

"Family History" Sample Dialogue, Cohen Edenfield

INT. BOOREGARD MANOR: SPECTRUS DUNGEON ENTRANCE - NIGHT

DEBT, a half-demon monk, and AGHOSTUS BOOREGARD, a well-dressed ghost, stand before a DOORWAY carved in the likeness of an enormous skull. A stone hallway stretches off into the darkness behind them. Green fires blazing in the skull's eyesockets cast a sickly pallor over all.

DEBT taps a staff against the DOORWAY's teeth.

DEBT

Been meaning to ask you something.

AGHOSTUS

By all means, sir. I am your faithful guide until you conquer the dungeon of my hated brother, Spectrus. Every piece of knowledge I acquired in my long and colorful life is yours for the perusal.

DEBT

It's actually about your brother.

AGHOSTUS

My *hated* brother, Spectrus? Reviled and accursed? Treacherous and despised? Eternal shame of the Booregard name?

DEBT

Uh, sure. Any idea why he'd build a dungeon under your house?

AGHOSTUS

Oh, my hated brother Spectrus was ever and always creeping about. A born lurker. It surprised me not a whit to learn he had graduated from skulking to dungeoncraft. Vile places, dungeons.

DEBT

Yeah, no arguments here. But why'd he build his under *your* house?

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AGHOSTUS

A lethal combination of envy and spite. My hated brother Spectrus was enraged that I inherited Booregard Manor when my father Mortimer passed into his reward.

DEBT

So he turned it into monster hive. Makes sense. Sorry about your dad.

AGHOSTUS

Very kind of you to say.

DEBT

Was it, y'know... gentle?

AGHOSTUS

Alas, I am afraid it was anything but. Mortimer was trampled to death by seventy-seven horses.

DEBT

(turns to AGHOSTUS)

Your dad was trampled by *seventy-seven* horses?

AGHOSTUS

The Booregard family curse. All doomed to die in such a manner. I myself suffered the same fate.

DEBT

That sucks, man. I'm sorry.

DEBT turns back to the door, considering.

DEBT

OK. Think I got this.

DEBT centers himself, then delivers a mighty kick to the teeth of the DOORWAY, shattering them and revealing a DARK PASSAGE.

AGHOSTUS

Exquisite form, sir.

DEBT enters the DARK PASSAGE. AGHOSTUS follows.