

CURSE OF THE GLASS EYE

Genres: Crime/Heist/Horror/Supernatural/Revenge/Thriller/Dark Comedy/Mystery

TOPE: Atmospheric, Macabre, Stylish, Irreverent, Sexy, Violent

SETTING: San Francisco – Tenderloin, Jackson Street, Seaciff, Fairmont Hotel, Warehouse, Hospital, Morgue

DEMOGRAPHICS: Adult/Female/Male/Multicultural/Diverse/International

LOGLINE

After a charismatic thief's diamond heist triggers unintended murders, he plans one last score to avenge their deaths – but his bloodthirsty, double-crossing partner's Vodou-cursed severed hand has other plans, unleashing a deadly hunt for payback.

THE STORY

Rocko is a master San Francisco diamond thief who has refined the clean heist. Alongside his crew that feature jeweler/Vodou priest Glass Eye, tech guru Trickster and his Irish chef wife, Ama – he has pulled eight jobs without a body. Their final score is a flawless 35-carat pink diamond owned by humanitarian arms dealer and keeper of looted Nazi gems, Wyly Henderson. Using Rocko's catering company, they infiltrate Wyly's party, but the pink is not in the safe, so Rocko steals a 25-carat clear diamond ring. Glass Eye puts a curse on Wyly and his bodyguard, Goliath. Wyly's heart explodes as he presents his granddaughter the pink; later, Goliath dies, then rises and goes on a murder spree. The clear proves to be Nazi-plunder and they only receive a finder's fee.

Rocko blames Glass Eye, who faults the spirits that he cannot control. Rocko, overwhelmed with guilt because of the deaths, plans one last score to avenge the victims. But first, he finds a Vodou Priestess who invokes the warrior spirit Ogou to perform a ritual of protection. To enhance the shield, he has a special tattoo inked on his chest with his blood. When Rocko's fence De Handelaar tips him when Glass Eye is selling the ice to her, Rocko ambushes him, severs his hand to get the diamond case and escapes. But Glass Eye is not finished. Dying he invokes Baron Criminel, a dark spirit of the dead, vengeance and zombies, and summons his severed hand. Wearing a blue diamond ring, the cursed beast hunts down Rocko, breaking a mugger's neck along the way.

Rocko turns the sparkle over to De Handelaar, keeping nothing and directing the fortune to Goliath's family and his victims, his crew and charity. Believing his debts are paid, he plans to reunite with Ama. But the hand finds him first. It crawls into his bedroom and leaps onto his chest. Rocko rips open his shirt. When the hand touches the Ogou protective tattoo, rigor sets in; it smokes and disintegrates into dust. In Fiji, Rocko approaches Ama no longer hiding behind a criminal persona. He embraces her as the sun sets. His last act of atonement is to throw the blue diamond ring into the ocean as the sunset blazes crimson.

WHY IT STANDS OUT

- **A Fresh Clash of Genres:** A heist crime thriller that collides with supernatural horror & dark comedy
- **Memorable Mythology:** Haitian Vodou, resurrection & a killer severed hand
- **Colorful Ensemble:** A multicultural crew of thieves, deceivers, fraudsters, jewelers & criminals
- **Commercial Mythology:** A crime franchise with supernatural possibilities

THE CRIME CREW

- **Rocko:** Charismatic British diamond thief
- **Chef:** Rocko's brilliant Irish chef & wife
- **Glass Eye:** Fence, Vodou priest, partner
- **Trickster:** A young tech-savvy mastermind

EMOTIONAL CORE

- A crew's loyalty, sacrifice & friendship
- A husband & father fighting to get home
- A criminal seeking salvation caught between money, love & morality

THEMES

- Redemption vs. revenge
- Greed vs. consequence
- Crime vs. conscience
- Past sins return to collect their debt

COMPARABLES (POSITIONING)

- *The Last Diamond* (Sophisticated crime plot)
 - *Snatch* (Colorful criminals & British humor)
 - *Angel Heart* (Occult Vodou terror)
 - *The Gentlemen* (Intricate payback schemes)
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