

The Pretender Hint File

*One Puzzle Per Page

Video Tape

*Note: We are aware that there is a misspelling in this puzzle for the second word. Apparently, even serial killers make mistakes! This should not affect the outcome of the information you obtain.

1. The first thing you are told to do in The Pretender's text message (on the back of the Beginning Brief) is to watch a movie. You have a video tape (Play Me) that has been left for you. Scan the QR code to play the video.
2. You should notice in each segment of the video that a particular color is featured in what you see.
3. You also have 4 different colored notes (blue, white, red, yellow) by The Pretender.
4. Use the video to obtain the correct order of the notes (by color).
5. There are letters underlined in each of the notes.
6. Now that you have the correct order of the colors (gained from the video) you can read the letters in the order they appear.
7. Example: The color orders from the video are yellow, red, blue, and white so the letters would be I (taken from yellow), W (taken from red), O (taken from blue), U (taken from white), L (taken from yellow because you continue to repeat), and D (taken from red) which gives you the words I WOULD. *See above disclaimer on this second word.
8. Continue this process until you run out of underlined letters on each of the notes.
9. Read the message that results.
10. You will be able to eliminate a suspect.

Grid Puzzle/Masked Face

1. The Connected Home card says, "For rules to the grid game, ask Connected Home."
2. Scan the QR code to have Connected Home give you rules for the grid puzzle.
3. Connected Home will give you four rules that you will use to rule out squares on the grid based on the numbers in each square.
4. The first rule says "One digit is even and one digit is odd." Disregard any square on the grid that doesn't fit this rule.
5. Do the same for the other three rules, eliminating squares based on those that don't fit the rules.
6. You should end up with a single square that meets all 4 rules.
7. Note: The first few prime numbers are 2, 3, 5, 7, 11.

Puzzle Piece Skull Puzzle

1. You should have a document that depicts a skull that is made out of puzzle pieces.
2. Notice the pattern of dots on the skull's forehead.
3. The pattern matches up with one of the sets of scantron answers on the questionnaire.
4. Essentially, this puzzle requires you to figure out which suspect corresponds to which set of answers and rule out the one whose answers match up to the pattern on the skull.
5. This will require you to read every interview on the back of each suspect card and use the classified ad.
6. The suspects will tell you things like which Bradley Raymond novel is their favorite or which story they love the most. These bits of information correspond to the questions listed on the questionnaire.
7. The classified ad also contains some information about one of the suspects. Scan through the classifieds until you find words that are between two question marks. You should end up with a sentence based on those words (reading top to bottom) that helps match up one suspect with their question answers.

Word Search

1. In order to complete this word search, you have to first determine what words you are looking for.
2. Each clue at the bottom of the page should help you determine the correct word to search for (example: past tense of am is the word 'was' so 'was' is the word you will find.)
3. Once you have determined all the words you are looking for, find them in the word search above.
4. The Pretender also tells you to "read all to find out a fact about me."
5. Take all of the words you have gained and read them together as a single sentence.
6. This sentence should be used to interpret something essential about a time when The Pretender was at the lodge (meaning anyone who wasn't there at that time couldn't possibly be considered a suspect).
7. Take special note that the word 'hands' from the word search results is plural. That means think of both hands, not just one when interpreting The Pretender's message.
8. Each suspect tells you when they arrived at the lodge. Read the back of each suspect card and pull out all needed information to develop a timeline of when each suspect arrived and eliminate the one whose time of arrival falls outside of when The Pretender says he or she was there.

Floppy Disk

1. This should be tied to the word search results because the word 'search' is underlined.
2. To unlock the QR code it says to use the three-digit time (this should be obtained from correctly interpreting the word search result)
3. The additional instruction tells you to add a number at the end made from the letters where words intersect.
4. There should be three places in the word search where the words you have found intersect at a single letter.
5. Use those letters to spell a number and add that number at the end of the sequence.
6. Password to unlock should be four numbers (the three denoting the time mentioned in the word search and the number made from intersecting letters)
7. The unlock will be used with The Machinery of Infinity.

The Machinery of Infinity/Aerial Photograph

1. When you unlock the floppy disk, you will see a schedule for Bradley Raymond's Inagural Campout.
2. Notice that some letters are highlighted in red.
3. Also, notice the strange times for each event.
4. The times on the schedule match up with times on the clocks on The Machinery of Infinity.
5. The aerial photograph of the lodge can be linked to these two things because it mentions the crime scene game (which is one of the events on the schedule) and the infinity symbol (The Machinery of Infinity).
6. The arrow pattern on the aerial photograph shows the order that the clocks should be read in (the lodge corresponds to the square clock).
7. Starting at the lodge, follow the path of arrows and determine which clock they correspond to.
8. For each clock, find the time on the schedule that matches up and use the red letter that corresponds.
9. Read all of the letters together at the end and eliminate a suspect based on what you've learned.

Hand Card

1. This one is simply based on correctly solving 5 other puzzles in the box (The Machinery of Infinity/Aerial Photo, Grid Puzzle, Video Tape/Colored Notes, Word Search, and Puzzle Piece Skull Puzzle).
2. Each of these 5 puzzles should eliminate a suspect.
3. Use the first name of each suspect that corresponds to each of the 5 puzzles and obtain the letter from the name that you are told to pull out.
4. The five letters should spell a name that relates to The Pretender's true identity.
5. Use this name to unlock the QR code on the card.
6. What you obtain from this unlock will be used in conjunction with the "From the Desk of Bradley Raymond" document you have.

From the Desk of Bradley Raymond

1. Bradley Raymond gives you quite a bit of information about The Pretender. He also tells you that he is preparing the panic room at the cabin in the event The Pretender shows up.
2. The last paragraph contains the essential information you will use.
3. He tells you that “the key to opening the room is there.”
4. You should have a limited edition Bradley Raymond chapbook called “The Fourth Key.”
5. Bradley Raymond also mentions “any page, any line, or any word he has ever written.”
6. Notice that the code is written with 3 numbers. These correspond to page, line, and word.
7. The document provides half of the code. The other half should have been obtained from the Hand QR code unlock.
8. Using both pieces of information, determine the full set of numbers that you will use along with “The Fourth Key” story.
9. Find the numbers that correspond to each page, line, word coordinate and use those digits to access the panic room.

Panic Room Access

1. Use the information obtained “From the Desk of Bradley Raymond” and the Hand QR unlock. (directions for both are in the previous two pages of this document).

Spy Camera Unlock

1. When you encounter Bradley Raymond in the panic room, he tells you about a spy camera that he hid and how to access what's on it.
2. Preston Ingalls should have the information you need.

Final Solution

1. The spy camera should provide a specific word that you will need to unlock this.
2. At this point, you should also have one suspect left that you have been unable to eliminate.
3. Use the two together, to solve the box.