

# ***MAUNE MYSTERIES #8: ACCIDENTAL INTRIGUE***

**A one-shot mystery RPG for 2-5 in the RPG Detective v2.1 System, by Peter Hurford**

## **Requirements**

- Game Master familiar with this sheet
- 2-5 people who have never played this one shot before
- Time estimate: ~2hrs

## **Setting**

- The time is 1903 in Toronto

## **Theatrical Description**

- *The time is 1903 in Toronto and a new menace has been going around the streets -- cars. After a car accident results in the accidental death of a local city clerk, the town is buzzing about how to keep the streets safe. But another person is thinking there is more to the accident than what it seems.*

## **Exposition**

- Multiple calls to the local constabulary reporting a car accident of Mr. Isaac Wallis, a local city clerk
- One call from Mrs. Mary Louise, who reports that Mr. Wallis was murdered

## **Further plot points**

- When at the crime scene, see car toppled over and Mr. Wallis's body underneath it. Witnesses saw the driver swerve to avoid a lady carrying a baby in a stroller, get into a crash, and the driver run a way from the scene.
- Nurse at the scene was first responder, couldn't save Mr. Wallis
- Tracing the car reveals it belongs to Josh Denton.
  - Josh Denton pretty clearly can't afford the car.
  - Says he was paid off \$10 to ride the car into town, didn't know about no accident
  - Didn't know how the car would be registered in his name
  - Wasn't a murderer
- Constables find that the stroller was stashed away in the alley nearby
  - Lady who had the stroller, Ms. Riley James, was also paid \$10
- Mr. Wallis is in charge of the City Records department that files city permits
  - He was threatened into early retirement but didn't want to take it
- Replaced by Mr. Eric Bates

- Mr. Eric Bates has no qualifications and never worked in the city department before

### **Solution**

- Eric Bates is secretly paid off by the mob to file erroneous death certificates - the mob needed Mr. Wallis out of the way to do this, so they know Mr. Wallis's routine and they engineer the car crash. Ms. Lindon is not a real nurse, but sent to ensure the kill went down as planned.

### **Characters**

- Mr. Isaac Wallis, local city clerk, *deceased*
- Mrs. Mary Louise, onlooker, local city clerk
- Ms. Elizabeth Lindon, fake nurse
- Josh Denton, car owner
- Josh Trawley, local shopkeeper, sandwich seller
- Jimmy, paperboy
- Carl Foster, local shopkeeper, antique shop
- Mr. Eric James, new city clerk
- Ms. Riley James, fake mom
- Mrs. Laura Franks, onlooker, red herring character
- Mr. Jeffrey Franks, onlooker and businessman who wanted to buy a bar in the area but had his permit denied by Mr. Wallis, red herring character
- Charles Jackson, tire factory
- ...
- Two kids
- Flora, operator
- ...
- Charlie
- Eric
- Jeffrey

### **Timeline**

11:15am - sandwich  
 11:30am - death  
 11:35am - sandwich  
 11:40am - nurse  
 12pm -  
 12:30pm

### **Other Details**

- Car is a Redpath Messenger, brand new built in 1903. It had a wooden carriage body using a one-cylinder engine with shaft drive and two speed transmission. It was the first

vehicle in automotive history with a tilt steering wheel. It weighed approx 650 pounds and sold for between \$600 and \$700 with a top speed of 10 miles per hour.