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Hosted by GOLDIE VANCE
FRIDAY NIGHT at 7PM
At the old dining lodge
PLEASE COME IN COSTUME!

I can't believe Jen is making us go to the old dining lodge! Everyone at camp knows that place is **SERIOUSLY HAUNTED!**

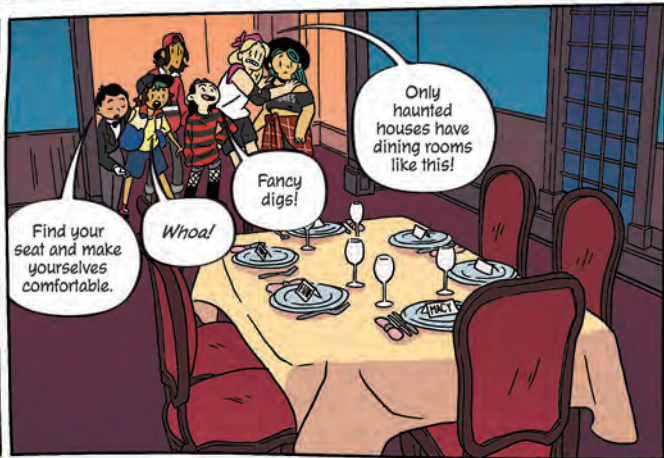
Yeah! I can't believe we're actually gonna go inside! It'll be so spooky cool!

Aw, c'mon, April, you know Molly is a little nervous. Don't rub it in.

It'll be ok. Jen set this whole thing up and she wouldn't take us somewhere dangerous. Plus ghosts probably aren't even real.

What are we even supposed to be **DOING** at this party?







Thank you all for coming to help solve this mystery.



Jen!
I'm not Jen!



I'm **GOLDIE VANCE**, intrepid detective at the Crossed Palms resort!
Oh, yeah.



Sigh We might as well go around the room and introduce ourselves before I get to the plot of the crime, to avoid any more cases of mistaken identity.



Ooh! Ooh!
I'm **COADY!** I play drums in The Creepies and we're the best band in the world!! I've also got a sppppoooooakkkkyyy secret!

Very good.



Hey everyone, my name is Jen, but you can call me **KNOCKOUT!**

I'm a jammer for the East Side Roller Girls, and if you get in my way, you're gonna get hurt.



My name is **MACY** and I'm from Cannon Cove, Oregon, home of The Gloomies. I'm the docent at the Cannon Cove Film Museum.



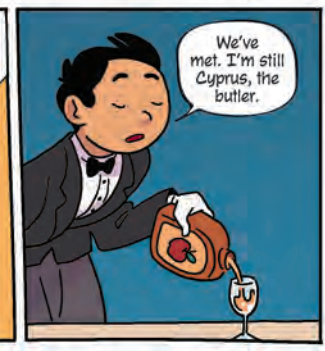
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I'm **CHRIS!** I love the band Stegosour and I work at Vinyl Mayhem, which is the coolest record store in town and definitely not a front for a secret teen fight club!



My name is **ESTHER De GROOT** and I am **NOT** a drama magnet! I'm just a mild-mannered university student in England who has the best dang boots you've ever seen.



We've met. I'm still Cyprus, the butler.

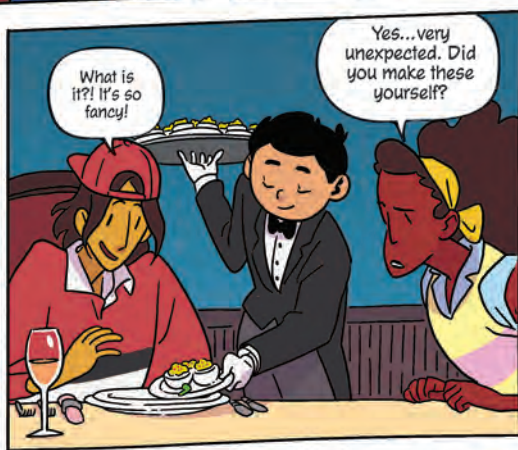


"The late Mr. Picklebottom was a beloved comic book publisher: his company gave us such classics as Ghost Drummer, Dynamic Derby Adventures, Punches And Platinum Albums, and the comics based on the popular adventure film The Gloomies."



"Until one horrible morning, when his assistant, Gretchen Chen, found him in his office, already long cold..."







Are you ok, Jen? You look worried...

Oh, no, I'm fine. I wasn't expecting Barney to be so committed to acting out their part.



It's not Barney! It's Cyprus, the butler...! Can I have your egg if you don't want it?



Weirdness aside, let's continue with the case. Here are the clues we have so far...



"Mr. Picklebottom was found dead in the study of this very house, at his desk, slumped over the final edits for the last ever issue of the comic series *Large Weeks*."

CREAK

Who's there?!



Oh, it's you. What could you want at this hour?



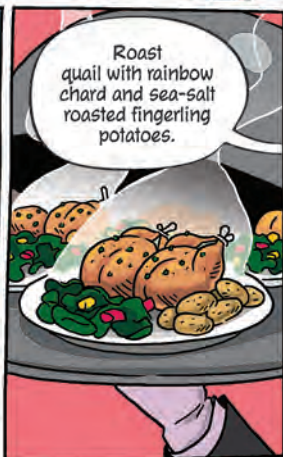
Noooooooooooo!

"The next morning, when he was found by Gretchen, the only clues were a muddy sneaker print, and a receipt from the local comic shop."



DINNER IS SERVED!

AHHHHHHHHH!!



Roast quail with rainbow chard and sea-salt roasted fingerling potatoes.





For being an old dining lodge, this place sure is odd.

You don't say.

I think it's cool! A pretty, gothic Victorian mansion here on the camp's grounds!



Hey Jen, can we switch so this can be our bunk?!

Absolutely **NOT**. This building is off limits!

Oh, yeah! We can be the Royal Roanokes!



In fact, I might have, maybe, sort of broken a camp rule by bringing you here.



Why are you looking at me like that?

Please don't tell me there's a ghost behind me...



Jen, you broke a **RULE** for us?!

I'm impressed.

Yeah, wow, I'm still terrified, but I'm also honored.



Well, don't think I'm making this a habit; I already regret this rogue outing.

Aww...



HEY, EVERYONE!

I found the kitchen!

Jeez, April, we're looking for ghosts, we're not trying to wake the dead.



This is way too fancy for a camp kitchen.

IT. SMELLS. SO. GOOD. IN. HERE!



Look! Dessert is strawberry shortcakes!



HOW DARE YOU TRESPASS IN MY KITCHEN!



Bamey! Where's all this amazing food coming from!



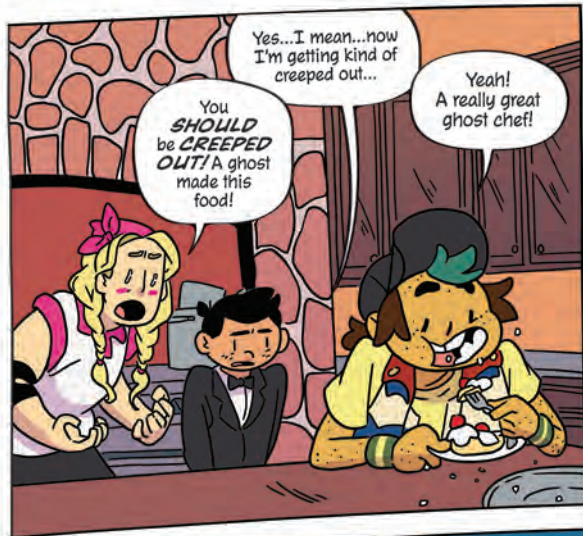
How many times do I have to tell you? I'm Cyprus, the butler!

Yeah, we're not doing that anymore. You can drop the act.



Oh, ok. I don't know where the food came from, it was always just waiting here: whenever I returned to the kitchen, a new course would be ready.

You mean these gourmet dishes just appeared out of nowhere and you served them to us?



Yes...I mean...now I'm getting kind of creeped out...

You **SHOULD** be **CREEPED OUT!** A ghost made this food!

Yeah! A really great ghost chef!



Ok, I know that it's a little spooky in here, and we're having fun, but I'm sure there's a perfectly rational, non-ghostly explanation for this.



Ligh, what is it **THIS** time?



We're glad you enjoyed your meal...

...But now it's time to pay the check!

G-G-GHOSTS!



AAAAAAAAAAAAAH!

I KNEW THIS PLACE WAS HAUNTED!



Boy, you sure scared them good.



We've been in the haunting business almost as long as we've been in the culinary business.

But why did you want us to scare those kids? They seem nice. They certainly appreciate a good meal!



Everyone deserves a trick with their treats.



Speaking of which...



Mmmm, simply to DIE for.

THE END

WE GOT THE BEAT(DOWN)

HI **FI** F.I.G.H.T **CLUB**



CARLY USDIN

NINA VAKUEVA

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