to swipe  
it. But this drifter dude  
told me he heard about some  
old mansion where these old  
coots lived. They're nudists  
and he said if you showed up  
with funny looking stuff and  
some canned food they'd let

you stay there and show yah a good time.

MAGILLICUTTY

Mansion! Nudists, A good time!!! Where is this old mansion?

SHOPLIFTER

Someplace called No Return Point out past the bogs. Never been there but they tell me it's nice. It sounded like a wild story but I got nothing to lose, I'm a drifter!

MAGILLICUTTY

Thanks for the info. It's very helpful, very helpful.

SHOPLIFTER

Say - I know it's none of my business but who is Inga?

The CHIEF walks up to the cell

CHIEF

Yes how was your date with Ingaaaa

MAGILLICUTTY

Did I talk in my sleep?

CHIEF

Nah You MOANED in your sleep

MAGILLICUTTY

DAMN

He grabs his throbbing head.

MAGILLICUTTY

Say this guy told me some  
very interesting stuff.  
Tell the CHIEF what you told  
me and we'll make it easy on  
you.

INT. INTERGATION ROOM - EARLY MORNING

They look through the B&W photos booth shots. Magillicuty  
speaks in a low hung over tone.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Are any of these mugs  
familiar?

MAGILLICUTTY hands him the small plastic magnifying glass.

DRIFTER  
Hey - Yeah that's the guy.

CHIEF  
Are you sure?

SHOPLIFTER  
Pretty sure but I never saw  
him smile like that. His  
teeth look great! Say is he  
wearing a bra? He is! Nice  
bra! Yup that's him.

MAGILLICUTTY  
And you never saw him again.

SHOPLIFTER  
Nope. If I do, I'm gonna ask  
him where he got that bra!

INT. CHIEF'S OFFICE - EARLY MORNING

They're all eating taffy.

MAGILLICUTTY

Looks like the old coot lured  
drifters out there had his  
way with um and killed um.

CHIEF

Sick tasteless old bastard!

MAGILLICUTTY

Sickies come in all flavors.

DEPUTY

What's your favorite flavor  
Detective?

The CHIEF looks over. The DEPUTY is rummaging for taffy.

MAGILLICUTTY

Well I'm partial to Hazelnut  
Spearment. What's yours'?

DEPUTY

Cinnamon. I love the tingle.

MAGILLICUTTY

Not me. Can't stand cinnamon.  
Why just the other day...

CHIEF

Say - Can you please pull  
your taffy yarns later!  
Let's pull on this drifter's  
sticky wicket.

DEPUTY

What a sticky wicket!

CHIEF

Never mind. Let's go pay a  
visit to our friends at the  
old folks home. I think they  
may be able to shed some  
light on this dark scene.

The DEPUTY looks out the window.

DEPUTY  
HMMM looks bright to me

EXT - POLICE PARKING LOT - DAY

MAGILLICUTTYS car has a crumpled front end.

MAGILLICUTTY  
What the hell happened to the  
car? Did I hit something?

The DEPUTY and CHIEF look at each other.

CHIEF  
Yes and ah well no. We drove  
your car to the old house

DEPUTY  
Yeah then we hit our car.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Your car, but it was up a  
creek without a pedal.

CHIEF  
Yeah well actually it was on  
a tow truck when we hit it.

DEPUTY  
Yeah, he ran out of gas.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Out of gas

DEPUTY  
Yeah a hoe hit it.

MAGILLICUTTY  
A hoe!

CHIEF  
Yes, a hoe.

MAGILLICUTTY

Wow that hoe gets around.

EXT. OLD FOLKS HOME VERANDA - EARLY MORNING

Bernie rocks and plays his dentures. Francis enters.

FRANCIS

Well you're up early.

BERNIE

Yeah it's the drifters.

FRANCIS

Laughing and hiccupping too  
loud

BERNIE

Nah, I didn't hear um or  
smell um and it kept me awake  
wondering. But I thought I  
heard someone calling out  
INGAAAA though.

The screen door swings open.

HENRY

You're up early.

BERNIE

Couldn't sleep

FRANCIS

Yeah - Inggaa kept him up

IN BACKGROUND MAGILLICUTTY's smashed up car pulls up. The  
cop crew walks up onto the veranda. MAGILLICUTTY looks  
terrible. Staples holds his ripped pants together and his  
straw hat is barely a hat.

HENRY

INGA, who's Inga?

MAGILLICUTTY hears Inga and shakes his head.

CHIEF

Go morning gentleman I hope  
it's not too early for us to  
drop by.

FRANCIS

Depends on what you want

CHIEF

It's about the drifter

HENRY

Jez-zus not the drifters  
again, Bernie yah see what  
you did.

Bernie sees MAGILLICUTTY'S black eyes.

BERNIE

What da hell happened to you?

DEPUTY

A hoe hit him.

FRANCIS

Whatz a matter wouldn't pay  
her?

DEPUTY

No, no a garden variety hoe

HENRY

Say how much does a garden  
hoe get?

FRANCIS

Same as a downtown hoe

Francis and Henry slap their legs. Henry starts to wheeze.

CHIEF

Gentleman I'm glad we're  
getting your day off to a

humorous start, but we have  
some serious business here.

HENRY

Well, you came to the wrong  
place for serious business.  
We're retired.

BERNIE

Will you two act your age?

FRANCIS

Hey, Bernie if we acted our  
age we'd be dead!

HENRY

Yeah, and be happier!

Henry wheezes

FRANCIS

Say Bernie why don't you act  
your age and drop dead.

HENRY

YEAH, That would make us even  
happier.

Henry wheezes louder.

BERNIE

Please excuse my light-headed  
friends. They must have taken  
too many happy pills this  
morning.

DEPUTY

Wow you guys get happy pills!

The CHIEF shakes his head

CHIEF

Well thank you Mr. Fine

BERNIE

Forget Mr. Fine - Bernie is fine.

CHIEF

OKAY fine Bernie. It seems you may be on to something with your drifter story.

BERNIE

Can you please repeat that for those two! -- Say, turn up your hearing aids, the Chief's got something for ya.

CHIEF

Gentleman, will you please take a look at these photos.

They huddle around the book.

MAGILLICUTTY

Are these mugs familiar?

HENRY

Say that guy's wearing my paisley underwear. I knew someone swiped them from the clothesline. I liked them!

BERNIE

I've seen all of um. Those are the drifters,

MAGILLICUTTY

Are you sure?

BERNIE

I'm positive!

FRANCIS

Hey, that jerk gave me the finger when I told him to get a job.

MAGILLICUTTY  
So you've seen these people  
before.

HENRY & FRANCIS  
Yeah, yeah they're the  
drifters all right.

CHIEF  
And you never saw them come  
out.

FRANCIS  
Nope

MAGILLICUTTY  
Are there any other ways out?

HENRY  
Nope. Not unless you're a  
duck.

FRANCIS  
Or a snake

Bernie looks carefully at one of the photos.

BERNIE  
Say wait a minute - I think I  
seen this one running past  
the house just last night  
around dusk. I thought it was  
a runner or something, not a  
drifter.

MAGILLICUTTY  
What was he wearing?

BERNIE  
Well he had on that funny  
rainbow wig and it looked  
like he was wearing a bra.

CHIEF

A bra!

MAGILLICUTTY

Was it a nice bra?

BERNIE

Say what do you yah think I'm  
some pervert. I don't know  
if it was nice bra.

FRANCIS

Say Detective, believe me if  
we see a bra it's nice.

HENRY

Yeah but Bernie wouldn't know  
a nice bra if it un-hooked  
itself for him.

Henry and Francis laugh and slap their legs. Henry wheezes.  
The screen door swings open. An attractive young  
well-endowed blonde nurse is standing at the door. Francis  
and Henry make a primal noise of attraction.

NURSE

Gentleman, it's breakfast  
time.

BERNIE

Ah great, more of that slop.

DEPUTY

Say what do you guys eat?

HENRY

Anything we don't have to  
chew.

FRANCIS

(winking at Nurse)  
I wouldn't mind a little  
Danish.

DEPUTY

Say, the Detective likes  
Danishes!

NURSE

Sorry Mr. O'Reily I'm Swedish

FRANCIS

Ok I'll have a meatball!

DEPUTY

For breakfast!

They all shake their heads.

MAGILLICUTTY

Well gentleman you've been  
very helpful. We may have  
some more questions later.

HENRY

Yeah, well send us a letter.

The cops walk off to the car.

FRANCIS winks at the NURSE

FRANCIS

Oh come on over here and give  
a dying man his wish.

NURSE

But, you're not dying!

FRANCIS

Well, why wait, I know what  
my dying wish is now.

NURSE

Mr. O'Reily I could be your  
great granddaughter.

FRANCIS

All right you can be my great granddaughter. Now let me tell you who I could be.

NURSE  
(giggle)  
Oh Mr. O'Reily!

HENRY  
Now Bernie, that's acting your age.

EXT. MAGILLICUTTY'S CAR - DAY

DEPUTY  
Well CHIEF it sure looks like those drifters were at the old guys place.

MAGILLICUTTY  
And never came out

CHIEF  
Come on, let's go.

They go to get in the car RIPPPP.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Damn!!

CHIEF  
Go home and get changed.

INT. CHIEF'S OFFICE - DAY

The CHIEF stares out the window chewing taffy. There is a big bag of Happy Taffy on his desk. MAGILLICUTTY enters sporting a white Zoot-suit with a red carnation in his lapel and a matching fedora with a long feather. He looks like a pimp.

MAGILLICUTTY  
So you like the Happy Taffy.

CHIEF

What are you dressed up for?  
Did you bring your hoe?

The DEPUTY enters.

DEPUTY

Wow what a sharp suit  
Detective. I don't think I  
could pull that off but on  
you it looks good.

MAGILLICUTTY

Why thank you Dano!

CHIEF

Well Mr. Sharp-dressed-man so  
it looks like our Mr. Naked  
Ribs didn't spare any of his  
victims. Not only was he a  
rotten bastard he was also a  
serial killer.

DEPUTY

I knew there was something  
fishy about that old guy when  
he gave us the finger. What  
do we do now, Detective?

MAGILLICUTTY

We still don't have bodies.

CHIEF

Yep and one thing is for  
sure, someone needs to go  
back in there.

MAGILLICUTTY

I don't want to go back in  
there. So who ya going to  
call?

DEPUTY

Yeah who ya gonna call  
GAGBUSTERS!!!

(he breaks into songs)  
When there's something  
strange in the neighborhood  
who yah gonna call  
GAGBUSTERS. I ain't scared  
of no jokes. Mmm mm mmm mmm  
mm mm GAGBUSTERS!

MAGILLICUTTY

Say Dano you have a nice  
voice.

DEPUTY

Why thanks Detective. I took  
voice lessons and was in the  
high school band. They  
flunked me though when my dog  
knocked a tuba and drum set  
in the pool and my pony  
crushed the trombone and  
cello. We salvaged the tuba  
but unfortunately a woman  
died. She got snared in the  
drums.

MAGILLICUTTY

WOW that's got to be a good  
story. You had a pony?

CHIEF

Look, Look can you do your  
dog and pony story later,  
maybe over a nice tall cold  
one at Hooters.

DEPUTY & MAGILLICUTTY

Yeah - OK that sounds nice

The CHIEF shakes his head and mumbles.

CHIEF

Tuba and cello - dog and pony. Look, we have some serious funny business to work out. This is seriously no laughing matter.

DEPUTY  
Well technically, Chief, it is a laughing matter, yah see...

CHIEF  
Dano put a sock in it.

DEPUTY  
Put a sock in what Chief?

MAGILLICUTTY  
Say how are we going to keep a straight face at that gagatorium? The place is a riot!

DEPUTY  
Say Chief, Toots didn't laugh when we went up there. Why don't you have her put together a dean pan team?

CHIEF  
Why that's the first good suggestion you've had Dano.

DEPUTY  
Thanks Chief!

MAGILLICUTTY  
Say Chief it seems Toots likes you. You must have the touch. Personally, I like the Danish, but I like that Tootsie Rawls too.

CHIEF

I like bear-claws.

DEPUTY  
I feel like a jelly doughnut.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Well that's your problem.

CHIEF  
Look enough with these pastry  
dishes. It's making me  
hungry?

DEPUTY  
Me too, what about you  
Detective, still thinking  
about a Danish.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Nah I'm thinking about that  
Swedish meatball.

DEPUTY  
For breakfast?

EXT. DONUT SHOP ENTRANCE - DAY

The Happy Taffy clerk is leaving the donut shop as they  
walk up. He sees MAGILLICUTTY'S two black eyes.

CLERK  
Say Dick what happened to you

DEPUTY  
A hoe and an officer hit him

CLERK  
What happened got caught  
offering um some of your  
taffy?

MAGILLICUTTY  
No it was Tootsie Rawls and a  
garden hoe.

CLERK

Yeah well whatever makes your  
taffy happy, Dick! Don't  
stick to anything. See yah.

INT. DONUT SHOP - DAY

They sit at a window table deep in thought (for them).

CHIEF

HMMM how are we going to hold  
back our laughs?

MAGILLICUTTY

Yeah, we need to retard our  
laughs

DEPUTY

So dumb jokes! Oh, Oh I  
know! I know! How about we  
think of our worst thoughts,  
like when I had to put down  
my favorite pet Fluffy.

MAGILLICUTTY

Say, did you have to put  
Fluffy down because of that  
band accident.

DEEPUTY

No, that was my other dog,  
Mozart. A plane hit Fluffy.

MAGILLICUTTY and the CHIEF do a double take

CHIEF

I wasn't allowed to get a  
puppy either, he was so cute.

DEPUTY

See Chief that made you sad.

CHIEF

It sure did.

DEPUTY  
What's your worst thought  
Detective?

MAGILLICUTTY  
Mmmm it was the third time I  
crashed the family's new car  
into our new house.

DEPUTY  
Oh. So you're a serial home  
wrecker.

CHIEF  
OK I think sad thoughts will  
do the trick.

MAGILLICUTTY  
That was a good idea Dano.

DEPUTY  
Thanks DETECTIVE!

CHIEF  
Ok so we've got our plan.  
Let's talk to Toots.

INT. INTERGATION ROOM - DAY

TOOTS enters.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Hey Toots.

TOOTS  
Don't call me Toots.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Yeah OK. Well we came to you  
because we need officers that  
don't have a sense of humor.

TOOTS and the CHIEF give him a look.

CHIEF

What the Detective means is we need an officer that can control their refined sense of humor.

MAGILLICUTTY

Yeah we need someone with a retarded sense of humor that doesn't mind a good gag.

TOOT

Oh?

CHIEF

It seems that dopey fun house may be a murder scene after all. We need your help.

TOOT

Chief if you need my help just give the order I will gladly obey you anywhere.

CHIEF

I knew I could count on you.

TOOTS

Sir, you can even take advantage of me.

CHIEF

Why thank you. Ok let's meet at the Detective's car at 10.

The CHIEF walks off.

MAGILLICUTTY

(to Toots)

Say, sorry about calling you Toots.

TOOTS

Thank you, Detective.

DEPUTY

Yeah. Me too. Say Tootsie Rawls doesn't sound like a Scandinavian name.

TOOTS

Yah, it's just my new American name.

MAGILLICUTTY

I thoughts so, so what is your real name

TOOTS

(heavy Swedish accent)

Emma Neuurrka  
(sounds like "I'm a New Yorker")

MAGILLICUTTY

No your name

TOOTS

Yah, Emma Neuurka

DEPUTY

You're a New Yorker?

MAGILLICUTTY

No, not where you're from, your name.

TOOTS

EMMA NEUURRKA!

DEPUTY

You don't sound like it.

MAGILLICUTTY

No you don't understand, your name.

TOOTS

I do too understand my name.  
I know my name Emma Nuurrka  
EMMA NUURRKA

DEPUTY

Wow New Yorkers are touchy

MAGILLICUTTY

Ok, Ok let's try this. What  
was your fathers' surname?

TOOTS

He's a Nuurrka too.

MAGILLICUTTY

No, no not where he's from.  
OK what's his full name?

TOOTS

Essa Nuurrka Two, after his  
Papa

MAGILLICUTTY

No, no, no! Ok let's try  
this. What was your mother's  
maiden name, you know before  
she met your father?

TOOTS

Hana Lulu

MAGILLICUTTY

No, no please, I just want  
her name.

TOOTS

Ya Hana LuLu

MAGILLICUTTY

Ok, ok look how about this.  
I'm Frank Enrude Magillicutty

From Upper Flushing Meadow,  
Maine. Now who are YOU and  
where are you from?

TOOTS

(pointing to herself)

OK Emma Nuurrka from  
Nuttellenya Norway  
(sounds like "not tellin you  
no way")

MAGILLICUTTY

Why won't you tell me your  
name - Ok you're from New  
York I get that

TOOTS

No Nuttellenya Norway

MAGILLICUTTY

OK fine don't tell me your  
real name then I'm just  
calling you TOOTS

TOOTS

Don't you call me Toots!

TOOTS grabs MAGILLICUTTY in a headlock. The CHIEF enters.

CHIEF

Hey, Hey! Stop it. Can't I  
leave you too alone for a  
minute?

TOOTS

He's calling me Toots again

TOOTS lets MAGILLICUTTY go. He shakes his head.

MAGILLICUTTY

Only cause you won't tell me  
your real name.

TOOTS

Yah I did too - Emma Nuurrka

MAGILLICUTTY

See Chief she'll tell me she's a New Yorker but won't give me her name. I asked her nicely where she was from and she said she's not tellin me no way.

TOOTS

No Chief, I told him my name is Emma Nuurrka and I'm from Nutellenya in Norway.

CHIEF

Yeah - Emma Nuurrka

DEPUTY

You too Chief, I thought you were from Scranton?

CHIEF

No, no look her first name is Emma her last name is Nuurrka

DEPUTY

OH - so you put the accent on the nuurk. Say that makes my nose tickle.

MAGILLICUTTY

Oh your name is Emma NURK KA

DEPUTY

I didn't think you were a Nah yurrka (giggles) that tickles.

TOOTS

Yah like I'm telling yah my name is Emma Nuurrka From Nutellenya, Norway

MAGILLICUTTY  
Not tellin ya - Spell it

TOOTS  
N U T T E L L E N Y A -  
Norway

MAGILLICUTTY  
OH! Noodle en ya, Norway.  
I've been there! I love it  
there. They've got the best  
fjords.

TOOTS  
Ya vee have da Cadillac of  
fjords

DEPUTY  
Huh.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Say I knew a girl from  
Denmark that moved there.  
She had a small bakery. Do  
you happen to know an Inga  
Jorgenson?

TOOTS  
Yah, Yah I knew Inga, Inga  
Jorgenson, the pastry chef.

MAGILLICUTTY  
(winking to Dano)  
Yeah, yeah. Boy I sure loved  
a tasty Danish in the  
morning.

TOOTS  
Yah she made a tasty Danish.  
Ever get her strudels.

MAGILLICUTTY



CHIEF

Emma Neurrka. I like that name it has a familiar ring to it.

TOOTS

(coy)

May I ask your first name?

CHIEF

Yes it's Charles. Charles Roeast pronounced ROW EAST.

DEPUTY

Yeah, but most people just say Roast.

TOOTS

I like that. Charles Roast. May I call you Chuck?

CHIEF

Sure Emma Neurrka

DEPUTY

Say if you married the Chief you could be Mrs. Chuck Roast or Emma Neurrka Roast or Mrs. and Mr. Emma Chuck Roast. Hey you could name your kids Medium or Rare or Rump.

The CHIEF shakes his head

TOOTS

I'll go to talk to da Detective. I miss Ingas' danishes too.

INT. DETECTIVES CAR - DAY

They pull into the yard they look up. The curtain moves.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Did you see that?

CHIEF  
Yeah I think someone's up  
there.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Great, now we've got a live  
one.

INT. DINING ROOM - DAY

They stand where Adam Rib's body was. There are chalk outlines of the body in several positions like the evidence cop was spinning him around on the floor. Several games of tick-tack-toe and a hopscotch board are also marked on the floor in chalk.

DEPUTY  
Looks like the Coroner's crew  
covered all the angles.

He starts to giggle and catches himself with a sad thought

DEPUTY  
Poor Fluffy. They didn't have  
to put you down? So what you  
crapped everywhere and  
couldn't walk anymore.

CHIEF  
Good job Dano!

DEPUTY  
Thanks Chief. I think I need  
a moment alone if that's OK.

CHIEF  
Sure I'll wait over here.  
Say Detective you and Emma go  
ahead. We'll catch up.

They walk off.

DANO walks to the fireplace sniffing. He sees a book titled "MICKEY." As he picks it up SUDDENLY the fireplace swings around and he's in a secret room.

INT. SECRET ROOM - DAY

DEPUTY  
WOW! A secret room, cool!

LOW CACKLING LAUGH ECHOS IN THE BACKGROUND

He sees light through a peephole and steps up on a stool and looks through. He sees the CHIEF on the other side.

INT. DINING ROOM - DAY

The CHIEF is shocked that DANO'S gone

CHIEF  
Dano? Dano? Where did you go?  
Dano? Where are you?

DEPUTY  
I'm here Chief.

CHIEF  
Where? I can't see you.

DEPUTY  
Here Chief, behind the wall.

He puts his fingers through the eyeholes of a Regal looking bearded woman painting. She has warm eyes.

CHIEF  
How did you get back there?

DEPUTY  
I just picked up a book  
called Mickey on the mantle.

The CHIEF goes over the fireplace.

CHIEF

I don't see any books. Only a  
piece of corn-cob with TY on  
it.

DEPUTY

Try picking up the TY Cob

He lifts the corn. The wall swings around. They swap  
places.

INT. SECRET ROOM - DAY

LOW CACKLING LAUGH ECHOES

CHIEF

Why is this a secret passage?  
Say I hear laughing.

DEPUTY

Yeah I did too.

CHIEF

I'm going to follow it. You  
go get the Detective and  
Emma.

DEPUTY

OK Chief, be careful.  
Remember the puppy, and your  
taxes!

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

TIP TOE THROUGH THE TULIPS MUSIC IN BACKGROUND

MAGILICUTTY and TOOTS tiptoes down the tulip-lined hall.

MAGILLICUTTY

Say, watch out, there are  
dummies in that dill pickle  
jar.

TOOTS

I love pickles, especially  
big juice onz.

She looks at MAGILLICUTTY and winks. He smiles.

MAGILLICUTTY

Me too Emma - wink. Say, what  
do you think about dummies?

TOOTS

They scare me.

MAGILLICUTTY

Me too!

They come to the T and the 2 way exit sign

MAGILLICUTTY

Wait, don't go that way. It's  
a trick exit and it hurts!  
Believe me! Come this way.

INT. SECRET PASSAGE WAY - DAY

The CHIEF slowly walks along. CACKLING LAUGH gets louder  
in the background. He comes to the VERTIGO looking  
stairwell. He slowly steps on the first step - CREAK. He  
takes another step - CREAK - Then another - RIBIT RIBIT

CHIEF

AHHHH

He looks down at a rubber frog. He picks it up and tosses  
it - THUD, RIBIT. The CACKLING is louder. The CHIEF looks  
nervous. He takes a step CREEEEEEK

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

The DEPUTY runs up to the group.

DEPUTY

DETECTIVE, DETECTIVE, there  
you are. Hey the Chief and I  
found a secret passageway.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Secret passageway! Where  
does it go?

DEPUTY  
I can't say? It's a secret.  
But, the Chief and I heard  
laughing so he went to  
investigate.

They stop at a door that reads: "STUFF IT."

DEPUTY  
Should we open it?

MAGILLICUTTY  
Well of course silly it's not  
going to open itself.

MAGILLICUTTY starts to giggle and laugh. TOOTS yells out

TOOTS  
Poor Inga!

MAGILLICUTTY  
INGAAAA!!!!

TOOTS  
There, there I miss her too.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Thanks Emma I needed that.

DEPUTY  
OK here I go

He swings opens the door

DEPUTY  
AAAAHHHH

There is a growling Rottweiler and a Snauzer, two hissing cats and a giant peacock with funny eyes. All stuffed and mounted.

DEPUTY

Jezzus that scared me.

Toots picks up a cat and wiggles it in his face.

TOOTS

Oh don't be such a scaredy  
cat

He pushes the cat away

DEPUTY

Say you don't have to be such  
a tough Nuurrka yah know.  
Put some lipstick on it why  
don't yah.

MAGILLICUTTY

Hey, don't talk to her like  
that!

DEPUTY

I can if I want to!

They start to scuffle.

INT. STAIRWELL - DAY

The CHIEF reaches a door at the top of the stairwell. A sign reads: BELFRY - PULL ROPE HARD TO ENTER. He pulls the rope. BONG, BONG, BONG! He holds his ears.

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

IN BACKGROUND - BONG, BONG, BONG

MAGILLICUTTY and the DEPUTY are slapping each other

TOOTS

Stop it you two!

SUDDENLY - LOUD CRASH!!! BANG!!! BOOM!!! Everyone jumps.

TOOTS

Did you hear that?

MAGILLICUTTY

Yeah it sounded like bats

TOOTS

Bats don't make noise

MAGILLICUTTY

Baseball bats do.

INT. BELFRY - DAY

CAACKLING LAUGH IS BOOMING

Baseball bats and balls are rolling around a batting cage. A big FUN HOUSE LAUGHING LADY is rocking by the window catching the curtain and opening and closing it. The CHIEF is dumbfounded. A few real bats swoop down.

CHIEF

AHHH!!! BATS

They're bat! They're bats in the Belfry. Bats in the belfry! Hey that's funny.

He starts to laugh and quickly shouts.

CHIEF

April 15<sup>th</sup>, late fees, double taxation. My accountant! Shooo - that's better.

He shakes his head, straightens up and walks closer to the big laughing lady. She's next to a mattress with a rubber cover.

CHIEF

Boy that looks lumpy. Hmm Is  
that Ben Franklin!

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

PEEPHOLE VIEWER follows the Swat team as they walk down the  
hall. They stop. MAGILLICUTTY'S feather is near the  
peephole.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Say do you get the feeling  
we're being watched?

The feather disappears through the peephole. The DEPUTY  
turns and looks at MAGILLICUTTY.

DEPUTY  
Say! What happened to your  
feather Detective?

MAGILLICUTTY  
What?

TOOTS  
Yah your pretty feathers is  
gone

MAGILLICUTTY pulls his hat off

MAGILLICUTTY  
Hey, that was an African  
Speckled Jungle cock feather  
and they're very rare and  
expensive.

DEPUTY  
Well, looks like your  
speckled jungle cock flew the  
coop. Maybe it's getting  
flocked by another bird of a  
feather!

TOOTS  
I like that suit on you.

MAGILLICUTTY  
I swear we're being watched

TOOTS  
Look!!!

The feather is sticking out of one eye of a clown painting and a piece of taffy is sticking out the other. TOOT grabs the feather and tugs. She falls back feather in hand.

MAGILLICUTTY  
You've got my Jungle Cock,  
Hey be gentle!

A finger is sticking out of the clowns' eye. The DEPUTY grabs the finger and pulls. BIG FART NOISE

CHIEF  
Oww! Don't pull my finger.

ALL  
CHIEF!!!!

CHIEF  
Yes, it's me. I thought I'd  
have some fun with you.

MAGILLICUTTY  
What are you doing back  
there?

CHIEF  
It's a secret passage so I  
can't tell Yah.

DEPUTY  
I told um CHIEF.

CHIEF  
OK Dano showed them where to  
get in. I'll meet you there.

INT. SECRET PASSAGE ROOM

FAST ACTION SLAPSTICK SIGHT GAG SCENES of the wall swinging around as everyone tries to get on the same side.

INT. SECRET PASSAGEWAY - DAY

They walk slowly down the passageway and reach the stairwell.

CHIEF

Say there're bats in the belfry.

DEPUTY

See I told you!

CHIEF

There's also a big laughing funny house lady.

DEPUTY

Is that what was laughing?

CHIEF

Yep.

DEPUTY

I don't hear it now?

CHIEF

I put a sock in it!

MAGILLICUTTY

Hey look!!!

He points to a door with a sign that reads SKULERY.

DEPUTY

Say that doorknobs' a skull

MAGILLICUTTY

Well go open it Dano?

DEPUTY

I'm not grabbing that head.

MAGILLICUTTY looks at the CHIEF

MAGILLICUTTY  
What about you?

CHIEF  
No head for me today thanks.

TOOTS  
Are you sure?

MAGILLICUTTY  
OK step aside numbskulls  
while I show you how to get a  
head.

He slowly reaches for the cobweb-covered skull. Something runs over his hand.

MAGILLICUTTY  
AHHH

He pulls his hand back and jabs the CHIEF in the stomach.

CHIEF  
OWWW  
(Gasping for breath)  
What did you do that for?

MAGILLICUTTY  
Sorry about that CHIEF!

DEPUTY  
Yeah SORRY about that CHIEF

The DEPUTY starts to giggle.

GROUP  
Spinach! Lima beans! Mother  
in laws!

DEPUTY

Thanks gang, Sorry about  
that.

MAGILLICUTTY grabs the doorknob and tries to turn it.

MAGILLICUTTY  
It won't open.

DEPUTY  
Maybe you need a skeleton  
key. - I'm not helping am I?

MAGILLICUTTY gives a big yank and the door flies open.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Criminie that stinks

MAGILLICUTTY sneezes

VOICE FROM NOWHERE

MYSTERY VOICE  
"Zay Gezundt!"

MAGILLICUTTY  
Thank you Dano

DEPUTY  
I didn't say anything.

MAGILLICUTTY  
You didn't

DEPUTY  
Nope

TOOTS & MAGILLICUTTY  
Well who did!

INT. SKULERY BASEMENT - DAY

They slowly walk down the squeaky steps to a dreary,  
low-lit basement. Sheets cover piles of things. At one end  
is a box with racing lights.

DEPUTY  
What the heck is that!

MAGILLICUTTY  
Why that's a Photo Booth!

They walk closer SUDDENLY, a LOUD voice BOOMS out of  
nowhere

CARNEY BARKER  
Come in. Come in. Yes you!

They all jump.

CARNEY BARKER  
Let me take your photo  
Ah come on, it won't hurt  
---- Much!

The Deputy and Chief run for the stairs

MAGILLICUTTY  
Stop, stop, and get back  
here! It's just a tape  
triggered by a motion sensor.  
It's a Carney trick, nothing  
to worry about.

They all stand and look at the curtain-covered booth

MAGILLICUTTY  
I'm going in. cover me.

DEPUTY  
With what?

INT. PHOTO BOOTH - DAY

MAGILLICUTTY enters the booth. Behind the curtain is a  
full-length mirror and costume stencils on pegs.

MAGILLICUTTY

Hey there are costumes here.  
There's dogs, cowboys,  
clowns, Wow that's a nice  
one...

INT. OUTSIDE BOOTH - DAY

A flash goes off and MAGILLICUTTY flies out of the booth

MAGILLICUTTY  
It took my picture!!!

CHIEF  
Oh, don't be such a girly  
man. It's only a photo booth.

The CHIEF enters. A flash goes off. He comes out

CHIEF  
Wow, that's so cool!

DEPUTY  
Can I go?

CHIEF  
Sure.

TOOTS  
Me too?

CHIEF  
Sure we can all go. Line up.

MAGILLICUTTYS photo strip slides out of the machine.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Hey! Where's my costume hat?  
I want another picture.

He tries to cut in line

OTHERS  
Hey! It's not your turn

CHIEF

Ah, come on, come on, please,  
please let me go next.

ALL

NO! Get at the end of the  
line

FAST SEQUENCE of PHOTO BOOTH picture taking all with BIG  
SMILES

MAGILLICUTTY

OK It's my turn now

He enters the booth FLASH-FLASH-FLASH

MAGILLICUTTY gets his photo. He has on a big CAN-CAN  
SHOWGIRL feather hat.

CHIEF

So are you happy now?

MAGILLICUTTY

Yep!

CHIEF

OK. Well now we know how they  
got the drifter's mugs shot.

DEPUTY

But what did he do with them

SUDDENLY across the dank eerie basement a spotlight shines  
on to a gigantic Jack in-the Box. There's a DRUM ROLL with  
a CYMBAL FINISH and a LOUD FART NOISE

CHIEF

What's that?

DEPUTY

It's a fart CHIEF.

CHIEF

No, no not that that

They walk closer.

DEPUTY  
Wow now that's a jack in the  
box

TOOTS  
It sure is big

CHIEF  
Yep - nothing to sneeze at

MAGILLICUTTY sneezes AHHHCHOOOO

DEPUTY  
Well I guess it is CHIEF!

AHHHCHOOOO

TOOTS  
Gazunt hike

MAGILLICUTTY  
Thanks Emma

He reaches for his hanky.

TOOTS  
I didn't say anything

MAGILLICUTTY  
You didn't?

He takes out his hanky and the thong and drops them.

AHHCHOOO

VOICE FROM NOWHERE  
Gazunt hike

MAGILLICUTTY  
Thanks CHIEF

CHIEF

I didn't say anything

MAGILLICUTTY

You didn't?

MAGILLICUTTY reaches down to get his hanky and thong

RRRRRIIIIIIPPPPP - His sleeve rips

MAGILLICUTTY

DAMN I told them it was too  
tight

TOOTS

Dat wuz such a nice zoot too

MAGILLICUTTY

Hey look! Footsteps!

CHIEF

They look like bloody footprints.

MAGILLICUTTY

Yeah and they look fresh too!

MAGILLICUTTY reaches down - RRIIIPP - He tears the other  
sleeve

MAGILLICUTTY

DAMN Custom fit my ass.

DEPUTY

But you tore your sleeve!

CHIEF

Well I guess you're not such  
a smart dressed man now huh.

MAGILLICUTTY put his finger in the red ooze and smelled it.

MAGILLICUTTY

Hmmm

He stick his finger in his mouth

MAGILLICUTTY

MMMMM

DEPUTY

OOOOO Gross!

The CHIEF walks away to follow the footprints

TOOT

Why Detective you like blood

MAGILLICUTTY

No, but I like Strawberry jam

DEPUTY

HEY! Me too. That's the  
filling I like best in my  
jelly donuts.

TOOTS

I like the Lingenberry

DEPUTY

Lingenberry? I've had  
Logenberry but never a  
lingenberry. Is it good?

TOOTS

Yah sure especially licking  
it off a warm Strudel MMMMM

MAGILLICUTTY

I like it too but then I like  
all berries except one

DEPUTY

Which one Detective?

MAGILLICUTTY

The Dingle berry!

MAGILLICUTTY smiles as the CHIEF calls out.

CHIEF

URASMUCK (pronounced -  
"you're a schmuck").

MAGILLICUTTY

Hey you don't have to get  
touchy

CHIEF

No, no ajar it's a URASMUCK  
jam jar

MAGILLICUTTY

What!

CHIEF

URASMUCK I said URASMUCK

DEPUTY

I've heard of Smuckers CHIEF  
but not URASMUCK

TOOTS reads the label

TOOTS

(Laughing)

OH no CHIEF is pronounced  
"Your-ass-muck" and it's  
good. Back in Nuttelenya  
"Your-ass-muck" makes the  
best Lingenberry jam.

DEPUTY

Say Detective you won't like  
it.

MAGILLICUTTY

Why not?

DEPUTY

Well technically  
your-ass-muck is a  
dingle-berry.

MAGILLICUTTY  
I've never tried URASSMUCK

TOOTS  
Why I have some at my place?  
You can come over and give my  
Lingenberries a try.

DEPUTY  
Hey can I try Urasmuck  
lingenberry too?

TOOTS  
Sure I've got plenty for both  
of you, if you are good boys.

The CHIEF interrupts

CHIEF  
OK, OK sorry to end your jam  
session but we've got serious  
crime work and another Jack  
in the Box to crack.

DEPUTY  
I wonder what's inside CHIEF

CHIEF  
Well why don't you just go up  
and see!

DEPUTY  
Chief, will you go with me?

CHIEF  
Oh, all right, let's go

The DEPUTY and CHIEF hold hands and go up to the Jack in  
the Box.

DEPUTY  
Well here goes

He turns the crank slowly DA DUMP DA DUMP DA  
DUMP PA DE DUMP - POP!!!!!!

An animal pops out of the box and starts bucking and kicking. They all jump.

DEPUTY  
It's a jackass with another  
jack-in-the-box?

MAGILLICUTTY  
That's not a jackass it's a  
donkey

CHIEF  
A donkey is a jack ass you...

TOOTS  
Hey it's half jackass half  
man

DEPUTY  
So it's a half assed man  
Toots

TOOTS  
Don't call me Toot

DEPUTY  
Emma Sorry

CHIEF  
But it's playing a flute

DEPUTY  
Yeah and the box say I'm \_ \_  
\_ + DORA

DEPUTY  
What does that mean?

MAGILLICUTTY  
Hey I get it! It's a Pan -  
get it. It's a Pan plus Dora

it's PAN DORA! Don't you get it?

CHIEF

Slow down there, Sherlock,  
for us mere mortals.

DEPUTY

Yeah Detective slow down just  
be half-fast so we can catch  
up.

MAGILLICUTTY

OK, OK here you go. It's PAN  
you know the flute playing  
mythology character. So it's  
a PAN plus DORA. It's  
PAN-DORA and now it's out of  
the box. Get it! We let  
PAN-DORA out of the box!

DEPUTY

Who's Pandora?

CHIEF

I get it but what's in the  
other jack-in-the-box?

DEPUTY

Wait, don't tell me I know. I  
have to do it. OK, stand  
back.

He goes up and cranks it. The "Pop goes the weasel" song  
plays. The top flies open but nothing pops out.  
They all LOOK SHOCKED.

DEPUTY

Say Chief isn't something  
supposed to go POP or  
somethin!

CHIEF

That's usually what happens  
but nothing surprises me  
here.

TOOTS

So what's inside?

The DEPUTY looks inside

DEPUTY

Chief, it's a Jack in the box

CHIEF

We know it's a jack in the  
box

DEPUTY

No Chief, it's a jack in the  
box

MAGILLICUTTY

So there's another  
Jack-in-the-box in the  
jack-in-the-box.

DEPUTY

No it's a JACK, in the box.

He pulls out a car jack with a long note attached to it and  
hands it to MAGILLICUTTY.

MAGILLICUTTY

It's a car jack! Hey this  
note is the same writing as  
the "I did it" note. Nice  
penmanship!

CHIEF

Well what does it say?

MAGILLICUTTY

You want me to read it.

CHIEF

No let see if it will read  
itself

MAGILLICUTTY opens his mouth to read the note and SUDDENLY  
a VOICE OUT OF NOWHERE says

JIMMY CAGNEY VOICE  
I'm in here Coppers. Come in  
and get me! I dare yah.

The DEPUTY jumps away from the box. They all GASP

JIMMY CAGNEY VOICE  
What's the matter, yah  
scared! HA, HA, HA your  
yellow aren't yah.

They all look scared

JIMMY CAGNEY VOICE  
Come in and get me I dare  
yah!!! Well are you comin in,  
or do I have to come and get  
you.

MAGILLICUTTY looks shocked and points to the note and says  
in a quivering voice.

MAGILLICUTTY  
Chief! That's just what it  
says on the note. And then it  
says: "Look inside for a  
surprise!"

TOOTS rushes over and reaches inside and pulls out a  
cassette tape. "MY LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT" is written in  
sparkly gold metallic ink. Next to the Jack in the box is a  
tape deck.

JIMMY CAGNEY VOICE  
There now, was that so hard.  
See yah around Coppers! Good  
Luck - (beat)  
You'll need it! HA, HA, HA...

CAACKLING laugh drifts off.

TOOTS pushes the tape in and punches a smiley face PLAY button.

LOUD CRACKING STATIC - TENSION BUILDING SHOTS of all their SCARED FACES

MYSTERY VOICE  
BOO!

Everyone jumps.

ADAMS RIB  
Only kidding, don't wet your pants, unless you already have.  
Well if you are hearing this then I am dead. By the way, I am fine. The temperature could be a little cooler, but hey, who's complaining. So, how are you?

The DEPUTY points to himself

ADAMS RIB  
Yeah you, The silly looking one.

DEPUTY  
Oh I'm fine. A bit stuffed up...

ADAMS RIB  
Louder, I don't hear so good. I'm an old man, and I'm dead! Ah never mind. Well, OK, here I go ready or not. So you know this is my last Will and Testament. I was going to have a fancy lawyer do it, but he wanted an arm

and a leg, and I figured I might need them, so I gave him a cold shoulder instead and did it my self.

DEPUTY

That's pretty self-serving.

ADAMS RIB

So, have you found the graves by the Clubhouse?

DEPUTY

I told you they were graves!

ADAMS RIB

Yeah that's my best gal Ava under the tulips. My two brothers Sol and Abe are pushing up the daisies, and my cousin Louie and his wife Selma are under the begonias. Oh yeah my swishy cousin Jacob and his hairdresser boyfriend are by the pansies.

(beat)

They all died happy, and I can now tell you that - Officially! Oh - they all say HI!"

(bah rum ching)

DEPUTY

I'm glad they died happy.

ADAMS RIB

Well now that I'm dead and yah can't pin anything on me I can finally come clean. What a relief.

MAGILLICUTTY

(whispering)

Now we'll hear about the  
Drifters

ADAMS RIB

I know it's illegal to bury  
people without a permit or  
grow marijuana or sell hooch  
from the stills, but hey yah  
gotta do what yah gotta do.

CHIEF

Stills we didn't find a still

MAGILLICUTTY

I did!

ADAMS RIB

Yeah that Maryjane or as we  
called it Maria Juanita is  
real Acapulco gold. We got it  
back in the 1930s. Louie,  
our refer man, used to be a  
Botanist and was good with  
seeds and buds. By the time  
he was done it was Acapulco  
platinum. The stuff will make  
you slaphappy just being  
around it. The place is  
lousy with it! Louie was a  
pretty good bootlegger too.  
He made great bath tub Gin.  
Too bad he was in the tub  
when he made it.

(bah rum ching)

I'll bet that was a code  
violation of the Penal code!

(bah rum ching)

Well during prohibition he  
owned a speakeasy and was a  
very popular and wanted man.  
We made sure he went from  
untouchable to invisible,  
along with the others. Sure  
we had a few illegal deals,

what are you going to do to  
lock us up?

(beat)

Oh that's right we're dead!

He clears his throat in comic relief.

MAGILLICUTTY

If that geezer weren't dead  
I'd make him sing like a  
canary

CHIEF

I don't think so. I think  
he's more Carney than canary.

ADAMS RIB

OK, now on to the important  
stuff - I'll bet you want to  
know where I stashed all the

He coughs

ADAMS RIB

...wait a minute I got  
something in my throat, hold  
on

Hacking noise as he clears his throat.

MAGILLICUTTY

Now he'll spill the beans,

CHIEF

Yeah he'll open the can of  
worms

DEPUTY

and cough up a confession.

ADAMS RIB

All right, what was I saying  
- oh yeah, where I stashed  
the remains of our illegal

hijinx and shenanigans? The money.

MAGILLICUTTY

The money? What about the drifters?

ADAMS RIB

There's a lumpy mattress full of money in the attic. I got a big fat laughing lady watching it for me. She looks a lot like my 3rd grade teacher Ms Hallenback, scary lady, burrrr, scary lady. Well, all my cash is in there.

(beat)

Don't you dare take any, I am watching, especially you CHIEF!

The CHIEF'S jaw dropped open

CHIEF

How did he...? I only took a couple of Ben Franklins for evidence!

They all give the CHIEF a look

ADAMS RIB

Say, don't get your panties in a bunch CHIEF. I'm not watching, I'm dead. Or am I! Well I assume under these circumstances there must be a bunch of high-ranking cops listening to this. Got yah cooper!

CHIEF

I was going to give it back. Honest!

ADAMS RIB

OK here we go with the legal-smegal mumbo jumbo part of this thing. Being of sound mind and body - well as sound as I got - I should have worked out more, Ava told me, but did I listen - Oh well. So since this is my last will and testament you better do like I tell yah.

I have no relatives left, at least none that I am giving anything to, so I'm leaving nothing to anybody and giving everything to everybody. If anyone tries to contest my Will, you tell them to get blanked, and I mean that from the bottom of some body part that I used to have. Well you'll know what to do with them.

(beat)

Since this place is so funny looking already, I want it turned into an official fun house and a vaudeville museum to be enjoyed by all those that need to laugh more, which in my opinion is everyone. But who's asking me?

DEPUTY

I think we can all laugh more about you.

TOOTS

Shush!

ADAMS RIB

I want it to be called ADAMS  
HOUSE OF RIBS AND LAUGH OUT  
LOUD LAND. That will tickle  
funny bones, if they got any.

Deadpan crew and TOOT'S faces turn to smiles

ADAMS RIB

Oh yeah, I want to stay here  
too. So if you took my  
stinkin body away, bring me  
back. I want my happy  
resting place to be pushing  
up daisies under the dogwood  
tree, next to Ava, but not  
too close to Louie, he  
snores.

(beat)

I don't know what you want to  
do with the stupid dope. I  
know it's illegal but maybe  
you can put it to some good  
use. The gals used to make  
hemp slippers and throw rugs.

TOOTS

I could use a nice throw rug.

MAGILLICUTTY

Me too!

ADAMS RIB

Hey if you want you can roll  
one up and smoke it.

(beat)

OK Well, that's it. I hope  
it wasn't too much trouble  
finding me, well the tape of  
me anyway.

(beat)

Oh yeah, I almost forgot I  
got a favor to ask. My  
Schnauzer, Rollfree, and that  
lousy Pitbull, Don't eat that

along with Ava's two cats,  
Scardy and Herepussypussy and  
Jacobs' peacock, Narcissus,  
are in the front closet. We  
stuffed them...

TOOTS

I had a dog once. He bit me,  
so I shot him.

DEPUTY

Boy Nuerrkka's are tough.

ADAMS RIB

...Could you make sure they  
get a good spot in a nice  
rest home, we no longer  
accept pets. They make a  
mess and throw up hairballs -  
disgusting.

(beat)

OK so that's it - the end -  
shows over - good-bye - have  
a nice life. I did, now go  
home.

The tape goes silent. They look around. The tape clicks in.

ADAM

Go away already, I need my  
rest

They wait with baited breath. SILENCE.

EXT. FRONT YARD - DAY

They walk out of the house. The Chief is holding the  
stuffed dogs, TOOTS has the cats and MAGILLICUTTY has the  
bird and several peacock feathers in his hat.

MAGILLICUTTY

That's it!

DEPUTY

What about the note?

MAGILLICUTTY

Yeah! No confession, no  
mention of the drifters -  
nothing!

CHIEF

Somehow I feel cheated. The  
old guy baited us like chumps

DEPUTY

Don't you mean, baited us  
like chum, CHIEF.

The CHIEF shakes his head and walks away.

INT. CAR - DAY

CAR RADIO goes off

DISPATCHER

Car 54 where are you? Over

The CHIEF reaches into the car.

CHIEF

We're at the Haunted Fun  
House.

DISPATCHER

CHIEF we have a man here, a  
Mr. Vaud Villian and another  
man. They're with that  
Shoplifter and say they can  
explain what happened at Mr.  
Adams Rib residence?

CHIEF

We'll be right there. Have  
him wait in my office.

DISPATCHER

Will do Chief

INT. CHIEF'S OFFICE - DAY

The Drifter has on the rainbow Afro, the shoplifter and Mr. Vaud Villian is looking through the mug shots. The Shoplifter has on a tee shirt with a fancy bra stenciled on it.

VAUD VILLIAN

Wow! Look at all the drifters  
that were there. What a guy!

AFROMAN

Here's my picture with him.

DEPUTY

You're naked!

AFROMAN

He was a nudist!

MAGILLICUTTY

Jez I didn't need to see  
that.

DEPUTY

Wow look at his thing. It's  
as long as your feather  
DETECTIVE

TOOTS

Now that's a spotted jungle...

CHIEF

TOOTS!

MAGILLICUTTY

Hey don't call her TOOTS!

TOOTS

Thank you Detective!

VAUD VILLIAN

Yeah and he was a swinger  
too. If sex drive were a car  
he was a Ferrari.

TOOTS

I like Italian cars.

MAGILLICUTTY

Me too!

VAUD VILLIAN

Here are my pictures

DEPUTY

Say that's the whole family

VAUD VILLIAN

Yeah when I was there they  
were all alive - very much  
alive!

DEPUTY

You lost a lot of hair

TOOTS

DANO!

DEPUTY

Emma Sorry

CHIEF

Wow is Ava with Adam. She  
sure was a real beauty.

MAGILLICUTTY

Va Va Voom, Who's the red  
head?

VAUD VILLIAN

Oh that's Selma. She was a  
knock out if you like big  
hooters

DEPUTY

She looks scary.

CHIEF

So let me see if I get this straight. You mean the old guy would take in drifters then clean them up and let them go.

VAUD VILLIAN

Well not let them go exactly he'd take them to the pier for a short boat ride

MAGILLICUTTY

Oh so he'd drowned them!

VAUD VILLIAN

No, no he'd take them down the coast, give them some cash and drop them off. That was the last time I saw him.

DEPUTY

What did you do then?

VAUD VILLIAN

Well, I went off and started comedy clubs. I sent lots of comedians and drifters his way over the years.

AFROMAN

Yeah he told me about the place and I told him.  
(pointing to the shoplifter)

SHOPLIFTER

See I told you it was true. I'm really sorry about your hat Detective. Say! Is that a Spotted Jungle cock feather?

MAGILLICUTTY

Yes, yes it is! Say that's a nice bra you got on there.

SHOPLIFTER

Yeah he gave it to me. It's a tee shirt and it's a bit tight.

DEPUTY

Well it looks good!

CHIEF

What about the notes?

AFROMAN

Oh I wrote those

MAGILLICUTTY

What!

AFROMAN

Yeah, Mr. Rib knew he was going to die soon. So he asked me to set up all the will stuff before I left. We both knew it was time for me to go.

DEPUTY

What about the "I did it note?"

AFROMAN

Oh yeah, Well when I finished I wrote him a note that said, "I did it." I was in the basement getting some Urasmuck jam to take, boy that stuff is good, when I heard him fall. I dropped the jam jar and ran to see what happened. He was lying there,

bleeding, I freaked out and  
dropped the note and ran.

MAGILLICUTTY

But, you stuck around!

AFROMAN

Well I figured where I was  
going to go! I can't sail or  
swim. If I came out and you  
found him and me I'd be in  
big trouble. So I figured I'd  
stay.

DEPUTY

But it stunk here.

AFROMAN

Oh I stuck Maria Juanita buds  
up my nose. Couldn't smell a  
thing but got an incredible  
buzz. Then you guys showed  
up and I knew I was dead. So  
I high tailed it outa there  
and got in touch with Mr.  
Villian.

MAGILLICUTTY

So that's our mystery.

CHIEF

What about the joking and the  
laughing when we're there?

AFROMAN

I always thought it must have  
been the dope. They made  
rugs out of it. You can roll  
them suckas up and smoke um.  
Strong weed man. They rigged  
Nitrous gas to spray when  
someone came through the gate  
and past those fine door

knockers. That added a bit of laughing too!

MAGILLICUTTY

So that's it?

AFROMAN

That's it. Too bad I didn't get the boat ride, they told me it was nice, but he was really old, we both knew he wouldn't make it.

VAUD VILLIAN

Yeah well when the old guy dropped me off he yelled out "Hey, do you know what sense you want to be the last to go? I yelled out "NO." He yelled back "Humor!" Then he just smiled and sailed away.

DEPUTY

Looks like he got his wish and went out with a guffaw!

VAUD VILLIAN

Looks like he saved dozens of guys like me. He was like our kosher guardian angel. He gave us just what we needed, a good laugh, and a new start. I'll bet he's looking down right now - laughing.

VAUD smiles, tears up and sniffles

AFROMAN

Yeah and he's probably naked and smoking a big joint  
bah-rum-ching

SLOW FADE TO BLACK

FART NOISE

DEPUTY  
(v.o)  
OK who dealt with it!

ALL IN UNISON  
Not me!

SUPER OVER BLACK "A FEW YUCKS LATER"

FADE UP

EXT. FUN HOUSE - DAY

BANNER: GRAND OPENING - WELCOME TO ADAMS HOUSE OF RIBS &  
LAUGH OUT LOUD LAND.

The place is all spiffed up and looks like an amusement park. The CHIEF, DEPUTY, AFROMAN, VAUD are on the veranda by the front door. Bernie and Henry walk onto the veranda. Henry points.

HENRY  
My wife had knockers like  
that.

DEPUTY  
She did?

HENRY  
Yeah but they got old so we  
replaced them with door bells

They ALL do a double take.

MAGILLICUTTY gets out of a new sports car with TOOTS hanging off his arm. He's wearing a bra tee shirt, Bermuda shorts and a big Panama hat, with peacock feathers. TOOTS is wearing the same thing. The CHIEF looks devastated.

DEPUTY  
Hey Chief don't worry, She  
wasn't your type anyway.

CHIEF

I suppose you're right. I  
have a hard time with  
Scandinavian women anyway.  
The Danish are too sweet.  
The Swedes and Norwegians are  
too much for me to handle and  
I'll probably never get to  
the Finish. I need a nice  
meat and potatoes girl.

DEPUTY

Yeah Chief, someone that can  
really appreciate a good  
Chuck Roast

CHIEF

Thanks Dano.

DEPUTY

Say Chief, have you ever  
played Beer Pong, cause I met  
this girl and her Mom over at  
Hooters. Her Mom might like  
you. What do you think?

CHIEF

Sounds great. A matched pair  
of Hooters

He winks

CHIEF

Sort of a Mother and Daughter  
thing huh.

The CHIEF winks again

DEPUTY

Say what's the matter with  
your eye Chief?

CHIEF

Oh never mind is she good  
looking

DEPUTY

Good looking, oh yeah she's  
beautiful. Felicia and her  
look almost like twins except  
Felicia legs are the same  
length.

CHIEF

What!

DEPUTY

Yeah her Mom was in a pool  
accident when she was little.  
Now one leg's shorter.

CHIEF

Is her name Ilene?

DEPUTY

Yeah, how did you know!

CHIEF

Just a guess!

EXT. DUNK TANK & CLUBHOUSE - DAY

A sign over the Clubhouse reads:

"THE HAPPY TAFFY HEMP SHOP & MEDICINAL HERB DISPENSORY -  
We're always pulling and puffing for you!"

There's a line at the dunk tanks. The evidence cop is in  
the dunk seat with goggles on and a nose clip.

The YOUNG NURSE is pushing FRANCIS around in a wheelchair.  
They pass MAGILLICUTTY and TOOTS by the dunk tank.

MAGILLICUTTY

Well looks like you got lucky

FRANCIS

Lucky. Hell, look at that ring. And she's costing me a fortune. I just hope I get my dying wish -- again!

NURSE  
(coquettish giggle)  
Oh Francis!

EXT. VERANDA - DAY

The others watch FRANCIS and the NURSE.

HENRY  
See Bernie, Francis knows how to grow old.

BERNIE  
Ah I'd rather be just an old fart and drift away.

HENRY  
Jezzus was that you?

Bernie gives him a devilish smile

BERNIE  
Nah must have been one of them drifters.

They look at him.

BERNIE  
Want some taffy.

FADE OUT