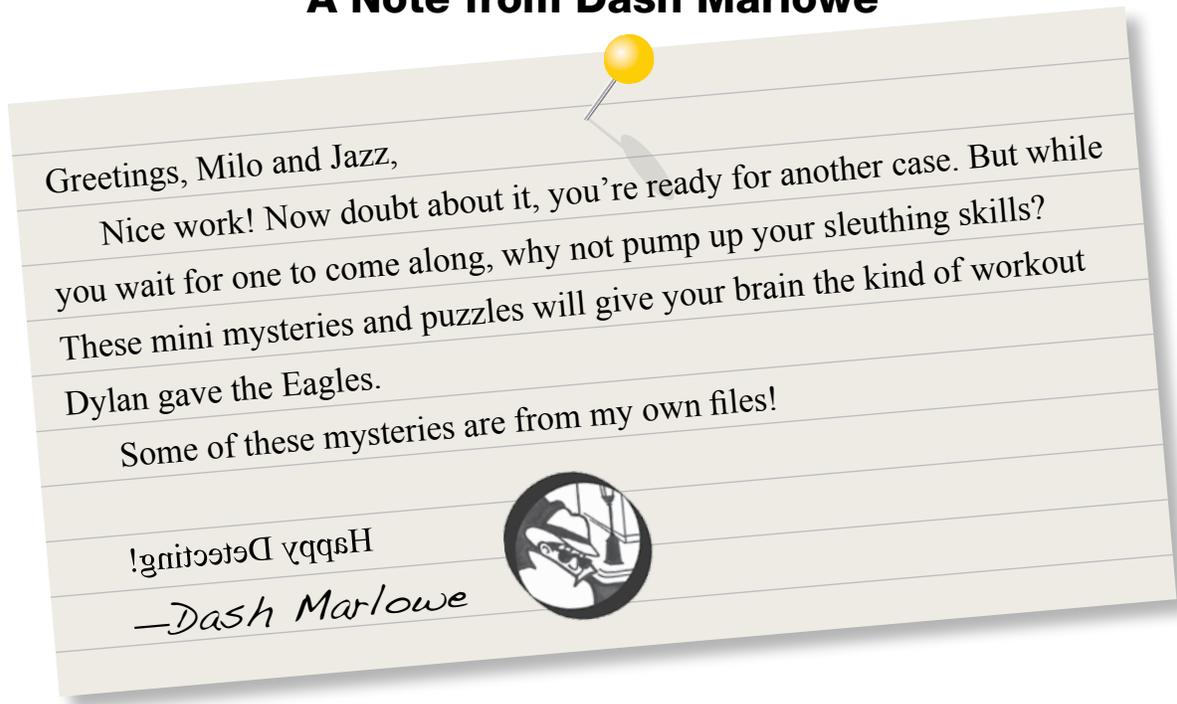




SUPER SLEUTHING Activities

A Note from Dash Marlowe



Warm Up for Sleuthing with Brain Stretchers

Here are a few brain stretchers to warm you up.

1. Why are manhole covers round?

Hint: What is special about a circle.

2. What do the numbers 11, 69, and 88 all have in common?

Hint: Notice the look of the numbers

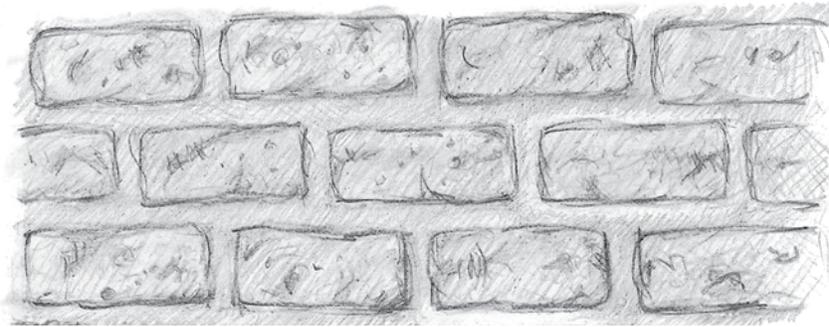
3. Some months as 31 days. How many have 28?

Hint: Look at a calendar. How many 28s do you see?

Spot the Clue!

Observing means really paying attention to what you see and hear—and even smell!
But you need to do some thinking, too! Can you spot the clue?

In the **Case of the Sizzling Spy**, a spy hid his stolen secrets in a brick fireplace.

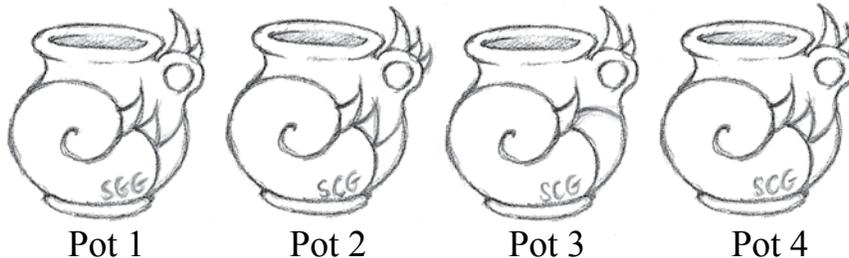


How did I know which brick had been moved?

In the **Case of the Pots**, an art faker made copies of this pot by a famous artist. He sold the copies for a sky-high price. But the faker made some mistakes.



Three of these pots are fakes. Can you spot the real one? Draw a line under the real one.



Pot 1

Pot 2

Pot 3

Pot 4

What are the clues that told you each pot was a fake

Pot ____ is fake because _____.

Pot ____ is fake because _____.

Pot ____ is fake because _____.

A Hidden Picture

Dylan's room reminded me of the **The Case of the Spacy Swindler** ... Try to spot the swindler's hidden loot!



Circle the each item of the loot in the picture when you find it.

The loot: fifty dollar bill, pearl necklace, tiara, brooch, golden feather, two pearl earrings, diamond ring, ruby bracelet, heart locket



The Glitzy Gangsters: A Logic Puzzle



Three jewelry stores were robbed by three different jewelry thieves. Can you work out which store each thief robbed, which jewels he liked best, and what he stole?

(Oh, yes—I quickly busted all three with the loot still on them.)

Look at the clues and fill in the answer box where you can. Then read the clues again to find the answer.

- Clue 1** Rocky robbed the Sparkle Shop.
- Clue 2** The stolen earrings came from Gem Place.
- Clue 3** Sal stole a necklace from Bling!
- Clue 4** One stolen item was a ruby bracelet.
- Clue 5** The thief named Louie did not steal the emeralds.
- Clue 6** One robber stole something made of diamonds.

Answer Box

	Sparkle Shop	Gem Place	Sal
Thief			
Stolen item			
Favorite jewel			

Write your answer.

A Mini-Mystery

Here's a chance for a real detecting workout!

Think logically and draw a conclusion. . . .

My friend Jane owned the Perfect Piano Store. Every Friday night she'd empty her safe and have her clerk Evan take the money to the bank. Jane told him to take the quickest way—even if it was down a dim alley and a quiet street. She always put the money in a beat-up old shopping bag that nobody would notice. But one Friday the money was stolen. Evan said the thief came up behind him, snatched the money bag, and ran off. Evan only saw him from the back. So he couldn't tell much about the man, except that he was wearing jeans and a dark jacket with a zipper.

Jane thought Evan's story sounded fishy. So did I.

Was Evan lying?

Remember: Good detectives take time to sift out the information they need from the information they don't need. Think things through, pick out the important clues, and you'll be a real ace.

(Hint: Where is the zipper on a jacket?)

Write your answer conclusions.

A Mini Mini-Mystery

Here's a tricky mystery for a very, very good observer.

The suspect said he found a ransom note slipped between pages 23 and 24 of a book called *Caring for your Pet Python*. How did I know he was lying?

(Hint: Take a peek at the pages of the book.)
