

Sample Mystery at Bexley Castle by MC Conti

Lights up on an empty castle room

Rachel: Bexley castle. This is the place. It's not as creepy as I thought it would be.

Ellie: I don't know. It's pretty creepy. And we're going to be locked in this room for an hour with no way out.?

Rachel: Well, that is what we signed up for.

Ellie: Why did we sign up for this again?

Rachel: Because my teacher told us we had to do one as an assignment and this one looked cool Plus it was on sale.

Bob: Hello. Here for the escape room?

Ellie: Yes.

Bob: Nothing like being trapped in a castle. I sure hope we don't get beheaded, am I right? *(No one laughs)*

Rachel: All right well that's three of us.

Bob: I can't wait to get started. I've never done one of these escape room things.

(Jessica and Kimmy enter, Jessica has a bottle of water)

Kimmy: Stop!

Jessica: You stop!

Kimmy: I'm telling mom when we get home.

Jessica: Fine, whatever. This was her stupid idea anyway.

Kimmy: Yeah, because you're such a Butthead and you start trouble all the time.

Kimmy: So?

Jessica: So she wanted us to learn to work together. You're such a butthead.

Jessica: You're a Butthead!

Anna: Hello there welcome to Bexley castle my name is Anna Montgomery and I will be your host for the next hour. You will find six clues around the room and they will lead you to the key that unlocks this door. When we are ready, I will hit this button and that will start the clock. You'll hear this sound (makes a buzzer sound) and you'll know the door is locked and the game is on! You seem like a smart group so I'm sure you'll figure out the clues and find the key. However, if you fail, the door will automatically unlock exactly one hour from the time you hear the buzzer.

Kimmy: But you'll be right outside if anything should happen?

Anna: Oh, of course.

Bob: So, we could call you or text or something?

Anna: Unfortunately, this old castle blocks all cell service. We do have Wifi. I can give you all that password. *(She writes int on a piece of paper and puts it on the table)* But should anything happen, all you need to do is knock on the door and I'll press the emergency escape button.

Ellie:: Has that happened before?

Anna: Only once. Maybe twice. Anyway, it won't happen today. I'm sure this will go very smoothly.

Rachel: What if you're not around?

Anna: Why would I not be around?

Rachel: I just mean, what if you have to go the bathroom or something? Can anyone else unlock it?

Anna: Oh. No, we're the only ones on the ground. But don't you worry, I won't leave my post for anything except to make my tea.

Bob: What if something happens while you're making your tea??

Anna: I'll go make my tea right now so that there will be no reason for me to leave. Will that make you feel better?

All: Yes!

Anna: Why don't you all introduce yourselves while I'm gone. Won't be but a minute! *(She exits)*
(Everyone looks around for an awkward minute)

Rachel: Well, I'll go first. My name is Rachel and I am a senior at the University where I am studying to be a detective. This was an assignment for one of our classes. Obviously, I will be extremely helpful to you in figuring this out.

Bob: Helpful and humble. Haha *(no one laughs)*

Rachel: And you are?

Bob: My name is Robert, but people call me Bob.

Jessica: Why do they do that?

Kimmy: Because it's his nickname. Geez.

Jessica: Oh.

Ellie: And why are you here, Bob?

Bob: There was a Groupon. It looked fun. How about you?

Ellie: My name is Ellie. I'm also at the University, I'm a junior. Rachel and I have Economics together and she asked me to come along. Seemed like a good idea at the time (looks around) now I'm not so sure.

Kimmy: Well, I'm Kimmy and this is my sister, Jessica.

Jessica: *(She puts her water bottle on the table, on top of the WIFI password)* We're here because –

Rachel: Because your mom is tired of you fighting.

Jessica *(shocked)*. Yes! How did you know??

Kimmy: You really are a good detective!

Ellie: Well, you said it when you came into the room.

Bob: Very loudly, actually.

Kimmy: Oh. So we did.

Rachel: Well, I guess that's everyone. Now we just wait for that lady to come back.

Ellie: I think I'm going to go ahead and put the WIFI password in. Just in case...

Bob: Good idea!

Jessica: Here it is! *(She picks it up and sees that the water had bled onto the paper)* Uh Oh.

Kimmy: Seriously, Jessica? You always do stuff like this!

Jessica: No, I don't!

Kimmy: Yes, you do!

Ellie: It's ok. We'll just ask for it again when that lady comes back.

Rachel: Excellent thinking, Ellie. As always. This is why I asked you to come with me!

Anna: Alright. I'm back with my tea. Is everyone ready? *(She takes a sip)*

Bob: Actually, we've had a little mishap and we were hoping to get the password again.

Kimmy: Ha. Mishap. You mean we got "Jessica'd"

Jessica: Mom says you're not allowed to use my name as a verb!

Kimmy: Well, mom isn't here!

Rachel: Anyway, if we could just the password again.

Anna: Of course. *(pause)* You know, this tea tastes just a little funny. I wonder if the cream has gone... oh, my. I really don't feel well. If you all could just...

Bob: Um, ma'am, you don't look so good.

Rachel: Are you ok?

Ellie: Do you need to sit down?

Anna: Yes, I think I should... *(She stumbles off stage and hits the button on her way out. We hear the buzzer as everyone races to try to get to the door)*

Ellie: Is she... dead?

Rachel: I can't be sure from here.

(The sisters begin to freak out)

Kimmy: Oh my goodness. Oh my goodness. We're stuck in here.

Jessica: We're stuck in here????

Rachel: Well, I did hear the buzzer. She said the door stayed locked for exactly one hour.

Bob: She also said her tea tasted funny.

Ellie: You don't think...

Rachel: That she's been murdered? I'm afraid that's exactly what I think.

Kimmy: Then maybe it's good we're locked in here safely.

Rachel: Don't you remember what else she said? That no one else is here. Which means...

Ellie: One of us is the murderer! *(Ominous music as the whole cast looks at the audience)*