

ACT ONE**SCENE 7**

MONTY is seen in half-light, suggesting mystery.

#8a – Haunting Terror

MONTY (Recorded V-O)

I returned to town late that night, plagued by the haunting terror that I had left a clue and sooner or later someone would come across it. I consoled myself by reading one of Mother's unanswered letters to Lord Asquith, Senior, in which she pleaded with him to take pity on a woman alone with a son to raise. So it was a bit of a shock that not long after I should receive a letter from that very same man.

(Reading, live voice:)

"Dear Mr. Navarro... "

(A spot hits LORD ASQUITH D'YSQUITH, a grief-stricken elderly banker.)

LORD ASQUITH

"Some time ago you wrote claiming a relationship to the D'Ysquith family and asking us to help you to some situation in which you might earn your living. I must apologize for our unsympathetic attitude on that occasion. Should you still be in need of a post I shall be very glad if you will pay me a call..."

LORD ASQUITH & MONTY

"... Yours very truly..."

MONTY

(Rather amazed:)

"Lord Asquith D'Ysquith." Senior.

SCENE 7A

(D'Ysquith Banking House. LORD ASQUITH D'YSQUITH is revealed to be sitting at his ornate desk.)

LORD ASQUITH

Do come in, Mr. Navarro.

(LORD D'YSQUITH looks at MONTY carefully.)

You are not like the D'Ysquiths, and yet there is something.

(MONTY takes a small photograph out of his breast pocket and hands it to LORD D'YSQUITH.)

