

1 **CHARLOTTE:** Ooh, Henry! Do you think we should splurge on a second ghost?

HENRY: Why not? After all, you only celebrate your twenty-fifth wedding anniversary once! Let's live it up!

5 **LILY:** Fantastic! Then you're going to need these safety goggles.
(Hands them safety goggles.)

CHARLOTTE: What are these for?

LILY: Barney—that's our howler—is a poltergeist. He's been known to smash a few plates against the wall.

10 **CHARLOTTE:** Oh, how thrilling!

HENRY: What about knocking on pipes?

LILY: Oh, sure. Knocking on pipes, flickering lights, foul smells—he does it all.

HENRY: Perfect!

15 **LILY:** Looks like you're all set, then. Here are your keys. (Slides them two keys.)

HENRY: Thank you so much!

LILY: Would you like Barney to take your bags?

CHARLOTTE: Ooh, will he deliver them to our room?

20 **LILY:** He might. Or he might toss them out the window. With poltergeists, you never can tell!

HENRY: We'll take the chance.

LILY: (Calls out.) Oh, Barney!

BARNEY: (Pops ON from behind the sofa.) You called?

25 **HENRY/CHARLOTTE:** (Scream.) Ahh!

LILY: Would you please take the Nesbitts' bags to the Benson Suite?

BARNEY: But of course. (Picks up the suitcases and starts OFF UP RIGHT EXIT.) Here we go! (Swings the suitcases back and forth as if he's going to hurl them across the room.) One! Two!

30 **HENRY/CHARLOTTE:** Nooo!

BARNEY: (Stops swinging the suitcases.) Just kidding!

HENRY: Ha-ha! You really had us going for a minute!

CHARLOTTE: Oh, Henry! This is going to be the greatest vacation of our lives! (BARNEY EXITS UP RIGHT with the suitcases, followed OFF by HENRY and CHARLOTTE.)

35 **JO:** (ENTERS DOWN RIGHT, dusting off her hands.) Whew! The garden's looking a lot better. How are our reservations going?

LILY: Great, Mom! All our rooms are now booked for the next three months.