

THE MILO & JAZZ MYSTERIES

SUPER SLEUTHING PUZZLES

A Note from Dash Marlowe

Greetings, Milo and Jazz,

Your working-backward skills really sparkled on this case! I got a kick out of the jewelry store owner who hid the loot in his veggie drawer. He sounds almost as foolish as the culprit in *The Case of the Forgetful Fullback*. He hid a ruby in an 80,000-seat stadium—and then forgot which seat he'd hid it under! I can only say thank goodness for my jewel-sniffing dog. . . .

Happy Sleuthing!

—Dash Marlowe



Warm Up!

The best detectives (like myself) have quick, powerful minds. Keep yours in tip-top shape with these brain-stretching questions!

1. What has a foot on each side and one in the middle?

2. What is the next letter in this series: A E F H I K L M?

3. What goes up and down the stairs without moving?

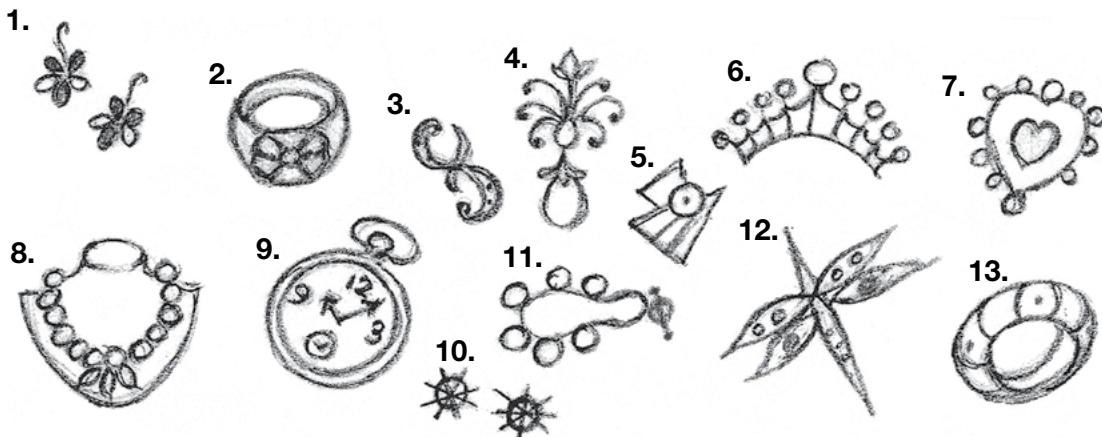
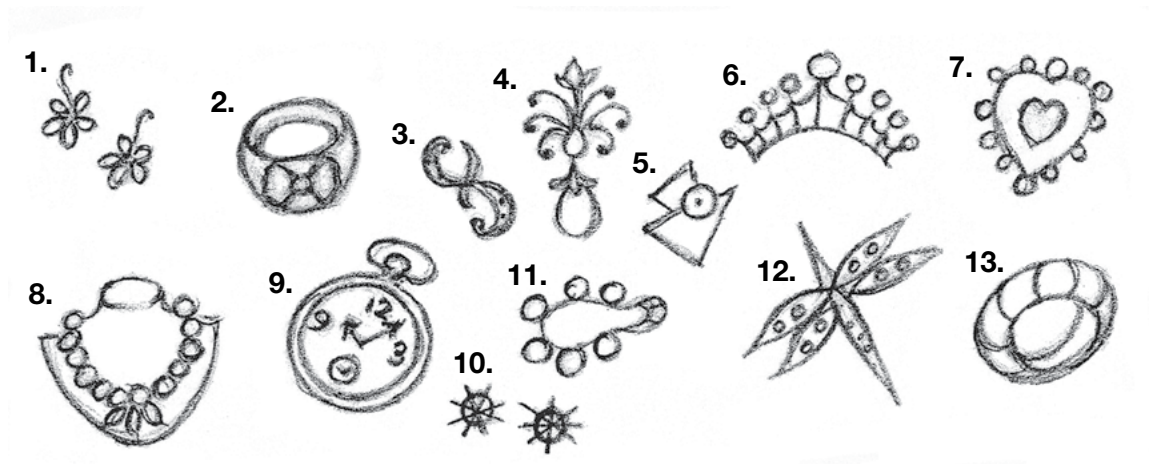
4. A man rides into town on Friday. He stays three nights and leaves on Friday. How is this possible?

Fabulous Fakes: An Observation Puzzle

Not every jewel thief is a dullard! I received a frantic call from the owner of Glitz, a jewelry store. He told me his store had been robbed—a week ago!

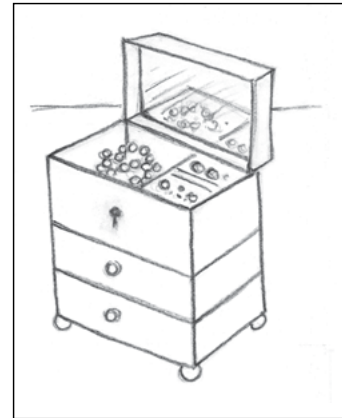
Gary, the owner, hadn't noticed because the thief had taken several pieces of jewelry from the display—and had replaced each item with a similar but much cheaper piece!

See if you're a better observer than Gary and try to spot the seven fakes!



List the fake pieces by number:

Robbers in Love: A Logic Puzzle



Soon after ex-robbers Rocky, Louie, and Sal were released from prison, they all got serious crushes. What did each one do to impress his ladylove? And what did she do in return?

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

- Clue 1** Sal did not give his crush his mug shot photo in a heart-shaped frame.
- Clue 2** Louie introduced his crush to Number 8 on the Ten Most Wanted List.
- Clue 3** Another guy showed his crush how fast he could pick the lock to her jewelry box.
- Clue 4** Rocky's crush gave him a copy of her mug shot.
- Clue 5** Louie's crush dumped him.
- Clue 6** One robber's crush moved all her good jewelry to a safe deposit box.

Answer Box

	Rocky	Louie	Sal
What he did			
What she did			

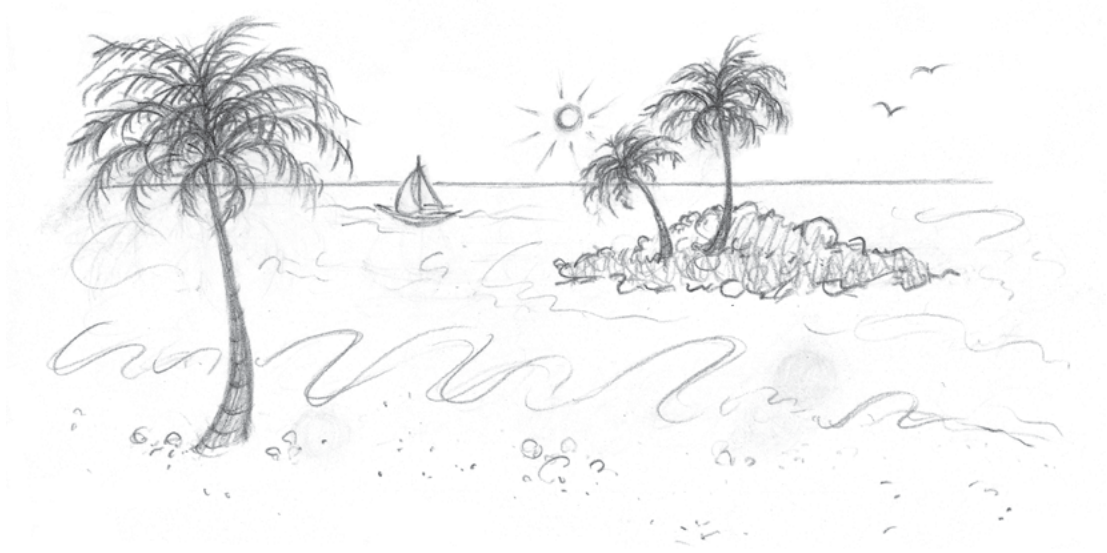
The Case of the Not-Great Getaway: A Mini-Mystery

Check out this mystery—and draw a conclusion!

A while back I decided to get away from it all—no crime, no mystery for two weeks! I booked a room in a gorgeous hotel in Hawaii. But my hotel turned out to be the site of a jeweler’s convention and the manager was worried about attempted robberies. I told him I was just there to relax!

I was lounging on my balcony with a cool glass of mango iced tea when I heard a knock on my door. As I walked across the room, the doorknob started to turn. I opened the door and saw a strange man. He said, “Oh, excuse me—I thought this was my room. Wrong floor, I guess.” I watched him head for the elevator, then immediately called the hotel manager. “A thief was just on the 10th floor,” I told him. “Call the police.”

So how did I know what the man was up to?



Write your conclusion. What observations lead to your conclusion?

Loot: A Working Backward Puzzle



Working backward can even come in handy for criminals! I once planted a wire at the hideout of some thieves and here's what I heard.

Frank sounded angry. "That newspaper has got to be wrong," he said. "We got more than ninety thou from that bank!"

"How much did we get?" Al asked.

"Let's see," said Lucky. "We buried half the money in my backyard and split up the rest."

"I know I got \$20,000," Al said.

Frank said, "Hmm. . . ."



And then there was silence.

The thieves couldn't figure it out. Can you? How much money did they steal?

Was the newspaper right?

Write your conclusion.

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Warm Up!

1. A yardstick.
2. N. All these letters are made of straight lines; none are curved.
3. A rug.
4. Friday is a horse.

Fabulous Fakes: An Observation Puzzle

Answer: The fakes are numbers 1, 2, 5, 7, 11, 12, and 13.

Robbers in Love: A Logic Puzzle

Answer Box

	Rocky	Louie	Sal
What he did	<i>Gave her his mug shot photo in a heart-shaped frame</i>	<i>Introduced her to Number 8 on the Ten Most Wanted List</i>	<i>Showed her how fast he could pick a lock</i>
What she did	<i>Gave him a copy of her mug shot</i>	<i>Dumped him</i>	<i>Moved her jewelry to a safe deposit box</i>

Answer:

Rocky gave his crush his mug shot photo in a heart-shaped frame, and she gave him her framed mug shot in return.

Louie’s crush dumped him after he introduced her to Number 8 on the Ten Most Wanted list. (She wasn’t impressed, since she’d already dated Number 4.)

Sal showed off by breaking into his crush’s jewelry box. She was so impressed she moved all her good jewelry to a bank.

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Answer: The man wouldn't have knocked if he'd thought it was his room.

Loot: A Working Backward Puzzle

Answer:

Frank was right and the newspaper was wrong. The robbers got \$120,000. Not for long though, since my recording of their conversation got them arrested.

(Here's how I figured out how much money they got:

Start with \$20,000.

Multiply by 3, the number of robbers: $3 \times \$20,000 = \$60,000$.

Multiply by 2 for the half they buried: $2 \times \$60,000 = \$120,000$.)