

The Secret of Easthaven Forest

Hint File:

*one puzzle per page

Determining Which Suspect is Which:

1. This involves unlocking the computer which has been locked by a virus.
2. The fax from FLUK3 holds the key to opening the computer.
3. Each letter of the alphabet at the bottom of the fax is represented by a series of 5 characters (* and B).
4. The letters in the message from FLUK3 are underlined in groups of 5. Some of them are in bold print.
5. The * represents characters in the message that aren't in bold and the B represents characters in the message that are in bold.
6. Take each underlined group of numbers, determine the pattern of * and B that make up that grouping of letters, and match it up to the appropriate letter below.
7. Example: ABCDE would be represented in the alphabet by ******B** because the first four characters aren't bold and the fifth is. When we look at the alphabet supplied by FLUK3 that would give you the letter B.
8. Apply this approach to each grouping of underlined letters until you have the passcode to bypass the computer virus.
9. Once you have done this, you will know which suspect matches up with which photo.

Finding Reggie Duncan's Blog:

1. Reggie has some important information for you that will help you determine what is going on and tells you to visit his blog.
2. At the bottom of his interview card, he gives you a coded link that will lead to his blog.
3. Right before he gives you the encoded blog link, he provides a hint when he says, *"But I can't be the only one left. See what I did there?"*
4. What this means is to take each letter of the coded link and shift one letter or number to the left.
5. Example: The letter C would become B, B would become A, and so on.
6. Once you have the correct link to Reggie's blog, he gives you the key to getting Katy to talk to you. He also provides one of the criteria for how the suspects have been chosen (one thing they all have in common).

Katy's Bracelet:

1. Deciphering Katy's bracelet is the key to getting her to talk to you.
2. The message on Katy's bracelet at first glance may look like some sort of substitution code. It isn't.
3. What's written there is more of a rebus than a code (think about the way license plate messages are written).
4. Each part of the message provides a certain sound. When combined, these sounds will form a common saying.
5. For instance X would becoming Ex.
6. Once you have figured out the message and are able to gain information from Katy she gives you information that is used to help eliminate a suspect.

Secret Message in Song:

1. Katy says she can confidently eliminate one of the suspects because of a tattoo on his arm that matches a hidden name in verse two of the Red Fang song.
2. The tabloid article contains the entire song.
3. Take the first letter of each line of the second verse and use the name you gain to eliminate a suspect based on Katy's interview.

CSI Puzzle

1. The CSI in this case has information that should help eliminate a suspect. The only problem is she gives you a test that will help you access her briefcase.
2. This puzzle is simple in theory but a bit tougher to execute: simply count the number of triangles.
3. Obviously, you begin by counting the small triangles. Then, from there, count all the larger triangles inside the shape. The total number you end up with is followed by a zero and then used twice.
4. The combination you should end up with should be in this format: __ 0 __ 0
5. Once you have the correct answer you can open the briefcase and gain access to a list of some of the suspect's tattoos.
6. On the interview sheet, Nick tells you something about the killer's tattoo that you can use in conjunction with the tattoo sheet you obtain from the briefcase to eliminate a suspect.

First Puzzle on Leads Sheet:

1. This puzzle is used to gain access to Murray Chemical. Fogerty Reynolds thanks Katy for teaching him to write this way. Think about the way the bracelet was decoded and a similar method applies to the message written on the back of the Leads sheet.
2. Look at each line and try to understand what it means. The translation should fit perfectly into the blanks on the other side of the Leads sheet. Those blanks marked with a red X are the ones you will use to gain access to the chemical company.
3. Example: Line 1 reads STAND which translates into I understand.
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4. Use what you obtain from the red X's to unlock the chemical company.

DeGarmo Dental Labs:

1. You are directed to tell Sharlene at DeGarmo Dental what kind of food you've discovered and she will provide some helpful information.
2. Examine the photo of what you find inside the chemical company and provide the correct answer to get Sharlene to talk.

Creature Features Studios:

1. When you talk to Sharelene at DeGarmo Dental she mentions Creature Features Makeup Studios, the City Council motto, a game, and she provides a series of numbers.
2. You will gain access to Creature Features by using the City Council motto, the Bingo card, and the numbers.
3. The letters in the City Council motto match up perfectly with the Bingo card numbers (5x5)
4. Find each number that Sharlene gives you on the Bingo card and match it up to the letter in the same position in the City Council logo.
5. Use what you obtain to unlock the Creature Features card.
6. What you learn not only gives you a lot of information about what's really been going on but also provides information that eliminates a suspect.

Locked Box Under Willow Tree:

1. Before he was killed, Fogerty Reynolds made a final paranoid post on social media. He mentions burying some information in a lock box under a willow tree near the pond inside Easthaven Forest. He tells you Nietzsche contains the key to unlocking the box.
2. Find the card with Nietzsche and use all of the capital letters that are not supposed to be capitalized to unlock the box.

SD Card:

1. The last entry on the Leads sheet tells you that the key to reading the SD card can be found in the locked box beneath the willow tree.
2. Once you've unlocked the box (using the Nietzsche clue) you will find 4 sets of numbers.
3. Each set of numbers contains a pattern of sorts that you must figure out to accurately predict the next number in the series.
4. There are 4 patterns to figure out (one for each line).
5. Determine the next number in each series and use the entire number you obtain (next numbers in each series placed side by side) to open the SD card.
6. Pattern 1: double the number plus 1, Pattern 2: times 3, times 4, times 5, etc, Pattern 3: plus 2, plus 3, plus 4, etc, Pattern 4: multiply by two and subtract 1
7. The contents of the SD card give you information about each of the victims including the date of their death. Cross check the dates of death against the dates that each suspect was incarcerated. You should find that one suspect was incapable of committing the crimes because they were in jail at the time.

Which Suspect Killer Fogerty Reynolds?

1. At this point, having completed all the above puzzles, you should have the information needed to unlock this.
2. Use the killer's first name and the reference number from the suspect card to unlock.

Solving the Box:

1. In order to solve the box, the directions instruct you to use the first initial of each person implicated in the case in the order they are mentioned by the killer.
2. When you answer “Who Killed Fogerty Reynolds?” the killer gives you a list of five people who were implicated in the plot. Use the first initial of each name in order.
3. Unlock the box’s final solution.