

# **THE MILO & JAZZ MYSTERIES**

## **SUPER SLEUTHING PUZZLES**

### **A Note from Dash Marlowe**

Greetings, Milo and Jazz,

Congratulations on solving another case! It's great you learned early in your detecting career how important it is to communicate with your partner. (I'm talking to you, Milo.) Things can really go wrong when detectives are in two different places, as I learned during *The Case of the Two-Timing Travelers*. *Don't* remind me to tell you about that one!

Happy Sleuthing!

—Dash Marlowe



### **Warm Up!**

Here are some Brain Stretchers to work those mental muscles. (But if you make like a tree and get stumped, take a look at the hints.)

1. Two eggs are put in the same pot of water at the very same time. One takes 40 minutes to hard-boil, while the other takes only 15 minutes. Why?

(Hint: What kind of eggs are these?)

2. A certain five-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it. What is the word?

(Hint: Think literally.)

3. How was a man who had never seen his own face able to draw a picture that looked exactly like himself?

4. Three large people try to crowd under one small umbrella, but nobody gets wet. How is this possible?

## Spot the Difference!

Twins can be tricky. Take Jill and Joy and Brad and Bart, below. Each pair of twins looks just alike—but if you use your detective skills and observe closely, you'll find seven differences between them!



**Write the differences that you observed.**

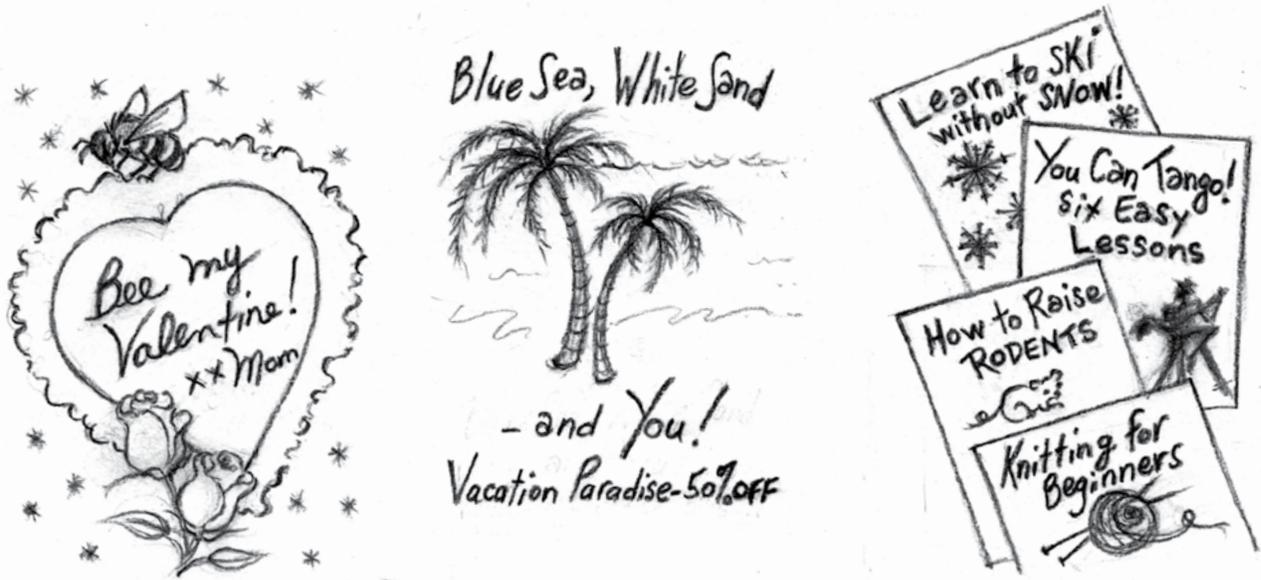
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## Mail Call: A Logic Puzzle



Three ex-robbers loved getting mail when they were in prison. But what was each guy's favorite and least favorite kind of mail?

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

- Clue 1** The ex-robber who dreamed of faraway places was not Rocky.
- Clue 2** Louie loved Valentine's Day cards, especially from his mom.
- Clue 3** The robber who couldn't stand Valentine's Day was head over heels for lessons by mail.
- Clue 4** Louie hated to get travel advertising unless it was for somewhere he didn't want to go, like Guam.
- Clue 5** Rocky thought hearts were stupid.

### Answer Box

	Rocky	Louie	Sal
<b>Best Mail</b>			
<b>Worst Mail</b>			

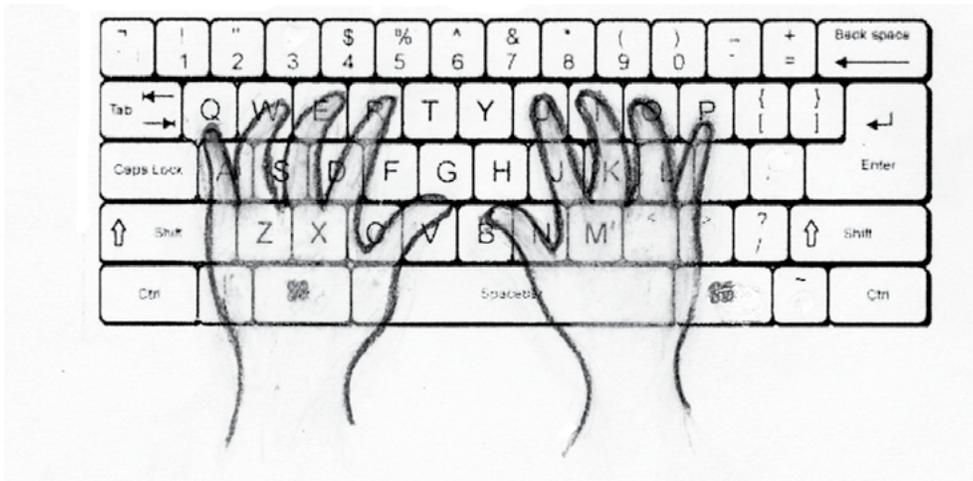
## The Message: A Mini-Mystery

Here’s the story of a victim who tried very hard to communicate—and almost failed.

Dan Lee, the senior partner at Kannalla, Long, and Lee, called me to his office. He seemed groggy and very upset. Working late the night before, he had been drugged and his cash box was stolen. He was found the next day slumped over his computer, unable to remember what had happened but sure that his attacker had been someone he knew.

Luckily, Lee had left one clue. Before he passed out he had typed something on his computer: Iqhhqooq. The police said it was nonsense and meant nothing. “But it does mean something,” Lee told me. “I was trying to type a message—I know it!” I looked at the computer keyboard and smiled. “Of course it means something,” I said. “You typed the name of the man who drugged and robbed you.”

So how did I draw that conclusion—and solve the mystery?



(Hint: What do you know about how good typists type?)

**Write your conclusion.**

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## Headline Howlers: A Communication Puzzle

Talk about a failure to communicate! The headlines below (from actual newspapers!) can be read in two totally different ways. See if you can figure out both what the headline was supposed to mean and the funny meaning that sneaked in by accident.

1. **POLICE FOUND SAFE UNDER BED**
2. **COW INJURES FARMER WITH AX**
3. **KIDS MAKE NUTRITIOUS SNACKS**
4. **HOSPITALS ARE SUED BY 7 FOOT DOCTORS**
5. **DEALERS WILL HEAR CAR TALK AT NOON**
6. **STOLEN PAINTING FOUND BY TREE**



**Answers:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Warm Up!

1. The first is an ostrich egg!
2. The word is *short*.
3. He painted his identical twin!
4. It's not raining.

## Spot the Difference!

### Answer:

The girl on the left has more strands of hair on her forehead, no eyebrows, more eyelashes, a barrette, no earrings, no freckles, and a beaded necklace.

The girl on the right has fewer strands of hair on her forehead, one eyebrow, fewer eyelashes, no barrette, earrings, freckles, and a locket.

The boy on the left has no cowlick, a curl on his forehead, one short eyebrow, a dimple by his mouth, no missing teeth, no bandage on his neck, and a V-neck shirt.

The boy on the right has a cowlick, no curl on his forehead, two full eyebrows, no dimple by his mouth, a missing tooth, a bandage on his neck, and a crew-neck shirt.

## Mail Call: A Logic Puzzle

### Answer Box

	Rocky	Louie	Sal
Best Mail	<i>Lessons by mail</i>	<i>Valentine's Day cards</i>	<i>Travel ads</i>
Worst Mail	<i>Valentine's Day cards</i>	<i>Travel ads</i>	<i>Lessons by mail</i>

### Answer:

Louie loved Valentines but travel ads got on his nerves.

Rocky didn't care for Valentines but loved the idea of learning new things.

Sal wasn't into learning but went gaga over travel ads.

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**Answer:** Lee’s partner, Kannalla, was the robber. First I noticed there were eight letters in the word on Lee’s computer screen—and eight letters in Kannalla’s name. Then it hit me. Good typists always start with their fingers on the middle row of keys—the letters a-s-d-f and j-k-l. But Lee, drugged and confused, put his fingers on the *higher* row of letters instead. So when he tried to type “Kannalla”, he typed *I* instead of *K*, *q* instead of *a* and so forth.

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**Answer:**

1. The police weren’t really hiding under the bed—they discovered a safe there.
2. The cow probably didn’t know how to use an ax—it injured a farmer who was holding one.
3. The headline writer wasn’t urging readers to munch on kids—the story was about kids fixing healthful snacks.
4. Yep, it’s about doctors who treat feet, not gigantic doctors.
5. Not a talking car, a talk about cars . . .
6. A clever detecting tree? Nope—just a painting found near a tree.