

The Last Laugh: Hint File

*one puzzle per page

Eliminating a Suspect

1. Pay close attention to the The Wandering Monster Parade commercial.
2. Pay close attention to the time of death as stated in the beginning brief.
3. In the commercial one of the performers has a show at the time of the murder and thus cannot be the killer,

Ms. Cthulhu

1. In one of his hints to you, Howie talks about Cthulhu and typewriters with QWERTY key arrangements.
2. You have a picture of a typewriter in your box.
3. He talks about “being put on the *right* track.”
4. Take each letter from the puzzle, find it on the typewriter and move right one key.
5. Write down your results.

Comic Strip Puzzle

1. You will notice that each portion of the comic is in its own column with a specific image at the bottom.
2. Read the last thing Howie mentions in his interview very carefully.
3. Notice how certain words correspond to certain images on the comic strip.
4. Use what Howie tells you to rearrange the order of the columns.
5. Write the columns of letters down in the correct order and read left to right.
6. This will eliminate a suspect.

Spiders

1. Notice that there are 9 rows of spiders with 5 spiders in each row.
2. Lux tells you: "Black Widow Venom Could Cause Aches, Pains, Agony, Death."
This contains 9 words with 5 letters each.
3. Ariana, The Spider Queen, gives you 9 colors.
4. Match each word that Lux tells you with each color Ariana provides (example: the first word is Black, the first color is green...so the word Black goes with the color green)
5. Once you have the color that corresponds to each word, rearrange the words so that they go with their appropriate colors (example: since we know the word Black goes with the color green, we can place the word Black on the row with the green spiders.)
6. Place each word according to the color it corresponds with.
7. Take the letters that are circled and read from top to bottom.
8. If you still are having trouble with getting the words matched with the correct colored spiders, here is what it should look like

P A I N S
C O U L D
D E A T H
C A U S E
B L A C K
V E N O M
W I D O W
A G O N Y
A C H E S

Coffin

1. Wolfgang tells you how to unlock the coffin inside Scarlett's trailer
2. The Homecoming King's interview is a good place to look for the answer.

Mirror Maze

1. Read John Harrell's interview to determine what you need to gain access.
2. Read the interview with Chatters the Clown to find the password.

Concessions

1. You will need to have unlocked the Mirror Maze first.
2. Read Lux's interview to determine how to gain access to the Concession Stand.
3. The name you need is found in the newspaper clipping you found in the Mirror Maze.

Ticket Booth

1. You will need to solve the Ms. Cthulhu puzzle and have opened the Mirror Maze and the Concession Stand before you can open this.
2. Use the instructions that you decoded from Ms. Cthulhu. Read Howie's first hint completely. He gives a lot of information here.
3. Read Howie's second hint which describes what a certain word refers to.
4. Howie mentions that you will need two parts,
5. Consult what you discovered inside the Mirror Maze to find that portion of the password.
6. Examine what you found in the Concessions booth.
7. Put both components of the password together to open the ticket booth (no caps, no spaces)

Crazy Circus/Insane Clowns

1. Notice that certain letters are blacked out. Use all the black letters. Write those all together.
2. After gaining access to the ticket booth, you are instructed to use what we buried in the clown art along with another piece of specific information.
3. Follow the instructions.

STALK Report

1. The email gives a very specific set of instructions for how to unlock the STALK report. At this point, you should have eliminated 6 suspects.
2. Take the number of each suspect that you have eliminated and put the numbers in sequence.
3. Use the sequence of numbers to unlock the report.

STALK/Mikey

1. To learn what sort of information Mikey has, use the special password you obtained from the STALK report.

Final Solution:

1. After reviewing what Mikey discovered, you should have the first and last name of the killer.