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## The Puppet

Mr. Dragonsdale was a wealthy banker who lived in a mansion within the town of Oakland. The day came when he turned 50 years old and his relatives decided to throw a party. On the second weekend of April, the party began.

Everyone was having a great time dancing and talking and meeting new people.

One of the guests was Fred, a skilled ventriloquist. At the party he felt sick. He made his way through the mansion looking for medicine. He went upstairs into the attic and saw something out of the corner of his eye. It was an old, dusty ragdoll.

On his chest was a nametag that said "Puppet." He walked over and took the

puppet in his hands and went back down stairs to find Mr.Dragonsdale. He asked

him "May I take this puppet home for my ventriloquist act?" Mr.Dragonsdale,

never having seen the doll, said that he could keep it. He then went to find the maid

to clean it for him. Her name was Marian. As soon as she was done, the doll was

shining. She looked into its plastic eyes and as she was handing it back to Fred, it

blinked. Every light in the house went out and Marian was gone when they came

back on. Everyone was looking for her when someone came from upstairs and said

there was a single tally mark on the box the puppet was sitting on. The entire party

went to the dining hall to discuss who kidnapped Marian. Most people suspected

Fred, who no one knew. The cook spoke and said, "What about the –" At that time

he looked at puppet and smiled. The lights went out again and the cook was gone.

They went back up to the attic and another mark was found. Everyone split up to try to find the culprit when a couple and the butler were in the basement when they crossed paths the bus driver, Frank, and a man named Fredrick. Together they decided to leave the mansion. Frank found a bus in the backyard and picked everyone up. Before they get out of the courtyard, Fredrick found Puppet and the bus rolled over with no control. This time, the lights didn't go out. The ventriloquist and the Bus Driver were the last people left at this point. As they explored the attic, they found six tally marks on the box. They then found the puppet, and the lights went out. The director said "cut." The lights came on and everyone clapped.