

Radio Play: Lost and Found

Madame Calgari – Psychic brought in to help solve the murder

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(SOUND: Door opens. The sound of a gust of wind and chimes.)

MRS. MADISON. Madame Calgari, please enter.

MADAME CALGARI. There is the smell of death in this room.

MURPHY. Well, I did have pork and beans for lunch.

(SOUND: Gong.)

MADAME CALGARI. As I look I see five people. One of these people has been damaged. One is keeping a terrible secret. Another is a murderer.

MURPHY. I thought she was supposed to be a hypnotist.

MRS. MADISON. Madame Calgari is a mystic!

MURPHY. And I'm Edward G. Robinson. Let her put Mrs. Snyder under so we can get to the bottom of this.

MADAME CALGARI. Which is to be hypnotized?

MRS. MADISON. This is my daughter, Sally. She has unjustly accused of a murder...

MADAME CALGARI. You need tell me no more. Sally. Come to me. No, closer. There. Now, look into my eyes.

(MUSIC: Hypnotic music plays.)

You are getting sleepy. Sleepy. As I look, I see. You are the damaged one. A fall. Now, go back...back. What are you doing now?

SALLY. (*Trancelike:*) Walking.

MADAME CALGARI. Where are you walking?

SALLY. A city street. Toward...

MADAME CALGARI. Go on.

SALLY. Her apartment building.

MADAME CALGARI. I see grave betrayal in your eyes.

SALLY. Yes.

MADAME CALGARI. You must know.

SALLY. Yes.

MADAME CALGARI. Where are you now?

SALLY. This is her building. I don't know if I have the courage...

MADAME CALGARI. But you find the courage.

SALLY. I must.

MADAME CALGARI. You enter the building?

SALLY. I do.

MADAME CALGARI. Where are you now?

SALLY. I'm... I'm climbing the stairs.

MADAME CALGARI. To her apartment.

SALLY. Yes.

MADAME CALGARI. Do you know which apartment is hers?

SALLY. I... It's 203.

MADAME CALGARI. The second floor.

SALLY. The second floor.

MADAME CALGARI. Do you get to her apartment?

SALLY. *(Pause.)* No. I never do.

MADAME CALGARI. Something prevents you.

SALLY. Yes, a noise at the bottom of the stairs.

MADAME CALGARI. You go down to investigate?

SALLY. I... I turn to go. But...

MADAME CALGARI. Something prevents you.

SALLY. I hear a noise.

MADAME CALGARI. From below?

SALLY. No, from above. Then someone bumps into me.

MADAME CALGARI. Yes!

SALLY. I begin falling down the stairs.

MURPHY. Who knocked you down?

SALLY. I didn't see.

MURPHY. Was it a man or a woman?

SALLY. It was a man. I saw a trench coat and...fedora.

DR. FOSTER. What happened next?

SALLY. I don't... I'm walking down the street. Running down the street! I stop at a department store window...

MURPHY. What happens next?

SALLY. I see O'Brien.

MRS. MADISON. There! You see, she's innocent.

MURPHY. Not necessarily. Maybe she just conveniently left out the part about shooting Gloria Nightingale.

MADAME CALGARI. She told you all. She is innocent of the crime.

SAM. Then who did commit the crime?

MADAME CALGARI. That I cannot tell you. But there is one here who knows.

MURPHY. And another who's just about got it figured out. Bring Mrs. Snyder out of her trance and I'll tell you what happened and who the culprit is.

MADAME CALGARI. Sally, listen to me. When I count to three you will awaken from your sleep. You will remember everything that took place before you lost your memory. One, you are beginning to wake up; two, you are opening your eyes; three, you are now fully awake.

(MUSIC: Hypnotic music stops.)

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