

Copycat: Hint File

1 puzzle per page

Black Rock Butcher Note #1 (once upon a time):

1. Extract all extra letters from the note.
2. Use the resulting message to tell you how to decode what's at the bottom of the note.
3. Take the hidden message's advice and skip the appropriate number of characters for each encoded character at the bottom.
4. Use with the bee tag.

The Toymaker Puzzle (yellow tag with bee):

1. Use the directions obtained from Butcher note #1 and apply that.
2. The directions from the Butcher puzzle tell you which of the hexagonal sections to focus on.
3. Obtain the correct number.
4. Refer to the map and use that number to eliminate a suspect.

Butcher Note #2 (Sometimes you fall in love...):

1. Extract all extra letters from the note that shouldn't be there.
2. You will obtain 4 words from this.
3. The symbol at the bottom of the note tells you that this is a "play on words."
4. Take the 4 words you've obtained and find a different way of saying them.
5. They will reveal an alias for one of the subjects.
6. Read the usernames from the Den of Thieves. Which one matches the play on word phrase you got?
7. Pay close attention to the timestamps on the Den of Thieves printouts.
8. Who would have the shortened name of Millie?

Toymaker puzzle #2 (green tag, multiple fonts):

1. Take a look at the message the copycat left behind on the wall of The Hideaway Motel.
2. Focus on the three colors the note mentions.
3. Go through the Toymaker tag and pull out all of the letters with those colors.
4. Once you are finished you will have information about two different suspects.
5. You should have a word that goes with a suspect, their gender, and which is their dominant hand.
6. The dominant hand information will help you eliminate a suspect.
7. Look again at the witness interviews. One of them has information about which hand the murderer uses. You should be able to eliminate a suspect now.

The Seaside Strangler Notes:

1. Read the note carefully and pay special attention to words that may give directions.
2. The words to focus on: scramble, multiple groups, three sides, four sides, encircled
3. Examine the other Strangler note and focus on shapes with three sides, four sides, and circles.
4. Group each of them together and unscramble the letters by shape.
5. Take all the letters from the triangles to get a name then use the letters from the squares and circles to find out where that person was.
6. If you check the time of the event you will be able to eliminate a suspect.

Chimera Note (Detective Notes):

1. This note combines elements of The Toymaker, Seaside Strangler, and Black Rock Butcher notes.
2. Pull out all extra letters from the note.
3. You should obtain a phrase from this.
4. Examine the letters at the bottom of the note carefully. You should be able to find all of the words you've obtained in the two sequences of letters. Cross each word out as you find it and write down what is left.
5. You should have a single word that remains.
6. This will tie in more once you have finished all of the other puzzles

Investigation Board:

1. The board contains images from every case The Will Street Detective Agency has worked in the past year.
2. Notice that some of the push pins on the board are numbered.
3. Use the glossary of terms on the Will Street Detective Agency sheet to determine what each numbered image is a representation of.
4. Once you've determined which description goes with which image use the letter that corresponds to the description.
5. Follow the numbers, writing down the letter that corresponds to each photo until you've reached the end.
6. You should have a statement from the copycat that gives you an important fact.