



SUPER SLEUTHING PUZZLES

A Note from Dash Marlowe

Greetings, Milo and Jazz,

Great job! I'm glad the Zoo Crew turned out to be good guys. In my detecting career, when people are not what they seem, they usually turn out to be a lot *worse* than I expected. Someday I'll tell you about The Case of the Baby-Faced Burglar. . . .

Here are some other cases straight from my files. Some of them are not what they seem to be, either!

Happy Sleuthing!

—Dash Marlowe



Warm Up!

Get your brain good and limber with these Brain Stretchers!

1. Two men dove completely underwater. One man's hair got soaking wet. Why didn't the other man have wet hair too? (Note: Neither wore any kind of swim cap.)

2. What time of day is the same spelled forward and backward?

3. During a party, a girl says there is something in the room that everyone is able to touch with either their right or left hands, but you can only touch with your left hand. What is it?

The Take-Out Terror: A Mini-Mystery

Here's a mystery for you! Read the case, observe, and draw a conclusion. . . .

One dark and stormy Friday night, somebody tipped me off that the Take-Out Terror was going to rob a local restaurant. I had only one problem. My tipster didn't know which place would be hit: Pizza Patio, Sam's Steaks, or Meatball Maven.

The Terror always robbed restaurants the same way. He called in a phony take-out order, and when he arrived to pick up his food, he held the place up. Then he made off with the money—and a hot dinner.

But there were three restaurants to cover—and only one Dash Marlowe! All I had to go on were some menus. Luckily, that was enough. So—how did I know where the Take-out Terror was going to strike?



(Hint: Read the menus closely, and think about what kind of day it was!)

Write your conclusion. What observations lead to your conclusion?

Tempted: A Logic Puzzle



Three ex-robbers had given up their lives of crime, but sometimes they felt tempted to go back to their wicked ways. All three had special places to go and special things to do to help them stay honest. Can you figure out where each one went and what he did?

Read the clues and fill in the answer box where you can. Then read the clues again to find the answer.

Clue 1 Rocky loved to sit by the lake.

Clue 2 One ex-robber had his own booth at Ice Cream Heaven and loved eating Double Fudge Delights.

Clue 3 Louie played catch with his mom.

Clue 4 The ex-robber who liked to cuddle with his dog, FiFi, was not Sal.

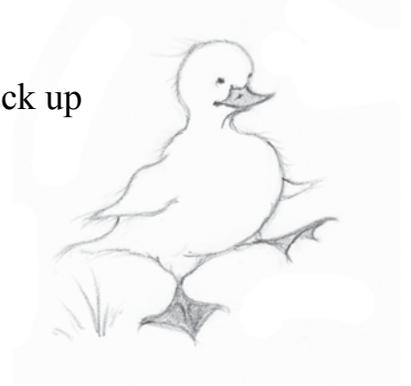
Clue 5 One ex-robber loved the park.

Answer Box

	Rocky	Louie	Sal
Where he went			
What he did			

(Don't) Be Yourself: Role-Play

Going undercover isn't the only way a detective can use role-playing. Simply imagining what a suspect is thinking can help you crack the case. Picture yourself in these roles and sharpen your detecting skills! Use what you know about the person to predict what he or she would do.



1. You are Crash the day he went to the farm. Why did you pick up the baby goose?
 - a. It was adorable.
 - b. I was hungry.
 - c. I wanted to see webbed feet close up.
 - d. It sounded fun at the time.

2. You are Carlos. Why did you spend so much time talking to Crash at the fireworks?
 - a. I was after some trouble-making ideas.
 - b. I wanted to seem tough.
 - c. I was looking for a bodyguard.
 - d. His stories were awesome.

3. You're in the Zoo Crew. Crash has a new idea that sounds pretty crazy. What do you do?
 - a. Reason with him.
 - b. Go along with it and hope we don't get in trouble.
 - c. Distract him (with food).
 - d. Tie him up.

Complete Milo's note to Dash.

Dear Dash,

I showed everybody your role-playing questions and asked how they really felt.

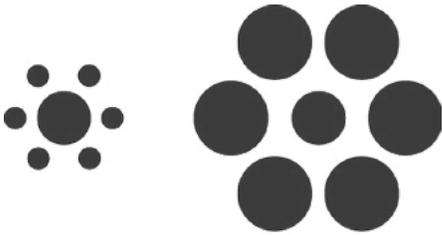
- 1) *Crash said definitely _____.*
- 2) *Carlos said _____.*
- 3) *I talked to a bunch of guys from the Zoo Crew, and they said the answer was _____. Then they gave me a noogie.*

Milo

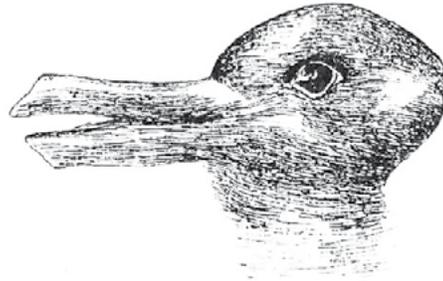
Now You See It . . . : An Observation Puzzle

Many's the time I solved the case by changing the way I looked at it. Take a look at these pictures. Then take another look. What do you see? (Remember: Things aren't always what they seem!)

1. Are the circles in the middle the same size?



2. What animal is this?



3. What word do you see?



4. Is one horizontal line longer?



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1. He was bald.
2. Noon.
3. Your right elbow.

The Take-Out Terror: A Mini-Mystery

Answer: The Take-Out Terror was planning to rob Meatball Maven. How did I know? Sam’s Steaks had no take-out service, and Pizza Patio was closed in bad weather. (It was a dark and stormy night, remember?) I caught the Terror at Meatball Maven before he even picked up his order of rigatoni.

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Answer Box

	Rocky	Louie	Sal
Where he went	<i>the lake</i>	<i>the park</i>	<i>Ice Cream Heaven</i>
What he did	<i>cuddle his dog, Fifi</i>	<i>played catch with his mom</i>	<i>eat Double Fudge Delights</i>

Answer:

Rocky would sit by the lake and cuddle with his dog.

Sal went to Ice Cream Heaven for a Double Fudge Delight. (Then he usually went to the gym.)

Louie went to the park to play catch with his mom. She had a great curveball.

(Don't) Be Yourself: Role-Play

Answer: After thinking about Dash's questions, Milo wrote back:

Dear Dash,

I showed everybody your role-playing questions and asked how they really felt.

1) Crash said definitely _____.

2) Carlos said _____.

3) I talked to a bunch of guys from the Zoo Crew, and they said the answer was _____. Then they gave me a noogie.

Milo

Now You See It...: An Observation Puzzle

Answers:

1. The circles in the middle are the same size.
2. It is a picture of a duck—and a rabbit!
3. The word CLUE is inside the word GOOD.
4. The horizontal lines are the same length.