

Mysterious Times at the Volkov Manor

Scene 1

The show begins with Mr. Volkov standing in front of a mirror adjusting his suit.

Vladislov Volkov
Martin?

Mr. Martin, Mr. Volkov's butler, enters the room.

Mr. Martin
Yes Sir?

Vladislov Volkov
Is everything prepared for this evening?

Mr. Martin
Yes Sir. The kitchen staff have prepared the houndorves and meals for the evening. The cleaning staff have swept, sprayed, and dusted every single nook and cranny in the mansion, and I will personally greet our guests as they arrive.

Valdislov Volkov
And the Jewels of Rhalessa?

Mr Martin
Polished and ready for the auction sir.

Vladislov Volkov
Wonderful. Be sure someone is keeping watch over them at all times. I need this night to go smoothly and I can't afford for anything to happen to the jewels.

Mr. Martin
Of course Sir.

Vladislov Volkov
Thank you Martin. Now would you please excuse me? I need a moment to myself before my guests arrive.

Mr. Martin
Of course sir

Martin leaves the room. Mr. Volkov does one final check in the mirror then goes over to a stand with a black sheet covering it. He pulls off the sheet revealing a magnificent necklace partnered with earrings and a crown.

The Key

(Mr. Volkov)

TONIGHT IS THE NIGHT
EVERYTHING MUST GO OFF RIGHT
FOR MY REPUTATION IS ON LINE

GUESTS WILL COME
AND ONE WILL PAY THE PRICE
THIS WHOLE EVENING IS ALL PART OF MY DESIGN

WHEN IT SEEMED LIKE ALL WAS LOST TO ME
ALL MY WORK ABOUT TO GO DOWN THE DRAIN
I DEvised A PLAN TO GUARANTEE
ALL MY WEALTH AND POWER WOULD STILL REMAIN

YES MY BRILLIANT BRAIN FOUND ANOTHER WAY
A GENIUS DEAL THEY COULD NOT FORESEE
AND SOON IT SHALL ALL BE UNDERWAY
AND THESE ANCIENT JEWELS WILL BE THE KEY

YES THE JEWELS ARE THE KEY

Volkov touches the jewels for a moment and then jumps as Martin enters back into the room.

Mr. Martin

Mr. Volkov, your first guest has arrived. I've asked Mr. Pearson to leave his post in the garden to stand watch on the jewels up here.

Vladislov Volkov

Excellent, thank you Martin. Let's head down.

Mr. Martin
Of course, Sir.

Mr. Volkov and Mr. Martin leave without closing the window. After a few moments someone dressed in all black with a mask enters from the window and quickly grabs the jewelry from the display and re-covers it. They look around suspiciously and quickly exit back out the window.

Scene 2

The scene opens up to Shelby Sutton quickly fixing her makeup and hair in the mirror as her sister walks in.

Sara Sutton
Shelby, are you almost ready? Come on we're going to be late.

Shelby
Oh, relax. We're always late.

Sara Sutton
There's a difference between fashionably late, and actually late.

Shelby
Just give me 10 more minutes.

Sara Sutton
sighs Fine.

Sara rummages around her sister's desk when she starts sniffing at the air.

Sara Sutton
Why does your hair smell like a pumpkin spice latte?

Shelby
No reason.

Sara Sutton
You used my shampoo again didn't you.

Shelby
Just a little bit.

Sara Sutton
Shelbyyyyy!!!! That's a limited edition shampoo!!

Shelby
I'm sorry, ok. I was in a rush.

Sara Sutton
Ugh, whatever, just hurry up and get ready ok. I don't want to be too late.

Shelby
I hear Vlad's had a climbing gym installed in his mansion last year. You think he'd let me come back and use it?

Sara Sutton
Maybe, though I don't know why you love climbing so much. Doesn't it scare you to be up in the air so high.

Shelby
No, I love it! It's such a rush. You should give it a try!

Sara Sutton
No. If I ever need an adrenaline rush I'll just go to a mall on black friday. That would be enough to last a whole year.

Shelby
laughs Ok i'm all ready now.

Sara Sutton
Where is that car???

Shelby
I'm sure it'll be here soon.

Sara Sutton
That's it. We're officially going to be the last ones there.

Shelby
Maybe, but you'll certainly be the best dressed.

Sara Sutton
Well duh! But that's hardly a challenge. I'm always the best dressed anywhere I go.

Shelby

Your passion for fashion never ceases to amaze and confuse me.

Fashion Queen

(Sara)

IT'S TRUE LITTLE SIS I'M A FASHION QUEEN
FROM PRADA, TO CHANEL, AND ALEXANDER MCQUEEN
I'VE WALKED ALL THE RUNWAYS FROM MILAN TO PARI
AND THERE ISN'T A SOUL AS STYLISH AS ME

I'VE GRACED THE COVERS OF VOGUE, ELLE AND BAZAR
YEAH I'M FASHION ROYALTY

(Shelby)

AND A SUPERSTAR

(Sara)

MANY HAVE ASKED HOW TO BE JUST LIKE ME
AND THOUGH IT TAKES SOME WORK IT'S PRETTY SIMPLE YOU SEE
JUST FOLLOW THE RULES AND YOU'LL LEARN PRETTY QUICK
THOUGH I'LL ADMIT IT HELPS TO BE RICH

(Shelby)

YOU SHOULD NEVER PAIR BROWN NAVY OR BLACK

(Sara)

BECAUSE MIXED NEUTRALS ARE

(Sara & Shelby)

SUPER WACK

(Shelby)

WEAR WHITE WHEN IT'S HOT TO KEEP THE HEAT AT BAY

(Sara)

BUT DON'T DARE WEAR IT AFTER

(Sara & Shelby)

LABOR DAY

(Shelby)

CLASHING PATTERNS DON'T GET ME STARTED ON THAT

(Sara)

PLAID AND POLKA DOTS

(Sara & Shelby)

NAH TAKE THAT BACK

(Sara)

NO FLORALS AND FLANNEL, NO PAISLEY AND STRIPES,
NO CHECKERS AND LEOPARD I'VE HAD ENOUGH ALRIGHT!

Shelby

You alright there sis?

Sara Sutton

Yeah I just feel super strongly about not mixing patterns and I wish people would just stop.

A car honks its horn.

Shelby

Looks like the car is here. Time to go get your jewels, your highness.

Shelby mockingly bows to Sara and giggles.

Sara Sutton

Haha, very funny. Let's go.

Sara and Shelby exit

Scene 3

Bartholomew Brady stands outside of the Volkov mansion talking on his phone.

Bartholomew Brady

What? No, no you tell them if they want to reach a settlement they better come back with something better than that, otherwise this will be going to trial and they won't like the outcome..
Look, I have to go. We can talk about this tomorrow.

As Bartholomew is on the phone Alec Arnold enters.

Alec Arnold

Ahhh Bartholomew Brady. Seems like you're still busy as ever.

Bartholomew Brady

Good evening Alec. I have to say I'm surprised to see you here. What would a neurosurgeon want with some silly jewels?

Alec Arnold

I could ask you the same. Can't say royal jewels are common courtroom attire, but hey they would make your eyes sparkle.

At this moment Camila Cordova enters.

Camila Cordova

He's right. Blue is definitely your color.

Alec Arnold

And you are?

Camila Cordova

Camila Cordova, and you must be Alec Arnold the world famous neurosurgeon. And Barry Brady, personal attorney of the Legenberg family.

Bartholomew Brady

It's Bartholomew.

Camila Cordova

Ah yes but who has the time to say all those extra syllables.

Bartholomew Brady

I'm sorry, should we know you?

Camila Cordova

Probably.

Alec Arnold
Aren't you that curator for some fancy museum?

Bartholomew Brady
The H. O. McKinley museum?

Alec Arnold
The what?

Bartholomew Brady
It's one of the richest museums in the world. It's especially known for its massive collection of Royal Jewels.

Camila Cordova
Ding, ding, ding! You really are smart. Well gentlemen this whole exchange has been fun, but I'm not one for standing outside in the cold. If you'll excuse me I have some Jewels to acquire.

Camila begins to exit. Alec and Bartholomew share a look then both shrug and follow her in.

Scene 4

Mr. Martin is seen opening a door and welcoming the first guest, Gabriella Goldstein.

Mr. Martin
Welcome Ms. Goldstien.

Gabriella Goldstien
Good Evening.

Mr. Martin
Mr. Volkov, your first guest has arrived.

Vladislov Volkov
(yelling from backstage) I'll be right down Martin.

Mr. Martin
May I take your coat miss?

Gabriella Goldstien
Yes, thank you.

Mr. Martin takes Gabriella's coat and exits as Mr. Volkov enters.

Vladislov Volkov
Ahhhh Gabriella welcome.

Gabriella Goldstien
Mr. Volkov.

Vladislov Volkov
Please call me Vlad.

Gabriella Goldstien
Seeing as I am here for professional reasons I will continue to conduct myself accordingly.

Vladislov Volkov
I see. Well I'm sure our other guests shall be arriving soon.

Gabriella Goldstien
How odd. I expected everyone to be here by this time.

Vladislov Volkov
Well it is only 6:40. The event doesn't start until 7.

Gabriella Goldstien
Is it not common practice to arrive at these sorts of things early? In my lab you're expected to arrive at your shift at least 20 minutes in advance.

Vladislov Volkov
Well it sounds like the other guests aren't as punctual as you.

Gabriella Goldstien
Hmmm pity.

Gabriella passes Mr. Volkov and exits. Mr. Volkov stands on stage for a moment.

Vladislov Volkov
(Sarcastically) Why yes Gabriella please do come in.

Gabriella Goldstien

(off stage) What was that?

Vladislov Volkov

Nothing.

Mr. Volkov quickly exits.

Scene 5

We see a man dressed in all black standing next to the jewels while staring at his phone and laughing.

Mr. Pearson

(giggling) Oh my gosh. (laugh) What a silly cat.

Mr Martin begins calling for Mr. Pearson off stage.

Mr. Martin

(calling out) Mr. Pearson.

No answer

Mr. Martin

(yelling) Mr. Pearson!

No answer

Mr. Martin

(Shouting) MR. PEARSON!!!!

Mr. Pearson jumps and quickly hides his phone right as Mr. Martin enters

Mr. Pearson

Yes sir?

Mr. Martin

What are you hiding?

Mr. Pearson

Nothing.

Mr. Martin

So you were just laughing at nothing a moment ago?

Mr. Pearson

Oh, yeah um that was just uhhh I remembered this joke I heard earlier today and well yeahhhh.

Mr. Martin

I see. Well Mr. Pearson I have to attend to Mr. Volkov and his guests for the rest of the night. I trust that you are capable of watching over the jewels until the auction.

Mr. Pearson

Yes, sir.

Mr. Martin

Good.

Mr. Martin begins to walk away. Then stops and turns toward Mr. Pearson.

Mr. Martin

Oh and please refrain from watching cat videos while at work.

Mr. Pearson

What??? I don't know what you're talking about. I wouldn't do that.... Ha ha ha. Ummm Yes, of course sir.

As Mr. Martin exits, music begins and Mr. Pearson begins pacing around and singing.

Mr. Pearson

(Mr. Pearson)

MR PEARSON DO THIS,
MR PEARSON DO THAT
ALL THESE DEMANDS
FROM THAT OLD CRANKY QUACK

DO THEY EVER SAY THANKS
NOPE NEVER NOT ONCE
I'M JUST WORKED TO THE BONE
FOR THESE PAST SEVEN MONTHS

MR PEARSON DRIVE HERE
MR PEARSON DRIVE THERE

SUCH A LOW PAYING JOB
THOUGH HE'S A RICH BILLIONAIRE

DO I ASK FOR MORE
NO I FALL IN LINE
SO IT'D BE NICE HEAR THANKS
AND GET SOME VACATION TIME

NOW I MUST ADMIT
THAT FROM TIME TO TIME
I ENJOY SILLY CLIPS
OF SOME FLUFFY FELINES

IS THAT REALLY SO BAD
IF I STILL DO MY JOB
WELL I GUESS THAT IT IS
IF YOU ASK THESE SNOBS

WORK WORK WORK
IS ALL THEY CARE ABOUT
AND I'VE HAD ENOUGH
YOU KNOW WHAT I'M OUT

At one point during the song Mr. Martin re-entered and stood quietly behind Mr. Pearson. At the end of the song Mr. Pearson turns to walk out and runs right into Mr. Martin.

Mr. Martin

I'm sorry did you say something Mr. Pearson?

Mr. Pearson

Oh, no sir. Just that I was just doing a routine survey of the hallways to ensure the room was secure.

Mr. Martin

I see. Well I won't distract you from your work then. Back to it!

Mr. Pearson

Yes, sir.

Mr. Martin nods and exits and after a moment Mr. Pearson sighs and exits the other way.

Scene 6

Back in the main room Ms. Goldstien and Mr. Volkov are chatting when there is a knock on the door. Mr Martin walks over to answer the door and Ms. Cordova, Mr. Brady and Mr. Arnold enter.

Mr. Martin

Sir, Mr. Alec Arnold, Bartholomew Brady and Ms. Camila Cordova have arrived.

Vladislov Volkov

Ahhh welcome friends.

Camila Cordova

Vlady it's been so long! I love what you've done with the place.

Mr. Martin

May I take your coat miss?

Camila Cordova

Ahh yes thank you Martin. You're looking sharp as ever. I'm glad Vlady keeps you around.

Mr. Martin

He'd be utterly lost without me.

Camila Cordova

Oh I believe that.

Mr. Volkov clears his throat.

Vladislov Volkov

Welcome Camila. It's good to see you, it's been too long.

Mr. Volkov gives Camila a welcoming hug. Then goes to shake Mr. Brady's and Mr. Arnold's hands.

Vladislov Volkov

Mr. Brady, Mr. Arnold. Glad you could make it.

Bartholomew Brady
Pleasure to be here

Alec Arnold
Thank you for the invite.

Mr. Volkov moves to address the entire group.

Vladislav Volkov
Well everyone, all the guests have arrived and we will be starting the auction soon. In the meantime feel free to mingle and get to know one another. I will go retrieve the jewels and be back momentarily.

Mr. Volkov exits.

Camila Cordova
Well I don't know about you guys but I think we could use some music.

Camila claps her hands and music begins playing. The others look confused.

Alec Arnold
Where did that come from?

Camila Cordova
Ahhh that's better.

Camila notices Gabriella and begins to walk over to her.

Camila Cordova
I don't believe we've had the pleasure of meeting. I'm Camila Cordova, and you are?

Gabriella Goldstien
I'm Gabriella Goldstien. Head scientist at Golden Coast Laboratories.

Camila Cordova
Wow you are quite impressive.

Gabriella Goldstien
Yes I am.

Camila Cordova
And humble.

Gabriella Goldstien
I can sense your sarcasm.

Gabriella begins to walk over to Bartholomew and Alec as Camila mocks her.

Gabriella Goldstien
Hello, Gabriella Goldstien. Head scientist at Golden Coast Laboratories.

Alec and Bartholomew exchange a confused look.

Bartholomew Brady
Um yes we know. We just heard you.

Gabriella Goldstien
I just wanted to be sure we were properly introduced. And what is it you do?

Bartholomew Brady
I am the Legenberg's personal attorney.

Gabriella Goldstien
Ahh the owners of Primecorp. You've gotten them out of many sticky situations.

Bartholomew Brady
Why, thank you.

Gabriella Goldstien
I didn't say it was a compliment. And you?

Alec Arnold
Alec Arnold, Neurosurgeon.

Gabriella Goldstien
Impressive. (turns to Bartholomew) That was a compliment.

Just then Mr. Volkov re-enters carrying a covered jewelry display, while Mr. Pearson trails behind carrying a tall stand. Mr. Pearson sets down the stand while Mr. Volkov sets the covered jewelry display on top of it.

Vladislov Volkov

Well, ladies and gentlemen, thank you for joining me. I know that you are all very busy and so I don't want to waste your time any longer. Let's get the auction started shall we.

At this moment Mr. Martin enters and clears his throat.

Vladislov Volkov

What is it Martin?

Mr. Martin

Sir, your last guest has arrived.

Vladislov Volkov

Oh, I didn't realize we were missing someone. Who is it?

Mr. Martin

Miss Sara Sutton.

Vladislov Volkov

Oh, boy. Well send her in.

Martin nods and exits. A few moments later he re-enters with Sara and her sister.

Sara Sutton

I'm here. I hope you all weren't too worried. Wait what's all this? You weren't planning on starting without me were you?

Vladislov Volkov

No, of course not.

Sara Sutton

Oh. Good. I brought my sister. I hope you don't mind.

Vladislov Volkov

Of course not. The more the merrier. Well shall we get to the auction seeing that you're here now?

Sara Sutton
I suppose we shall.

Vladisov Volkov
Well ladies and gentlemen without further ado The Jewels of Rhelessa.

Mr. Volkov pulls away the fabric revealing the missing jewels. Everyone in the room gasps, though Mr. Volkov is unaware at first.

Vladislov Volkov
Yes they are quite magnificent aren't they?

Mr. Martin
No sir, that's not it. The jewels are missing.

Vladislov Volkov
What? How can this be? The jewels were there this morning. Mr. Pearson you were watching the jewels. Care to explain what happened?

Mr. Pearson
I don't know. Mr. Martin called me up to watch over them and by the time I arrived to the room Mr. Volkov was gone and the display was covered. No one else was in the room after that except when Mr. Martin came in to check on me.

Vladislov Volkov
How do we know that you aren't just lying and that you didn't craft some master plan to steal the jewels?

Mr. Martin begins to laugh very loudly.

Vladislov Volkov
Martin, what has gotten into you.

Mr. Martin
(still chuckling) Apologies, sir. It's just the idea of Mr. Pearson being some criminal genius is very amusing.

Mr. Pearson

He does have a point.

Bartholomew Brady

Well not that this isn't entertaining, but if there's no jewels then I see no reason to stay. Good Evening everyone.

Mr. Brady begins to leave. As Camila steps directly in front of him

Camila Cordova

Hold it right there! You can't leave. A crime has just been committed and everyone that's here is a suspect. Including you Barry, so you're not going anywhere. No one is going anywhere.

Sara Sutton

Well if everyone is a suspect then how do we know you didn't do it?

Camila Cordova

You don't. That's the fun part! I don't know about you guys but I feel a song coming on. Hit it piano man!

Music Begins

Gabriella Goldstien

Who is she talking to?

Vladislov Volkov

It's best not to ask

In This Room

(Camila Cordova)

A CRIME HAS BEEN COMMITTED
BEFORE OUR VERY EYES
A NASTY DEED WAS HIDDEN
AND IN THIS ROOM THE SUSPECT LIES

(Mr. Martin)

HOW DO YOU EXPECT US TO CATCH THIS CRIMINAL

(Sara Sutton)

I AIN'T NO NANCY DREW

(Camila Cordova)

JUST SEARCH AROUND AND THE CLUES WILL BE VISIBLE
WE WILL FIND THE TRUTH

(Mr. Volkov)

WE MUST FIND MY JEWELS AS QUICK AS POSSIBLE

(Camila Cordova)

THE TRUTH WILL SOON BE CLEAR

(Mr. Volkov)

AND THE THINGS I WILL DO TO THE FOOL THAT RESPONSIBLE

(Camila Cordova)

Whoa whoa whoa. This is a kids musical remember. No need to be so violent.

(Mr. Volkov)

You're right sorry.

(Ensamble)

A CRIME HAS BEEN COMMITTED
BEFORE OUR VERY EYES
A NASTY DEED WAS HIDDEN
AND IN THIS ROOM THE SUSPECT LIES

(Bartholomew Brady)

HONESTLY THIS IS QUITE LUDICROUS

(Camila Crodova)

DID I ASK FOR YOUR TWO CENTS

(Bartholomew Brady)

THIS DETECTIVE ACT IS QUITE HUMOROUS

(Camila Cordova)

LET THE MYSTERY COMMENCE!!

(Ensamble)

A CRIME HAS BEEN COMMITTED
BEFORE OUR VERY EYES
A NASTY DEED WAS HIDDEN
AND IN THIS ROOM THE SUSPECT LIES

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(Camila)
A CRIME HAS BEEN COMMITTED
BEFORE OUR VERY EYES
A NASTY DEED
THE SUSPECT LIES

IN THIS ROOM THE SUSPECT LIES

Alec Arnold

So how do you propose we begin this investigation?

Camila Cordova

Well first, I think we should all swear an oath to tell the truth.

Sara Sutton

Isn't that a little pointless.

Shelby

Yeah clearly whoever did steal isn't going to tell the truth.

Camila Cordova

Regardless, this is a real investigation and we shall treat it as such. Barry, if you would do the honors.

Bartholomew Brady

You can't be serious.

Camila Cordova

Oh I'm serious. I'm always serious.

The two stare silently at each other for a moment. Until Bartholomew finally caves and lets out a big sigh.

Bartholomew Brady

Very well. Let's just get this whole ridiculous thing over with. Ok let's begin. Do we all swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

Everyone

We swear

Bartholomew Brady

There, all done. Shall we keep the whole thing moving along then?

Camila Cordova

Wonderful. So first I propose we split into two groups Mr. Martin and Mr. Pearson, you take the Sutton sisters and Mr. Volkov to investigate the room from which the jewels disappeared. Barry and I will stay here and interrogate the remaining guests to determine their whereabouts during the crime.

Bartholomew Brady

Oh goody.

Everyone then exits in their two separate groups.

Scene 7

Mr. Martin and Mr. Pearson enter Mr. Volkov's room with the Sutton sisters and Mr. Volkov following behind.

Sara Sutton

Sooooo what exactly are we supposed to be doing?

Mr. Martin

We are supposed to be searching around the room for clues about what might have happened to the jewels.

Mr. Volkov

The jewels were set up and displayed over here near the window.

Mr. Pearson

Alright everyone, split up and look around.

The group splits up and begins searching around the room.

Sara Sutton

Well here's your problem Mr. Volkov. Your windows are unlocked.

Vladislav Volkov

What?

Sara Sutton

You didn't lock your window. You placed priceless jewels right next to an unlocked window. I mean you're practically asking for someone to take them.

Mr. Martin

But that can't be possible. I locked the window myself. And on top of that the curtains were covering the window.

Vladislov Volkov

Did you draw the curtains while you were in here Mr. Pearson?

Mr. Pearson

No.

The group is interrupted by Mr. Martin taking a big sniff of the curtains.

Sara Sutton

Did you just smell the curtains?

Mr. Martin

Yes, it's important to be thorough. Anything could be a clue that leads us to the criminal.

Sara Sutton

Gross.

Mr. Martin

Well I think we've found all we are going to find in here. Let's go back and see how the others are coming along.

They all exit.

Scene 8

The other group is in the main room. Camila and Bartholomew are sitting and facing each individual as they question them.

Camila Cordova

Ok lets start with a simple question. Where were you approximately 2 hours ago?

Alec Arnold

Uhhhh I was having dinner with my family.

Camila Cordova

Hmmmm sounds plausible, but do you have any proof?

Alec Arnold

Actually, yes. I'm not sure if you're aware but I have become quite the influencer on instagram. Not only do I have an account that details all of my heroic work as a life-saving neurosurgeon. I also have one dedicated to my amateur cooking.

Bartholomew Brady
Oh, Great.

Alec Arnold takes out his phone and shows it to them.

Alec Arnold
Here. This is a post from earlier this evening at dinner. Seared scallops with a sweet potato puree and pickled mustard seeds.

Camila Cordova
Oh, wow. That looks divine. Great editing too.

Alec Arnold
Thanks, I'm quite happy with it.

Bartholomew Brady
Ok, I think that's enough. Looks like you aren't the culprit. Can we move on to the next one please.

Alec Arnold stands up and then Gabriella Goldstien sits down.

Gabriella Goldstien
I believe I'm next. And to answer your first question, exactly 2 hours and 6 minutes ago I arrived here and was in the company of Mr. Volkov.

Bartholomew Brady
Ms. Goldstien, you're one of the smartest people here.

Gabriella Goldstien.
Thank you. If I wasn't under oath I would return the sentiment.

Camila Cordova
Ooooooo, burn!

Bartholomew Brady
My point is. You must understand how suspicious it looks that you arrived here around the time the jewels went missing.

Gabriella Goldstien

Yes, but the moment the jewels were taken was during the time when Mr. Volkov left his room to greet me and was Mr. Pearson asked to leave his post in the back garden to stand guard in the room that housed the jewels. During which time I was standing at the front door, left to ponder the possibilities of time travel, as the one staff member left to man the front room seemed uninterested in holding a conversation with me. After a few minutes, Mr. Martin and Mr. Volkov returned and there was never a moment where I was left unattended.

Camila Cordova

I see. Wait... time travel? Do you really think you build a time machine?

Gabriella Goldstien

Oh, I already had the blueprints finished within the first minute.

Camila Cordova

Really? Could I be the first person to test it out when you have it built?

Gabriella Goldstien

Absolutely not. Time travel is very delicate and you seem to be way too chaotic to be trusted.

Camila Cordova

Honestly, that's fair.

Camila suddenly jumps up and drops her hand to her sides.

Camila Cordova

Well I'm at a loss. It seems like we will never solve this mystery.

At this moment the other group that was searching the bedroom enters.

Mr. Martin

I wouldn't give up quite yet Ms. Cordova. I believe I know who the culprit is.

Shelby

(nervous) Really?

Mr. Martin

Yes. We know that their entrance and escape route was the window as that was the only way for them to access the room unnoticed.

Camila Cordova

Precisely.

Mr. Pearson

Gabriella Goldstien

Correct me if I'm wrong but the room the jewels were kept in is on the second floor. Someone would have to be an extremely skilled climber to reach that window.

Mr. Martin

Yes, and I have a theory on that, but first Mr. Pearson please have your security team guard all the exits. Wouldn't want anyone attempting to leave at such an untimely moment.

Mr. Pearson

Right away sir.

Mr. Martin

Alright everyone please have a seat.

Everyone takes a seat.

Mr. Martin

Now I believe that I have caught the culprit. We already know that our suspect has to be skilled at climbing large heights, but I also made another discovery in the room. Around the window I detected a faint scent of everyone's favorite fall specialty drink, pumpkin spice latte.

Sara Sutton

Oh, that's why you smelled curtains, that makes more sense now.

Sara Sutton gasps.

Sara Sutton

Wait that's what my shampoo smells like. Oh my gosh, did I do it? But I don't remember taking them. Was I brainwashed??

Sara Sutton begins hyperventilating.

Mr. Martin

Calm down Ms. Sutton. You weren't brainwashed and it wasn't you. Tell me, do you have any experience with climbing?

Sara Sutton

No. I don't do things that make me sweat.

Mr. Martin

But you do know someone who does.

Sara Sutton

Yes, my sist.... *gasp* Shelby? It was you?

Shelby

Yes it was me. Of Course it was me. None of you ridiculous people are smart enough to pull something like that off.

Sara Sutton

But why?

Shelby

Because you wanted them, and whatever you want you get and I am tired of it. For once I wanted to get something. I just wanted a little bit of the limelight.

Sara Sutton

Oh, Shelby. I'm sorry I didn't know you felt that way. You know I couldn't tell you this because it was supposed to be a surprise, but I was getting the Jewels for you.

Shelby

You were?

Sara Sutton

Yeah. It was going to be a birthday present for you.

Shelby

Oh, I didn't know.

Sara Sutton

Well yeah silly. That's the whole point of a surprise.

Mr. Volkov

Look Ms. Sutton. I am willing to overlook this whole unfortunate event so long as you return the jewels to me safely.

Shelby

Of course. They're in my purse out in the car. I'll go grab them for you.

Shelby exits to go get the Jewels.

Alec Arnold

She left a priceless set of royal jewels in a car?

Gabriella Goldstien

She's clearly not as smart as she thought she was.

Bartholomew Brady

This whole thing has been absolutely ridiculous.

Camila Cordova

Nooooo. This whole thing has been awesome! It was all so exciting.

Alec Arnold

I just can't believe it was her. She seemed so quiet and well compared to the rest of us she seemed so normal.

Sara Sutton

Yeah, well she's always had an eye for the shiny things. She once stole a pair of priceless diamond earrings from some museum. The Mckinnup or Mckinnley or something like that.

Camila Cordova

Excuse me?

Shelby enters with the jewels holding them up.

Shelby

Here they are.

Gabriella Goldstien

Hold on a moment.

Gabriella snatches the jewels away from Shelby.

Garbrilla Goldstien

These aren't the real jewels. You can tell by the way the light hits them. They're fake.

Bartholomew Brady

Ms. Sutton, please explain yourself.

Shelby

I don't know. These are the exact jewels I grabbed. I didn't switch them out I swear.

Alec Arnold

Then what exactly is going on here?

Mr. Pearson enters, with two police officers and an old man.

Mr. Pearson

I believe I can answer that.

Camila Cordova

Who are these people?

Mr. Pearson

This gentleman here is Mr. Bermister, and he is a jewel collector. Mr. Bermister, would you be so kind as to tell our friends here what you just told me.

Mr. Bermister

Why yes. I was just explaining that about a week ago that gentleman there paid me a visit offering to sell me a beautiful set of jewels. Of course I bought them.

Sara Sutton

Wait so you already sold the jewels?

Shelby

And the ones I stole were fake. (noticing the police) I mean someone else stole.

Mr. Pearson

That's right this whole auction was a set up to try and sell a set of fake jewels.

Alec Arnold

But why?

Mr. Martin

I know why.

Mr. Volkov

Martin, please don't.

Mr. Martin

I'm sorry sir, but this is all too much. What you've tried to do here is wrong.

Alec Arnold

Tell us what it is Martin.

Mr. Martin

Mr. Volkov has recently gone bankrupt and has been having some financial troubles. I believe he was hoping to get money not only by selling the real jewels, but also tricking you all by selling a fake set and swindling you out of your money.

Mr. Volkov

That's right and I would've gotten away with it if it weren't for you meddling kids.

Camila Cordova

(to herself) Yeesh I smell a copyright infringement coming.

Mr. Pearson

Officers please take Mr. Volkov away. Everyone else I can't thank you enough for helping me bring this crime to light. I'm sorry that you all won't be getting a chance at the jewels.

Camila Cordova

Well I for one am not sorry. This night was awesome. It's not everyday you get to solve not one but two mysteries! I think we should all celebrate by going out to dinner.

Everyone dismisses her and makes various excuses to leave and exits except for Mr. Martin.

Camila Cordova

Well what about you Marty? How do falafels sound?

Mr. Martin

You know all this crime solving has left me famished. Sure why not. Just one thing.

Camila Cordova

Anything for you Marty.

Mr. Martin

Don't call me Marty.

Camila Cordova

Oh. Ok just Martin then. Well Martin, shall we?

Mr. Martin

We shall.

They both lock arms and begin to sing while exiting.

Finale

(Camila & Martin)

A CRIME WAS ONCE COMMITTED
BEFORE OUR VERY EYES
A NASTY DEED WAS HIDDEN
SO WE FOLLOWED ALL THE SIGNS

(Martin)

THE JEWELS WENT MISSING AND THE SEARCH BEGAN

(Camila)

WE CANVASED HIGH AND LOW

(Martin)

I DISCOVERED CLUES AND EXPOSED HER HAND

(Camila)

THE TRUTH BEGAN TO SHOW

(Martin)

THEN WE HIT A TWIST WE DID NOT FORESEE

(Camila)

LITTLE VLADY PLANED A TRICK

(Vladislov Volkov)

THEY FOUND THE PROOF THAT LEAD STRAIGHT TO ME

(All)

WE CAUGHT THAT THIEF REAL QUICK

A CRIME WAS ONCE COMMITTED
BEFORE OUR VERY EYES
BUT WE SEARCHED AND WE PERSISTED
AND UNDERCOVERED ALL HIS LIES

(Sara)

YEAH WE'RE AMATURE DETECTIVES SO TO SLOVE THIS WAS EXPECTED
YOU'LL SOLVE ANYTHING WITH US BY YOUR SIDE

(Everyone)

BECAUSE FROM US THE TRUTH CAN'T HIDE

THE END

Characters

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Mr. Martin

Sara Sutton

Shelby

Mr. Pearson

Gabriella Goldstien

Alec Arnold

Bartholomew Brady

Camila Cordova

Mr. Bermister