

Murder

By Magic:

Alternate Way to Begin the Show

Script For Murder Show Recording

Before you read this STOP!!!! Please read the main script book first you understand the concept of how this is a one-main show, otherwise this alternate method of starting the show will not make much sense.

This is something NEW I'm offering with Murder by Magic. It's an audio recording that allows you to have a conversation with "Your Friend" who is calling you in the beginning of the show to let you know that Binky is not coming and that he's been murdered.

*In this alternate version of the beginning, if you choose to use it, when Binky is introduced, you come out and proclaim that Binky is running late. Then you are interrupted by a phone call. (**Track #1 labeled "Phone Call 1"**) Then you can do a routine, any routine, and after that routine is over, you are interrupted by another phone call in which your friend tells you that Binky has been murdered. (**Track #2 labeled "Phone Call 2"**)*

I purposely did not have my friend Paul say his name so when you refer to your friend, you can use any male name you wish.

The words in red indicate where you can customize this to fit you. The voice recordings have sufficient pauses so you can say your lines, and since the two tracks are separate it is an easy matter to have a sound tech cue them up or you can do it yourself as I do use the new Audio Ape remote and Sound Cues on my iPhone.

TRACK 1 – First Phone Call – Binky is Running Late / There's Been an Accident

(Phone rings)

CRIS

Hello?

FRIEND

Yeah, it's me.

CRIS

I'm in the middle of a show. Actually, I'm covering for Binky. He's running late again. He probably passed out in a puddle of vomit. Why are you calling me?

FRIEND

Actually I'm calling BECAUSE of Binky. There's been some kind of accident.

CRIS

What happened?

FRIEND

I'm not sure. There are paramedics everywhere, I'll call you when I know some more details.

CRIS

Oh, that's great. What am I supposed to do in the meantime?

FRIEND

Stall for time.

CRIS

Stall? How?

FRIEND

Do that one trick that Binky always does at his children's birthday parties.

CRIS

You mean the one with the Tequila and razor blades?

FRIEND

That's the one. I'll call you in a few minutes. (*HANG UP – Cris does a magic trick*)

TRACK 2 – BINKY HAS BEEN MURDERED!

(Phone Rings)

CRIS

Hello?

FRIEND

It's me again. I have news about Binky.

CRIS

Is he on his way?

FRIEND

No. He's dead.

CRIS

Oh my God! Are you serious?

FRIEND

Dead as a doornail.

CRIS

Are the police coming?

FRIEND

I'm afraid not. When I told them a clown had died, they started laughing. Apparently, they thought I was making some kind of a joke.

CRIS

That's terrible. How did he die?

FRIEND

That's the thing. Apparently, there are suspicions that someone at the event where you are right now KILLED Binky.

CRIS

Oh my God! There's a MURDERER in the audience?

FRIEND

Yup

CRIS

Why didn't you tell the police that Binky has been killed?

FRIEND

I did. When I told them a clown had been murdered, they started cheering and clapping.

CRIS

What am I supposed to do?

FRIEND

I suggest you recruit members of the audience to play the roles of the investigators. You'll need to find someone to play the Chief of Police, Detectives, and establish the time of death and so forth.

CRIS

I'm supposed to do all that?

FRIEND

Yes. I also suggest you find someone to play the role of a Psychic because this case is going to be a tough nut to crack. Having a psychic, you can gather up some suspects. Working together, you should all be able to ferret out the killer.

CRIS

This is the stupidest thing I've ever heard.

FRIEND

Yes, Good luck. I've got to go. My fish and chips are getting cold. Cheers.

(HANG UP)