Bunnicula- "Beware Apartment 13!" (aka "the Mr. Moleburg episode") Story by Karl Hadrika, Erin Kavanaugh, and Ian Wasseluk! First draft 06/08/15

Logline: When things begin to mysteriously disappear around the Orlock Apartments, the gang follows the trail of clues to the mysterious Apartment 13! When Bunnicula and the gang make their way inside, what they find is Mr. Moleburg- a strange man with an even stranger plan! What is that plan? Read on True Believers!

Act 1: Everybody's favorite things go missing. The gang follows a mysterious creature to the foreboding Apartment 13!

It's night at the Orlock. Chester is quietly reading. He gets anxious. He looks around. We reveal He is being spied on through a hole in the wall. "What the -?" The eyes disappear. The book Chester was reading is now gone. "Hey!" We see and hear movement in the walls. Meanwhile, Harold is walking the halls, chewing on a bone. A painting of a regal man is watching him. It's breathing hard. Harold smiles and says "Good evening Mr. painting! Just hanging out, Eh?" Harold laughs and then the painting starts laughing. Harold has a "wait a minute" moment. The eyes on the painting bug out and there is movement through the walls and ceiling. Harold's bone is missing. "Hey!"

Chester and Harold go to Bunnicula who is about to eat a giant carrot. Chester "Man! I know this place is old and haunted but c'mon! I feel like I'm being watched all the time-and now my stuff keeps going missing (figure out what that stuff is specifically so when he finds it we know it's the stolen stuff) - I think there's a ghost thief!" Bunn is like "I don't think so. Ghosts don't need things- they're dead!" Bunn goes to drink his carrot but now it's missing. "Hey!" We reveal they are being watched through the wall. An eyeball appears on something funny on the wall. (A picture of Mina?) Bunn sees the giant carrot forcefully pulled through a hole in the wall- "Get 'em!" They chase the movement in the walls through different locations in the house, some gags happen, up the stairs, all the way to foreboding *Apartment 13*.

Apartment 13? The gang looks scared - it looks old like it's been there for a long time. Just then, a loud monster roar comes from behind! The gang screams! Mina is behind them. "There you guys are! It's dinnertime. Boy, I scared you good!" Chester is clinging to the ceiling for dear life. Mina notices apartment 13 with a look of suspicion. The door creaks open and a fat old man hand slips a sign on the door saying "No trespassing" and shuts the door right away. The gang is like "What the -?!" On Mina "Daaad?"

Act 2: We find out the history of Apartment 13 and Mr. Moleburg. The gang decides to investigate. They find out what's really going on inside Apartment 13.

Match cut to Mina at the dinner table. "Dad! Who lives in apartment 13?" Mina's Dad, "Oh! Why that's Mr. Moleburg!" "Mr. Moleburg?""Yeah, he's been here since the Orlock was built! I've never seen him because he only leaves his apartment at night. BUT He never complains, and he always pays his rent on time- that's all that matters to me! He

could be a giant Mole and I wouldn't care!" A giant Mole man? Mina and the gang are intrigued by this information. They imagine their own versions of a Mole man. Like a skin mole? Mina's Dad is about to eat dinner but now it's missing. Mina's Dad "Hey, where'd my dinner go? It was right here! Heh heh. Only in America!" Everyone gasps. Mina's Dad's clothes are also missing.

Bunnicula says to the gang (Harold translates) "are you thinking what I'm thinking? Apartment 13 is where all of our stuff is! We have to get inside!" Chester "Oooh no. I know what you're thinking. You want to got to apartment 13." Harold and Bunn knowingly smile at Chester. Chester rolls his eyes.

The next night- it's raining. Chester, Harold, and Bunn are dressed like commandos and are hiding behind a plant and a garbage can in the hallway. At midnight, a large, rotund man wearing a trench coat and a fedora creeps out of apartment. He's talking to himself. "Gotta go to the pawn shop! Gotta pay the rent!" He is carrying a bag filled with random junk and quickly makes his way down the stairs and out the door into the rainy night. Chester "Now!" Chester and Harold post up to the door, Bunn turns into mist and goes under the door and unlocks the 10 deadbolts and opens the door for the gang. They turn on the lights. The gang's jaws drop.

The gang looks around and can't believe what they are seeing. It's a hoarder's paradise. The walls are lined with antiques from 100 years ago! Paintings! Trinkets! Taxidermies! And all of their missing stuff! Bunn calls the guys over- even HE hasn't seen anything like THIS:

They see a giant doll house- an exact scale model of the Orlock apartments. (Creepy children's chorus music plays) In each room is a handcrafted doll of each of the inhabitants- Madame Polidori, Marsha and her parents, Mina and her Dad (face missing), as well as Chester, Harold, and Bunnicula. Harold "Huh huh, This is so cool! I've always wanted an action figure of myself!" Cut to Chester's horrified expression "Creeeeeeepyyyyy...." Suddenly the door shuts behind them! The gang slowly turns around. Mr. Moleburg is back! (Worms eye view, backlit, still obscured by the trench coat and fedora, dripping in water, maybe a dramatic lightning strike). The gang screams!!

Act 3: The bizarre Mr. Moleburg reveals his sinister plan! The gang is trapped in Apartment 13 and have to confront Mr. Moleburg in a climactic battle!

Mr. Moleburg screams!! Chester screams "Aaagh! Don't hurt us!"
Mr. Moleburg responds "Hurt you?" Chester "Wait, how come you can understand us?"
Moleburg "Well, if you must know..." (Mr Moleberg begins talking to himself) "Are you sure about this? Quiet you!" As Mr. Moleberg says this, he begins removing his fedora and trench coat to reveal a rotund old man who really does resemble a mole! Mr. Moleburg "We've kept this a secret for a long long time..." The gang "We?!"
Mr. Moleburg unzips his face down to his legs to reveal a colony of moles, all standing upright, stacked on top of each other. "WE ARE Mr. MOLEBERG!" (Dramatic music sting). The gang can't believe what they're seeing!

Mr. Moleburg "We are the original inhabitants of this plot of land- until the Orlocks built this accursed building on top of us! Individually - we were too weak to fight back. We were not ready! So we bided our time- we watched! We observed! We stole! We plotted! You saw our plan? (Referring to the dollhouse of the Orlock) The Orlock! That's just Phase one! Phase one of our ultimate plan for a MOLE UPRISING! A planet of the moles! Where humans must serve moles! "Chester "Moles? Really?!"

Mr. Moleburg "But planning takes time! So in case anyone curious comes knocking, we come together to form - Mr. Moleburg!"

Harold: "Holy Moley! Sorry. I couldn't help it."

Mr. Moleburg "Now that you know our secret- we can't let you leave! Door locks." "Uh oh" the gang backs into a shelf. The shelf contains skeletons of animals- and of people too! It dawns on them- they must be all those who unfortunately ran afoul of Apartment 13! Rodents! Missing Pets! A vacuum cleaner salesman!

The gang "Let's get out of here!!"

The gang is chased around the apartment by the moles and are quickly cornered! Bunn "Quick! Grab something!" Bunn, Chester, and Harold grab giant mallets and turn the tables - now it's a game of "whack a mole"! The moles are beaten back. Dazed, the moles reform into Mr. Moleburg and try to escape on to the balcony. Bunn and the gang give chase. Mr. Moleburg turns to swing and hit Bunn but he misses and slips on the wet, slippery metal balcony. Mr Moleburg falls from the balcony. He hits the pavement like a water balloon! Ska-doosh! He explodes into a hundred moles each one still attached to a body part. The head mole cries out- "You haven't seen the last of us! We'll be watching you! Hey, where is everybody?!" The moles bonk into each other as they run away down the street into the night. The gang sighs relief "whew!"

The next day the gang is enjoying all the things that were stolen from them. Mina's Dad announces that Mr. Moleburg has mysteriously moved out of apartment 13! But it's okay because he's already found a replacement - Mina's Dad steps aside to reveal "Mr. Packratman!" "Is it just me, or does he look like a giant packrat?" The gang collectively rolls their eyes- then realize all of their stuff is missing. Mr. Packrat-man is chewing on a giant carrot. Iris out.

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