RIPCORD: Character Descriptions

ABBY: age 70s - 80s. Abby Binder is a retired school teacher, living in the Bristol Place Senior Living Facility. She is dry, sarcastic, impatient, and presents as a cranky, bitter introvert, eager to be deliberately rude to people in order to chase them away.

MARILYN: age 70s - 80s. Marilyn is friendly, upbeat, and energetic, with a warm and outgoing demeanor. She loves people and finds them interesting, and she is known and almost universally beloved for her sunny disposition. A survivor of domestic abuse, she has a tenacious and stubborn strength.

SCOTTY: age 20s - 30s. Scotty works as a resident aide at Bristol Place Senior Living Facility. He is a friendly man, upbeat, patient and efficient. He has a good “customer service” instinct, is an extroverted people person good at handling various personalities. Scotty's real passion is acting.

COLLEEN (doubles as The Woman in White): age 30s - 40s, Colleen is confident, outgoing, friendly and devoted to her family -- especially her mother, Marilyn Dunne. Colleen assists her mother with increasingly dangerous pranks. She is a fierce, active and energetic woman, and initially pays no attention to her husband's fears that they might be going too far.

The actor playing Colleen doubles in the role of the Woman in White (character at the Haunted House).

DEREK (doubles as Masked Man, Zombie Butler): age 30s - 40s. Derek is COLLEEN'S husband. Derek is a pleasant, caring, loyal man, devoted to his wife and to his mother-in-law. Doubles as Masked Man (during mugging), and:

- The Zombie Butler: is an employee at a professional haunted house. His character serves to usher customers through the multitude of terrifying scenarios in the house, with a sinister, yet hospitable demeanor.

BENJAMIN (doubles as Lewis, The Clown): age 40s. Abby’s son Benjamin is an odd job man (working mainly in construction) and father to a newborn, two years clean after decades of struggle with addiction, who attempts to reconnect with his mother, Abby. Benjamin is happy with his life, but haunted by his past. Doubles as:

- Lewis: Lewis is MARILYN'S son, and skydiving instructor, who works in the family skydiving business. A commanding, confident man with a loud, booming voice, he has a bold presence.
- The Clown: is a character in a professional haunted house. A giggling, manic maniac.

Setting: the play is mostly set in double room at the Bristol Place Senior Living Facility in suburban New Jersey. Though there are a few other locations.

Play is in 2 acts with intermission