

HARDY BOYS ADVENTURES™

#23 *MYSTERY ON THE
MAYHEM EXPRESS*

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MURDER MYSTERY CAST

Detective Parrot – *Trent Couture*

Gangster Eddie Garafalo – *Alan “Biff” Hooper*

Mafia “Mama” Garafalo – *Nadine Shaikh*

Aristocrat Debonair – *Marie Fico*

Bootlegger McKing – *Sebastian Rosé*

Flapper Schmidt – *Alyssa Moore*

Reporter Archibald – *Evie Wong*

Milkman Frothett – *Rico Green*

MAYHEM EXPRESS LAYOUT

Front

Engineer’s Cab

Coal Tender

Writing Car

Observation Car

Deluxe Suite Car

Parlor Car

Second-Class Sleeping Car

Dressing Room Car

Library Car

Performance Car

Dining Car

Back

GLOSSARY OF 1920S SLANG

bean shooter: a gun

bee's knees: the best

big house: prison

bootlegger: person who illegally makes, sells, or distributes
goods

box: a safe

cabbage: money

caboose: jail

cat's pajamas: spectacular

coffin varnish: alcohol

copper: police officer

crab: figure out

dangle: leave

dewdropper: a slacker
drop a dime: to inform on someone (typically to the police about criminal activity)
duck soup: easy
fakeloo artist: con man
fire extinguisher: a chaperone
flapper: a young fashionable woman who enjoys the party scene
gat: a gun
getaway sticks: legs
glad rags: fancy clothes
gumshoe: detective
heebee-jeebies: the jitters
heeled: armed
hotsy-totsy: perfect
ice: diamonds
icy mitt: rejection by someone you like
iron the old shoelaces: a way to politely say you're going to the bathroom
jalopy: an old beat-up car
keen: attractive
kitten: a woman
lam off: run from the authorities
live wire: a lively person
meat wagon: ambulance
nippers: handcuffs
oyster fruit: pearls

peeper: detective

phonus bolonus: nonsense

rattler: train

rhatz: “How disappointing!”

snooper: detective

soup job: to crack a safe

speakeasy: an illegal bar selling liquor during Prohibition

spiffy: elegant

squeeze: a girlfriend

swell: high class

tootin’ the wrong ringer: asking the wrong person

wrong number: a bad person