



SUPER SLEUTHING PUZZLES

A Note from Dash Marlowe

Greetings, Milo and Jazz,

Congratulations! This case was one for the record books. Milo, very few detectives have argued a case in court—and won! And Jazz, even fewer have wound up as defendants! Of course, I was once falsely accused of faking evidence—by a jealous rival sleuth. My blood still boils when I think of The Case of the Dirty Detective. . . .

Happy Sleuthing!

—Dash Marlowe



Warm Up!

Here are some brain stretchers to keep you fit to foil the cleverest culprits! If you have any doubts about your answers, take a look at the last page of this letter.

1. How can you make seven an even number?

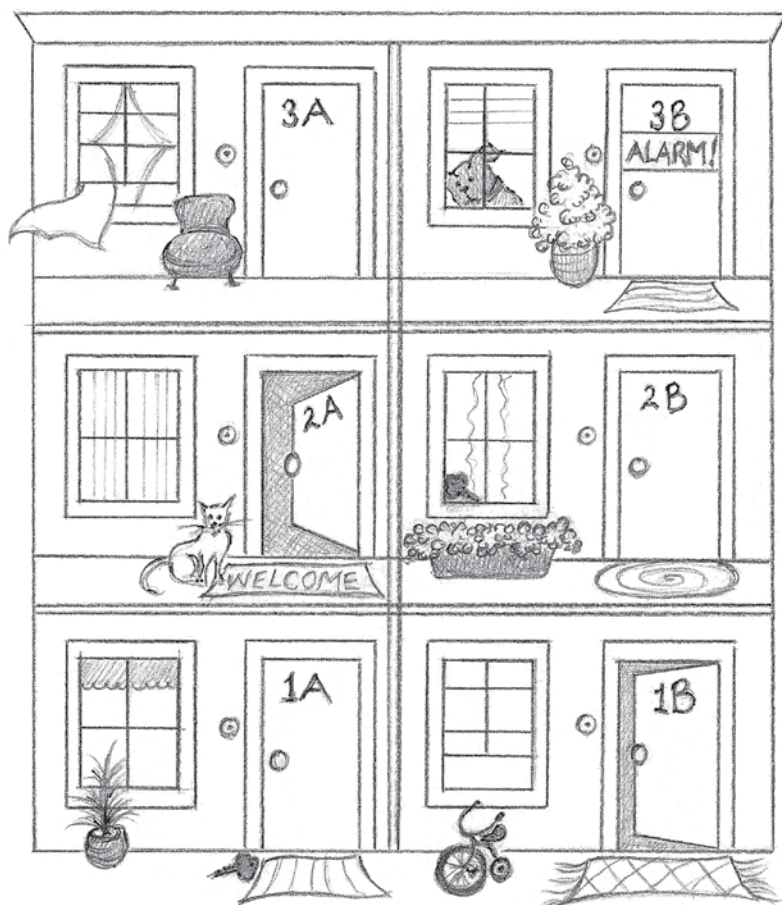
2. The barbershop in your town has two barbers. One has a nice, neatly trimmed head of hair. The other's hair is a mess. Which barber should you use?

3. What happens once in a minute, twice in a moment, and not even once in a hundred years?

4. The more it dries, the wetter it gets. What is it?

Hello, Burglar! Come On In! An Observation Puzzle

Your mystery reminded me of a building I once came across. What careless tenants! Only one worried about robberies. The rest left doors and windows open—and keys in obvious places! See if you can spot all the careless things the tenants did. (Hint: There are six.)



Answer:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

A Robber's Guide to Theft Prevention: A Logic Puzzle



Three ex-robbers always worried about . . . robbers! Each had a special item he wanted to keep safe and his own idea of how to do that. Try to figure out what item each guy treasured and how he protected it.

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 loved the clown mask he wore on his first bank holdup.
- Clue 2** The ex-robber who adored his rubber ducky put it in a box, hung it from a canoe, and put the canoe in a lake.
- Clue 3** Louie hid his treasure in his cat's litter box.
- Clue 4** One guy hid his most beloved item in a package in the freezer labeled "Lasagna."
- Clue 5** One ex-robber prized his first Wanted poster and meant to keep it forever.

Answer Box

	Rocky	Louie	Sal
Treasure			
How protected			

Answer:

_____ kept his beloved _____ in a box hung from a canoe in a lake. He often took it out for a swim.

_____ kept _____ in his freezer in a package labeled "Lasagna."

_____ hid his _____ in a plastic bag in his cat's litter box. (I know—ewww.)

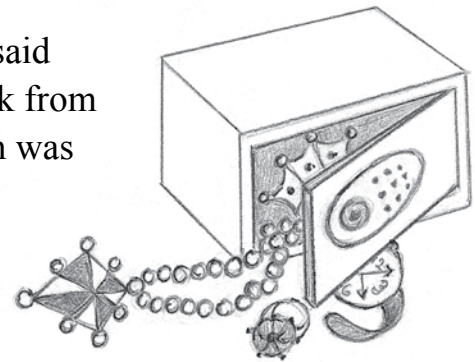
Stolen at Sea: A Mini-Mystery

Check this out and draw your own conclusion!

It was a dark and stormy night—really. I wouldn't have minded except that I was on a ship and more than a little queasy. I was wishing something would distract me from the rolling and lurching when the captain called me. Sometime during the last half hour a fortune in jewels had been stolen from the safe in a film star's stateroom.

Only two people knew where the jewels had been kept: the star's assistant, Frank Beck, and her maid, Mabel Drudge. Beck told me he'd been alone in his cabin writing notes. He showed me several different ones, each of which began in neat, precise block letters, "I'm having a pleasant trip but missing you a lot."

The maid, pointing to headphones and a music player, said she'd been alone in her cabin listening to the soundtrack from *The Little Mermaid*. I knew right away that one of them was lying. Who was it?



Answer:

_____ was lying.

Dash knew because _____

EEEEK! A Make-a-Model-Story

Making a model has saved me grief in more than one case. There's nothing better for helping clients understand how something works! Here's one story.

A desperate client came to me wringing his hands and crying, "There's a giant monster in my basement!" He'd gone down there to turn off a light, but when he saw a huge shadow of an eight-legged creature on his wall, he flew back upstairs. Too afraid to return to the basement on his own, he begged me to investigate. When I searched, all I found was a small rubber spider that belonged to his young son.

I guessed right away what had happened, but my client refused to believe me. So, using a flashlight and the rubber spider, I recreated his "giant shadow monster" on the kitchen wall. How did I do it? (Hint: If you're not sure, try making a model yourself with a flashlight and any small object.)



Answer:

I asked my client to hold up the rubber spider several feet away from the kitchen wall. Then I shined my flashlight on the spider.

The _____ the flashlight got to the spider, the _____ the shadow on the wall grew—until it really did look like a _____!

(Try it for yourself and see what kind of giant shadow creatures you can create.)