

**Tails or Heads:
Stories from Other Centuries**

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Quarto Four

Or most of us, though, it isn't the tides of history but the ebb and flow of human relationships that set the stage, as these four stories do, for how ready we are not just merely to survive, but to thrive.

Custody

Tails

Agonize over a custody challenge with divorced businessman Myles Lowry as he learns his ex-wife's bizarre behavior, inspired by *The Glass Menagerie*, has exposed their daughter to an encounter with a railroad-riding vagrant.

Class Reunion

Heads

See if you can second guess and keep up with Bill Stokes, as he unintentionally stumbles into a high school get-together and has to finesse his escape without being discovered by classmates with connections to the nemeses he has avoided successfully for years: the lords of organized crime and the District Attorney of Manhattan.

Lady Liberty

Tails

You can rate Fran Stico's professional integrity when you read that the Hoboken therapist's career advancement depends upon her design and supervision of an uneventful therapeutic trip to the Statue of Liberty for her Asberger's patient; a trip disrupted by her administrators' last minute demand to take an amnesia patient along.

Scenes from a Business Affair

Heads

Come to dinner and see if a Wisconsin department manager, Toni McVey, can be wily enough to get through her job interviews in the 1980s Big Apple in the face of gender harassment cloaked in the verbal codes of the day.