

[SFX Radio going up and down the dial to “Mystery Girl’s Mystery World” Theme Song]

Constance Hello out there in Allpocalypse land! It’s me, Mystery Girl, here to give you all the inside information on good ol Haven Hollow! Where do I get all this info? I’ll never tell! But you can totally trust me when I tell you this is all 100 percent truth!

So the big news is... the government just got smaller! We were already down to just a City Manager and now - no more Leslie Hugo! That’s right folks - the Texas Council of Bureaucratic Affairs Post-Allpocalypse gave Leslie the old pink slip. At least most of them did. 1 county voted to let him stay. The voting process is super-secret so I couldn’t find out who but I’m working on it for a future Mystery Girl episode!

Speaking of working on it - gather your straws for a BIG ANNOUNCEMENT. **[SFX Fanfare]** I mean big. It’s gonna be big. Show up at the Library Monday morning - **[SFX Phone Rings]**

DIRECTOR Hello... mystery girl.

CONST Uhhh.... Hello?

DIRECTOR I hope this big announcement is what I think it is.

CONST What do you think it is?

DIRECTOR I think you are ready to take this seriously. I think you are ready to get to work, shake some hands, kiss some babies, raise some straws.

I think you are ready to become a shark.

CONST OK weirdo, I would appreciate it if you would stop calling me a sewer shark! I don’t live in the sewer anymore! I found a cozy new place in Screaming Preacher - I mean Carrington Park **(to self)** oh shoot - gotta remember to bleep that. I don’t need fans showing up at my tree.

DIRECTOR **(exasperated)** No! Look I am trying to tell you you have my support!

CONST Ohhhhhh... thank you?

DIRECTOR For your campaign! For your fundraising appeal!

CONST For my... oh right! My special announcement! Will you be at the Library for it?

DIRECTOR **(huffs in frustration)**

[SFX Phone cuts off, dial tone]

CONST Well ok then. Let's move on to-- **[SFX obnoxious announcement sound]** Oooh! You know what that means? It's time to announce the winner of Mystery Girl's Mystery Swirl contest! Sponsored by Cafcon 5! I asked you to identify the finishing swirl on C5s newest offering the Cold Brew Mushroom Cloud Foam Sludgeicano! Six listeners guessed correctly that it is **[SFX Drumroll]** grape jelly from packets scavenged at the old Haven Hollow D-Lite Diner! But there can be only one winner. And that winner is... hold on, **[SFX paper shuffling]** gotta reach in here and pull out a name ... It's Dr. Benjuhthhhhhhh Sally Stickle! That's right! Sally Stickle come to the Caf and claim your prize of one free coffee made from fresh grounds. That's right! You get the first pressing!

[SFX phone rings]

CONST Ooh! Another caller! Helloooo you are on Mystery Girl's Mystery World!

BENJAMIN Constance you cheater! I know you pulled out my name! I won that contest! I want my free coffee!

CONST **(weak laugh)** who's Constance? I'm Mystery Girl!

BENJAMIN I know it's you! You don't even try to change your voice! Everybody knows it's you!

CONST **(to self)** Marjorie hasn't figured it out yet.

BENJAMIN What?

CONST Nothing, aggressive caller and SORE LOSER I have never met before!

BENJAMIN I want my prize!

CONST **(makes line interference sounds)** What's that? **(more sounds)** I'm sorry caller, looks like the phone lines are down for the day! **[SFX Hangs up]**

Whew! I think that's enough fun for one night! This has been another episode of **[Mystery Girl Theme]**

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You can also support Mystery Girl by subscribing on HatPasser! Supporters at the one straw a month level get an on-air thank you! Two straws a month gets you a "Gosh, thanks so much!" **[SFX Static and click as the radio turns off]**

(SFX: CRICKET CHIRPING -- outside sounds)

Hazel I don't know why you like to listen to her.

Marjorie I dunno - it's a good show. It passes the time.

Hazel You know that's Constance, right?

Marjorie What? Pff. No. That can't be right.

Hazel **(sighs)** ok. Well, it's almost time. **[SFX Cork pops, fizzing]**

Marjorie Yes! Bubbly time! Let me get a clean glass

Hazel Where did you find this anyway?

Marjorie Spendy Vendy! They really DO know what you want!

Hazel You can really see far from up here. It's so peaceful in Benjamin's little garden.

(pause)

M/H **(mockingly)** That's Dooooocctor Briiiiittle **(laughter)**

Hazel **(mocking)** Doctor... I am DOCTOR, Secretary!

Marjorie **(mocking)** I am THE Doctor - the ONLY DOCTOR in this whole building!

Hazel yes, yes, look at my thinking jacket and its elbow patches. HMPH! I have no time for peasants like you!

(both start laughing uncontrollably)

(Pause)

Marjorie So, **(drinking)** what's your New Year's Resolution?

Hazel Pft. No. I don't do those anymore **(lighter clicks, cigarette inhale)**

Marjorie Nah, me neither. WAIT! Where did you get those!!?

Hazel Spendy Vendy. Really does know what you want. Want one? **(flicks open lighter)**

Marjorie Hazel! I cannot believe you! Smoking kills, you know!

Hazel Marjorie! It's the end of the bomb-damned world, **(laughs, takes a drag from a cigarette)** we are all going to die anyway.

Marjorie You're probably right. **[SFX lighter flicks on]**

Hazel You know who needs to make a New Year's resolution?

Marjorie who?

Hazel **(mockingly)** Dooooctor Briiiiittle...

Marjorie **(laughs)** What would it be "I resolve to be more pompous in **(year is obscured by Hazel having a coughing fit)**" I told you those are bad for you!

Hazel Seriously though - what should it be?

Marjorie What if Brittle resolved to be kinder to people around town? What a riot that would be!

Hazel **(coughs)** He's not all that bad, really. What about Constance?

Marjorie She should resolve to stop running for an unelected office

Hazel Well, we know she isn't going to do that - what if she resolved to actually do her bomb-damned job for once?

Marjorie Eh..She's not that bad, she actually does a great job with the teens.

[SFX pause to pour more champagne]

Hazel/Marjorie What about Sheldon?!

(both laugh)

Hazel **(doing bad sheldon impression)** He could resolve to take some, uh, um, yeah, like - actual self defense classes.

Marjorie **(also doing impression)** uh... yeah, he could resolve to, uh, blow up the library less often...

Hazel **(still doing impression)** but... but.. there's a threat in the courtyard!

Marjorie **(laughs)** Where does he go at night?

Hazel **(non-committal shrugging noise)**

Marjorie Starla?

Hazel Where in Heaven's Gate has she been lately?

Marjorie I have no idea.

Hazel Doesn't she live with you?

Marjorie It's a big house! I could be living with lots of people! Haven't seen her in a while though, so - maybe she moved out?

Hazel Did you know that the Director thinks she is a spy?

Marjorie For what!? **(laughs)**

Hazel **(non-committal shrugging noise)**

(both laugh)

M/H Karen!?

(Pause)

Marjorie Does she even have a flaw?

Hazel No. Karen knows exactly what she is doing, who she is...and I wish I were a little bit more like her...

Marjorie And that hair....

Hazel Like a bomb-damned mermaid.

Marjorie You think it's real?

Hazel Uh, YA!

[SFX pause while another bottle is opened, another cigarette is lit, nighttime sounds -- roller derby pirates scavenge in the background]

Marjorie I have a resolution for you.

Hazel **(suspiciously)** Oh yeah? **(long pause)** What's that?

Marjorie Maybe... listen to your friends a little more often.

Hazel I listen to you!

Marjorie Ehhhh....

Hazel What do you think I'm not hearing, Miss Collections Development DIVA?

Marjorie **(laughs)** I think this is going to be a very interesting year, Hazel.

(Quiet contemplation between the two)

Hazel I have a resolution for you, too.

Marjorie Oh, you do, do you?

Hazel Just... oh, nevermind it's stupid.

Marjorie HAZEL! STOP!

Hazel Maybe, just... be here for me.

Marjorie Well... is there anywhere else I could be, Hazel?

Hazel I suppose not.

Marjorie **[SFX bottle from the roof, crashing glass]** Whoops! Oh shrapnel! That was the last one!

Hazel **(Laughs)** Happy New Year, Marjorie.

Marjorie Happy New Year, Hazel.

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Rebecca Hale voiced Mystery Girl, Lara voiced the Director and Marjorie, Aleya Stone voiced Dr. Benjamin Brittle, and Chriss voiced Hazel. Mystery Girl's theme song is by Jarren Chaney, and was sung (sung? Is that what she did?) by Rebecca.

And remember - use your Local Library. I'm pretty sure you could find information on whether it is safe to use five-year-old packets of grape jelly.