

*Sound of phone ringing, then HUGHES is heard over the answerphone.*

HUGHES

Thank you for calling Hughes and Mincks: Ghost Detectives! We are currently out of our office, but if you leave a message, we will get back to you at the start of our next business day. Please listen carefully to the following menu.

For general hauntings, please press one. For potential poltergeists, please press two. For haunted objects, please press three. For haunted machines, please press four. For inquiries about haunted history, please press five. If you suspect your child is possessed, please hang up and dial a priest. For all other inquiries, please press six. To hear these options again, please press the pound sign.

*Sound of a phone button being pressed .*

HUGHES

If this is your first time dialing our office, please press one. If you are a returning client, please press two. To return to the previous menu, please press three. To hear these options again, please press the pound sign.

*Sound of a phone button being pressed.*

HUGHES

Thank you for returning to the offices of Hughes and Mincks! We value your loyalty and look forward to doing business with you again. If this is in regards to a previous case, please press one. If this is regarding a new haunting, please press two. If you were a previously living client who is now a ghost, please press three. To reach Sophie Hughes directly, please press four. To reach Caroline Mincks directly, please press five. To hear these options again-

*Sound of a phone button being pressed, interrupting HUGHES.*

HUGHES

You have reached the direct voicemail of Sophie Hughes, Ghost Detective. I am currently out of the office, but will return your call at my nearest convenience. Please leave a

brief message with your name, contact information, and the nature of your inquiry after the tone, and have a wonderful day!

*Sound of a beep.*

MINCKS

Hughes, I know you're up there with your earbuds in, listening to the Convo Bros. Open the door! I forgot my keys and this coffee is getting cold. Hughes! When I get upstairs, we are going to rework this menu and streamline it, because this is ridiculous. I could have lived my whole life, died, and come back in the time it took me to get to your voicemail. Hughes, answer the -

*Sound of the voicemail being cut off. MINCKS sighs deeply and dials the phone again.*

MINCKS

I am not paying myself enough for this.

*Again, HUGHES is heard on the menu after a few rings, and their voice fades out as MINCKS starts to go through the menu a second time.*

HUGHES

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*Outro music comes in.*

CAROLINE

This minisode of Hughes and Mincks: Ghost Detectives starred the groovy Sophie Hughes as Hughes, and me, Caroline Mincks as Mincks. This episode was written and edited by Caroline. Find us on Twitter @HughesandMincks and give us a shout if you've got any haunting happenings going on!