

The Secret of Easthaven Forest: How to Eliminate Each Suspect

(*Spoilers below! Do not proceed further if you haven't worked the box!)

*Randy Bower is eliminated by Katy Moore's interview. She says, "The guy I'm certain isn't the killer has a tattoo on his upper arm that matches the name hidden in the second verse of the Red Fang song. I thought it was a weird coincidence, but I'm positive it isn't him." The name found by taking the first letter of each line in the second verse of the song is 'Cora.' The 'Suspects' document tells us that Randy Bower had the name 'Cora' tattooed on one arm. Thus, we can eliminate him.

*Harley Rikeland can be eliminated after talking to Curtis Schneider who says, "I don't even know much about what he looks like because he always wore a mask to keep me from seeing his face. But every time I see him he's weirdly fanatical about combing his hair and his beard. It's like a nervous tic. Who knew a killer could be so particular about his appearance?" After matching up each suspect with their name, we learn that Harley Rikeland is the only bald suspect. Thus, we can eliminate him.

*Dirk Riley can be eliminated after examining the dates each of the suspects was incarcerated and cross-checking that against the dates of each victim's death. Dirk was serving time for attempted murder from February 2003 to July 2013. Bob Angelis was killed on September 23, 2009. It is impossible that Dirk could have been responsible for the murder since he was in jail at the time. Thus, we can eliminate him.

*Franklin Garrett can be eliminated after reading Nick Moore's interview where he says, "I saw the killer from his left side. The bird on his arm wasn't in color." Once we have solved the C.S.I.'s test and gained access to her briefcase, we see that the only one of the bird tattoos that is in color is the swallow. Upon reading about each suspect, we learn that Franklin is the one with the swallow tattoo. Thus, we can eliminate him.

That leaves only David Peterson, who is the killer!