

Wet Uncongenial Summer

A Case for New York Noir

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SUMMARY

Loyal fixer Mask finishes preparations for a party being thrown by his boss Golding, while torrential rains plague NYC.

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• **Playtime:** 5 hours

• **Cautions:** Occasional gore and profanity.

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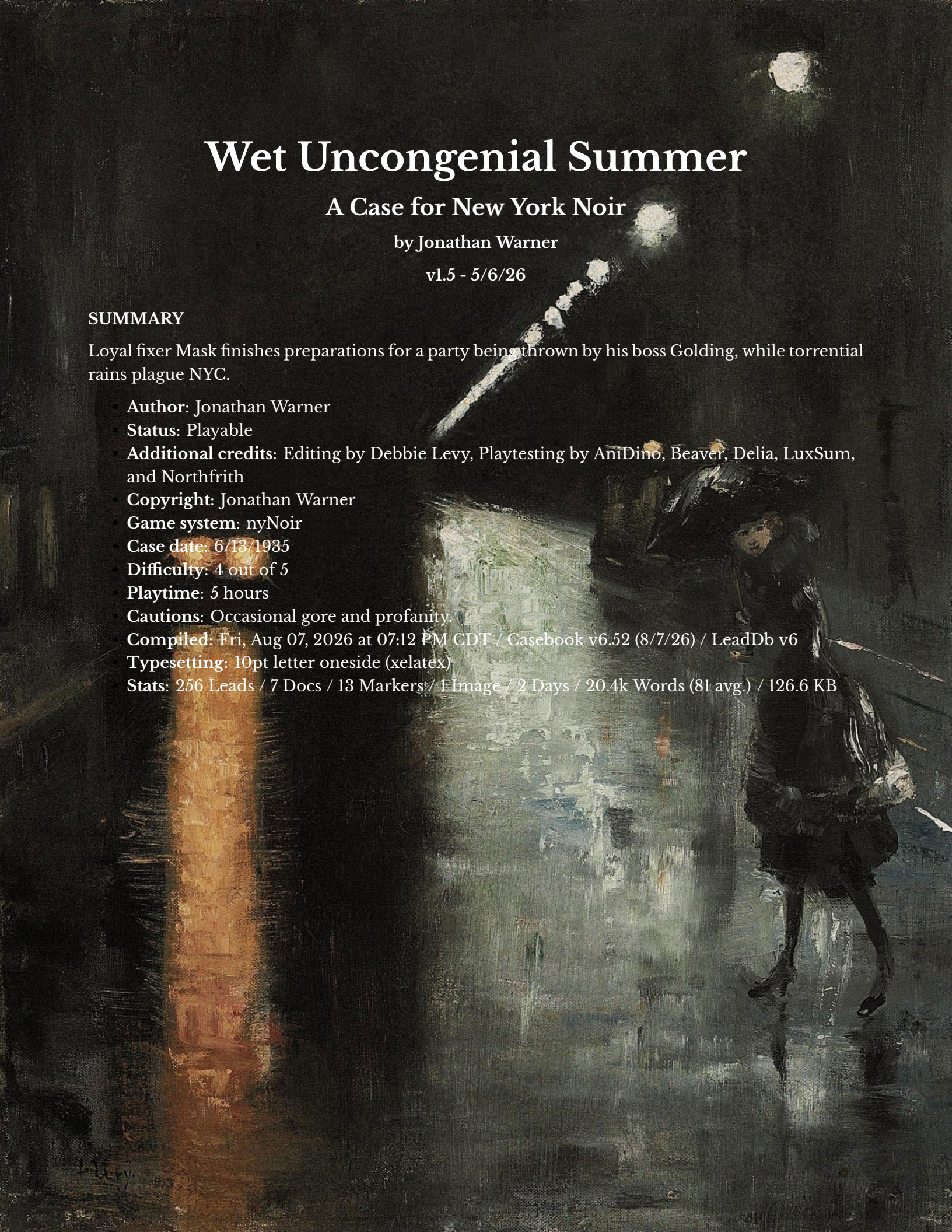


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Instructions

To play this case you will need the latest full directory set for New York Noir (<https://nynoir.org/downloads>), including:

- White, Yellow, and Reverse Directories
- Map Atlas w/ interleaved Neighborhood Guide
- Quick Start Guide, Rulebook, and Navigation Guide

Printouts

Additionally, you should print out the following sheets to write on (copies are included in this case book on subsequent pages):

- A Case Tracking sheet
- One Daily Log sheet for each day of the case (2)

Looking up Leads

- Use the table of contents at the start of this casebook to look up leads.

Hints

There is a hint section at the back of this casebook:

- Consult a hint if you are having trouble finding a required marker that must be found before the end of the day; the first hint will usually give you some idea of what you are looking for.

General Tips

- Unless otherwise specified, if you visit a lead that requires a marker that you don't currently have, you can come back when you do.
- Most people tend to work in the same neighborhood where they live.
- Most people stick to the neighborhood where they live or work.

Additional Instructions

By following leads you eventually will reach a definitive narrative conclusion to the case. You will be instructed on when to answer questions.

In addition to markers you will occasionally be directed to make special note of certain lead numbers. You may want to reread these leads later with a new understanding.

This case is mainly told from a neutral third person point of view. The main character you will follow is Mask: a fixer.

To begin, go to Day One Ratopax Extermination Corp.

NEW YORK NOIR - CASE TRACKING SHEET

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Date(s) Played, Duration, Final Score, etc.:

DEMERITS

REPUTATION

A large grid consisting of 4 rows and 20 columns of small squares. The grid is divided into four equal sections, each containing a 4x5 sub-grid of squares.

CULTURE

A large grid of small squares, organized into four groups of 5x5 and one group of 5x10.

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NEW YORK NOIR - DAILY LOG SHEET

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NEW YORK NOIR - DAILY LOG SHEET

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Day One

"...A weed may be attempting to take root in the Garden. There have been rumored sightings of one Victor Golding in Turtle Bay...While Golding's never been concretely tied to any syndicate business, the timing of his arrival in our fair city is conspicuous with the recent violence erupting in Chicago..."

- The Evening Graphic, March 6th 1936



"After months of violence respite seems to have finally come to the city... Law enforcement refused to acknowledge any "war" between the syndicates had occurred. Disputing the very notion of the syndicates themselves...Ralph Valentine. who had been reportedly killed in one of the early massacres, has recently reappeared claiming no part in any conflict and stating he has been..."

- Chicago Tribune, May 20th 1936



"Record rainfall continues. There is no sign of these downpours ending anytime soon. Citizens have voiced concerns about the strain being placed on the city's sewage system..."

- The New York Times, June 13th 1936



"The Garroter's activity peaked during the late spring to early summer of 1936...as his crimes continued the viciousness of his attacks increased. Evolving from simple strangulation to full on decapitation...Based on recovered written material attributed to the Garroter, which must be acknowledged as minimal due to...it is believed he suffered from auditory hallucinations fixated around..."

- Case Studies in Abnormal Criminal Psychology

Ratopax Extermination Corp. 383 Fifth Ave TL-040

A motionless figure materializes out of the corner of Joey Belsky's eye. Belsky jolts. His eyes go wide. Lightning flashes. Belsky composes himself, face a little redder.

The man across the counter prattles on: "Look, no one is going to notice one more man in a jumpsuit, Joey. Come on, I'll make it worth your trou-" He turns, following Belsky's gaze. Another flash illuminates the stranger. The sound of raindrops fills the void.

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“Looks like you’ve got a customer, Joey. Well, come see me when you’ve made up your mind. I’m only a hop, skip and a jump away.” A brief nod towards the stranger, then the prattler squeezes through the partially open door out into the storm.

Belsky fidgets. Taps his fingers on the counter. Sharp scents mingle in his nose: rain, cleaners, poisons. The stranger approaches.

“Name’s Mask. Need help with a pest.”

“Mask?... Er, well, Mr. Mask, we would love to help, but as you can imagine we’re quite busy. All this rain’s flooding the sewers. Basements - rats are seeking high ground. Calls have been coming in from all over.”

“I’m not trying to catch a rat. After a leprechaun.* ”

“Leprechaun?! Look, mister, like I said, we’re busy. I got no time for jokes.”

“Me neither. In fact, that’s my problem. Leprechaun was supposed to meet me 45 minutes ago. Didn’t show, so I’ve come to see him. Where is he?”

“You mean O’Dwyer. Christ! Why didn’t you say so? Busiest we’ve ever been, and he’s missed two days now. Probably off the wagon... again. We’re all one bad day from drowning and he’s got a dry throat! I could wring-!” Belsky unclenches his hands, gives a sheepish grin, “Sorry, you know what I mean.”

“Maybe I’ll pass your message along when I see him.”

Belsky shudders. “Come on, mister, ain’t funny to joke about that no more.”

Mask shrugs. “I have a hunch which local watering hole our little leprechaun’s at. If he’s in any shape when we’re through, I’ll send him back your way.”

“Well, it ain’t the Cork - I’ve looked there!” Belsky calls after him.

He watches as Mask dissolves into the rain.

You are now free to go out into the world and follow leads from the directory.



*Small gnome-like beings. Clad in green with bright red hair. Protect pots of gold at the end of rainbows.

STOP!



Stop reading this case book now, and begin searching for leads in the directories.

Do not turn the page. You should have set an event which will trigger at the end of **day 1**, which will instruct you on what to do when the day ends.



Grolier Evening

Huddled in the small alcove, Helena Novak presses the buzzer. Thunder claps. Novak jerks and looks out into the storm. A blurry silhouette appears in the sheet of rain, running towards her.

Drenched, Mask enters the alcove. He glances at Novak as he heads towards the door.

“Ma’am, the Grolier’s closed. Private party tonight. You need to beat it.”

“Excuse me, there seems to be some mistake. I was invited by Dr. Kara.”

Mask scrunches his face. “What?! This is the first I’m hearin’ about it. Look, I’m sorry the doc dragged you out here, but there can only be four guests tonight. Boss’s orders.”

“Oh, you haven’t heard. Apparently one of the other guests has taken ill and had to cancel. I’m the replacement. A small miracle for me! Although, I pray it’s nothing too serious.”

Mask turns and inserts a key into the door. “In that case, I apologize. You’ll have to forgive me. It’s been a.... hectic day, and I’m behind schedule. I’m sorry for making you and the other guests wait.”

“Apology accepted, Mr....”

“Mask.” He holds the door open.

“Mask? How exciting! You are forgiven, Mr. Mask. I can see how having to trudge all day through this weather could affect anyone’s temper.”

Mask follows Novak inside. Locks the door behind him.

Inside the door is the reception area of the Grolier. Staircases flank both sides of the room. Along the back wall, a reception counter. Behind it, the door to the coat room. Beside the counter, the door to the main reading room.

Novak’s eyes move about the room.

Mask says, “First time, huh. Here, let me get your coat.”

He takes the coat and ducks into the small coat room. After hanging Novak’s, he sheds his own water-laden coat, transfers the bag and box he acquired earlier to his suit jacket pockets. Listens to the water drip.

Mask turns and looks at the opposite wall where four other coats have already been hung: three men’s, one woman’s. He starts back towards the door to the reception area. Stops. Looks back at the lone woman’s coat next to the three men’s. He quickly walks out the door and sees Dr. Bronislav (Bruno) Kara talking to Novak.

“Helena, it’s wonderful to see you. And out of uniform! How refreshing. Come, let me introduce you to everyone.” Taking her by the arm, “I do hope the donation drive is going -”

“Christ! Mask!” Victor Golding rushes into the room. “Where the hell have you been?!”

Dr. Kara’s face flushes. He glances at Novak and clears his throat. “Victor, I don’t believe you’ve been introduced. Victor Golding - Helena Novak.”

“Mr. Golding, what an honor to be here tonight. I’m sorry we couldn’t meet under better circumstances. Bruno said your fiance has suddenly taken ill? I pr-”

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“Celeste?!” Mask interrupts.

Golding gives an apologetic shrug to Novak and Dr. Kara. “Sorry, I need to talk to Mask. Dr. Kara, perhaps you can warm Miss Novak up and get her acquainted with the rest of our friends. Please excuse us.” Without waiting for a response, Golding grabs Mask’s arm and leads him back towards the coat room.

“Mask, what took you so long? I was starting to think you’d been hit by a car. Struck by lightning. Maybe the Garrotter got you! Then what? All this effort, just gone, poof!”

“Don’t worry, I got your party supplies right here.” Mask shoves the bag and small box into Golding’s hands. “You won’t have no egg on your face in front of your new friends.”

“Okay. Yeah... yeah, it’s fine now. Sorry I bit your head off.” Golding slaps Mask on the back. “Tonight’s going to go off without a hitch. Golden.”

“Without a hitch? What about Celeste? What’s wrong with her? Half of this was her idea.”

“Huh... well... can’t be helped, Mask. Too much already invested. Too many strings pulled. I’m sure Celeste understands. She’ll be fine, just a bad stomach bug...” Golding heads for the door to the main reading room. Throws his arms up into the air. “Come on, time to start this party.”

The main reading room of the Grolier is a wide hall with shelves built into the walls. Two floors tall, with spiral stairs in each corner allowing access to balconies on the second floor. The large reading tables have been moved to one side and a small round table now takes their place; beside it, a small drinks cart. The lights are warm but somewhat dim.

Herbert Edwards, Madeline Wells, Dr. Kara and Helena Novak chat next to the small round table.

Dr. Kara says, “I’m sorry you did not find the Center more helpful. I tried to warn you though. They have the most modern tools, but it exacerbates the overconfidence of youth. Doctors who think they know best. Won’t even listen to their patients.”

“Oh, I was hopeful,” Edwards replies, “but they kept getting it backwards. They say the headaches are caused by stress. Overexcitement!? I’m stressed because of these constant headaches!”

“I’m sorry to hear about your suffering, Mr. Edwards,” says Novak. “I do hope tonight will provide you with some respite. I’ll kee-”.

Edwards groans and places his hand on his stomach. “Recently I’ve been feeling these pangs. Does anyone know what Celeste’s come down with? Could have caught something from her - maybe new and foreign! Why would anyone want to live among piers and shipyards? Seems so unsanitary.”

Madeline Wells answers him: “You wouldn’t understand, Herbert. She’s a dreamer - you have to admire that. Who knows what she sees when she looks out on the river. What takes the place of that dreadful island¹, I wonder?”

The room plunges into darkness. Wisps of light appear: Golding holding a candelabra, with Mask looming behind him. A distant clap of thunder.

¹Roosevelt Island aka Welfare Island aka Blackwell Island. The island had housed a number of jails, hospitals, and asylums that were often considered unsanitary, inhumane, and an embarrassment to the city. It runs parallel to East River Dr. from E. 45th St. to E. 85th St.

“What a night, am I right? Could there be a more perfect setting?” Golding gestures around the room with the candelabra. Shadows cascade and dance, slowing to a mild wavering as he places the candelabra at the center of the table. “Before we forget, let’s give Herbert here a round of applause. Thanks to him, we have this place all to ourselves.”

“Oh, it was really no trouble at - ”

“Modesty. You’ll have to forgive me if I don’t indulge that virtue tonight, but I really think Mr. Mask and myself have pulled off something quite special with this.” Golding places the small box next to the candelabra. “Remember, friends, Vic Golding always gets what he’s after.”

Wells reaches towards the box. “That so? Let’s see it then, Vic.”

Golding puts up his hand. “Please, Madeline, let’s enjoy a little suspense. Let me set the mood.” He starts walking around the group. “Now, my fellow Shelleyians, it was a summer like this one back in 1816². Chills in the air. Constant storms. Figures half-seen in a flash of lightning. Spooky stuff! Well, Shelley, Mary, and Claire decided to drop in on Lord Byron and have a little competition. See which of them could come up with a real spintingler. A pulse-pounder. A heart-stopper. Tonight we aim to do the same! Five of them - don’t forget old Doc Polidori - five of us. Plus Mr. Mask here, to keep an eye on all us crazy kids, keep us out of trouble. A hand for Mr. Mask.” Applause.

Having finished his circle, Golding is once again by the small drinks cart. “Now back then, they had good old laudanum to get the imagination going... or maybe help get them in touch with the other side. What are we supposed to do? You know I’d never ask good old Doc here to write a phony prescription, so I’ve had to improvise.” He turns towards the drinks cart. “Absinthe” - holding up a bottle - “and a secret ingredient.”

Golding takes out the bag Mask handed him earlier. He pours powder from the bag into a glass of water and mixes it with a stirrer. “Everyone, turn in any glasses you have. A new round’s going out.”

He begins to prepare glasses of absinthe: melting the sugar cube over the absinthe, adding in a splash of his own mixture. “Mask, help me pass these out. Now, everyone wait and we’ll have a toast.” Soon everyone but Mask has a drink in their hands. “Here, Mask, have a seltzer so you can join us.” Golding takes a spritzer and fills a glass.

Novak, Dr. Kara, and Edwards glance at their glasses and each other.

Novak whispers, “Bruno, what’s in this? Is it safe?”

“Do I sense some trepidation?” Golding smiles. Distorted reflections of flames gleam on false teeth. “No need to worry: I’ve procured similar elixirs before for Celeste and Madeline. Helps us all get in touch with our poetic and artistic sides. Perfectly safe, right, Madeline?”

“You haven’t killed us yet.” Wells gulps down her drink.

“Wh-what! Why did you-” Everyone else starts to raise their glasses to drink. “No, hold on! We gotta toast.” Golding turns back towards Wells. “Okay. Now I guess you can have a seltzer too.” He takes her glass, spritzes in some soda-water, and hands it back. “Where was I? Oh, yeah. Besides these libations, we have another source of inspiration - the star of the evening. What we’ve all heard rumors about and come to see.”

²Visit by Percy and Mary Shelly to Lord Byron at Lake Geneva. Bad weather inspired a story telling contest, which led to the creation of Frankenstein and The Vampyre.

Everyone turns their attention to the small box.

"You have the key, right, Mask?" Golding asks. Mask nods, takes out the key and begins to open the box. "You might call it a receptacle. A totem! A holy relic!"

The lid lifts up to reveal an irregularly-shaped object. Brown. Wafer-thin.

"A fragment of Percy Shelley's skull! Snatched by a devotee from the embers of his funeral pyre!"

The guests lean in closer to the fragment. Dr. Kara murmurs, "He actually got it."

"Shelley's in the room with us," Edward whispers.

Novak nods. "Bruno, this is amazing!"

"Let's raise our glasses," Golding continues. "To Shelley! To the fantastique!" Everyone raises their glasses and drinks.

"A moment of silence, of blindness, to let Shelley's spirit enter us." Golding quickly blows out the candles.

Pitch black. Only the sound of breathing. A minute passes... two... A thunder clap in the distance. Impatient shuffling.

Finally Golding speaks: "All right, Mask, some light."

Mask pulls out a flashlight from his jacket pocket, turns it on, and shines it on the small table. On the skull fragment.

"Phew, still there. That would have been awkward." Golding relights the candelabra. "Alright Mask, lock her - I mean him - back up." Mask closes, locks, and picks up the small box. "He'll be Shelley's bodyguard tonight, in case we get carried away on an artistic whim."

"Your confidence in us is duly noted," Wells quips.

"But if you seek Mask out, and can compose yourself, you'll be allowed to bask in Shelley's presence." Golding reaches to a shelf under the drinks cart. He pulls out bundles, each consisting of a flashlight, pen, and reams of paper, and starts handing them out. As each guest receives their bundle, they turn on their flashlights.

"Did I promise you an evening, or what? Alright, let's all adjourn to different rooms and wait for the spirits to come and give us some inspiration. Tomorrow morning we'll reconvene, and see what ghoulish tales we have to tell. Now, let's try not to all write about the Garrotter! Mask will be patrolling to keep an eye on us, and occasionally resting in the kitchen, so that's where to look for him." Golding blows out the candles again and turns on his flashlight.

Beams of light diverge from the small table. They scatter about in different directions. Wells is the first to speak: "I guess I'm off to go gab with some goblins."

"Ah, Helena," says Kara to Novak, "you've never seen the famous Dutch kitchen before, have you?"

"No, Bruno."

"Well, let me give you the tour - it's really something to behold. Then I can help you set up in one of the rooms. Can I recommend the medieval special collection?"

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“Sounds perfect.”

Voices drift away as Mask returns to the entrance hall. Front door locked? Check. He can see it's still raining outside. Back into the main reading room, then into the back halls of the first floor.

Twisting hallways in the darkness. Sweeps of the flashlight illuminate portraits of famous authors and club members. Mask looks from one set of painted eyes to the next, and pats the small box in his pocket. Side door locked? Check.

Mask whistles softly to himself. Past a set of double doors he comes into the receiving room. Wooden crates with their lids torn off. Trolleys discarded randomly across the floor.

“They're sure in a rush to unpack their books”, he mutters.

Keeping the beam of the flashlight trained right in front of his feet, Mask slowly navigates the debris. On the other side of the room is a large metal sliding door. Mask gives it a few tugs. Secured? Check. He climbs a few concrete steps and comes to a regular-sized door. Back door locked? Check.

“That takes care of this round.”

He starts to retrace his steps through the back hallways of the first floor. A crack of light shines from one of the doors along the hall. Mask opens the door slowly - one of the special collection rooms. A library inside a library.

At a reading desk sits a woman, illuminated by a reading lamp. Mask squints his eyes to adjust: Helena Novak. She sits and stares at a necklace dangling from her hand. Three interlocking triangles glint in the lamp's light, twirling back and forth. Clockwise. Counterclockwise. Helena stares at the spinning charm.

Mask mutters, “Dope must be kickin' in.”

He closes the door behind him softly, then proceeds back to the area directly behind the main reading room. Back stairs twist up the six floors of the Grolier Club. Mask slowly climbs the stairs until he reaches the fourth floor. At the end of the hall, a warm light shines from within a room. Mask enters.

The Dutch Kitchen: Wood paneling. Rustic furniture. Benches along three of the walls. Antique stove.

A bottle with a ribbon around its neck sits on one of the tables. Whiskey, accompanied by a corkscrew and a shot glass. Mask grabs the set and walks to one of the corners of the room.

Uncorks the bottle; sits with his back against a wall and his legs thrown up on the bench. Takes a drink.

He stares out a stained glass window, sips whiskey, relaxes his muscles. Droplets of water streak down the window in zigzag patterns. Warmth growing out from his gut. With his free hand he traces lines on the wood panelling, copying the patterns of the rain drops. *Eyelids are getting heavy.*

Screeching! Screaming! All wrong! Body heavy. Feet slipping. Table falling. Floor wet. Sticky. Crawling.

The door! Pulling myself up. Flashlight! Light leaving trails. Streaking. Shapes, colors floating in the air. A man appears. Grimace. Face twisted. Pulling his hair. “They're trying to get in my head! They're trying to force me out! There's no room! No room!”

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A scream. Different. Downstairs. I'm running down the stairs. There are two of me. We run side by side. I'm falling. I'm tumbling. No, it's the other me. Rolling. Crumpling. Moaning. Before me. There's one of me again. I continue down the stairs.

Almost at the bottom. Blinding light. Can't focus. Someone in front of me. A woman pointing at something. Can't stop. We're falling. Clanking. Where's the flashlight? Floor cold. A warm breath. A groan. Then a different voice. Above. Sounds but not words. Are they? Seems familiar. Ancient.

Another burst of light. Behind me. Still trying to find... the flashlight! Turn to where the burst was. Where the woman had pointed. A face. Deja vu. Get back up.

I'm running. The man is running. I'm chasing. Glass breaking. Still chasing. Getting closer. Double doors. Sound of rain. Wind on face. Sound of banging. Closer. Almost got him. Foot caught on something. Falling. A box - .

The author recommends you stop and theorize about what's happened up to this point. Speculate on what events actually occurred at the end of this entry. After you have finished theorizing you may continue.

- Go to [Waking Up In A Car \(p.20\)](#)



STOP!



Turn the page when you are ready to begin **day 2**.

NOTE: If you've been playing for a couple of hours, now might be a good time to take a break before continuing...



Day Two

Waking Up In A Car

Mask's eyes flicker open, wince shut. He sits up. Forces his eyes back open. Looks around: Golding's car. All by himself.

"Fuck. Been doped."

The rearview mirror shows a disheveled man with a large knot on his forehead: Mask.

"Where is everyone?"

Rain continues, but now as a drizzle. The clouds in the sky are a lighter shade of grey.

"How long have I been out?"

He slides over, opens the driver side door, and climbs out.

Mask ears ring. A cold chill.

Mask oscillates. "Real nice! I'm never gonna-" Slips. Unbalanced. Nearly steadies himself. Instead, nosedives! Enter, concrete. "Ohhhh..." Mask edges forward. "I'm... not dying... much." Exhales.

Mask pulls himself up, brushes himself off. Looks at the building in front of him. An antiques shop. In the front window, a sign: "Closed until further notice".

Mask peers down the street.

"The Brook?³ Maybe an after-party."

He starts towards the club. Glances down an alley next to the antique shop as he passes. Dingy. Rats running in and out of knocked-over trash cans. The faint sound of running water? There appears to be standing water at the other end of the alley.

A door on the left side of the alley swings open. Out steps a woman in a one piece bathing suit carrying a bucket of water. She sloshes the bucket out into the alley. Yawns. Turns and stares towards Mask. Dark circles surround her eyes. She turns her attention back towards the open door. Calls out to someone inside and walks back in.

Mask continues towards The Brook.



Make a special note of this lead in your case log. You may wish to reread it later.

- Go to [4-7292 \(p.168\)](#)



³An exclusive Gentlemen's Club that is open 24 hours a day.

STOP!



Stop reading this case book now, and begin searching for leads in the directories.

Do not turn the page. You should have set an event which will trigger at the end of **day 2**, which will instruct you on what to do when the day ends.



Waking Up In A Cell

Coarse ground. Throbbing pain at the back of his head. Mask's eyes slowly focus: small room with brick walls. A few shelves above. Part of a pantry? Root cellar? Only source of light is an old oil lamp.

Mask starts to stand. Begins to lose his balance. Steadies himself, walks over to the only door. Pounds on it.

"What is this? Let me out! Valentine? You out there? Let's see that mug of yours. Think we might finally have a fair beauty contest between us."

No response.

Mask steps back and rams the door with his shoulder. Doesn't budge. Bangs some more. Still no answer.

Mask turns around and re-examines the room. There's a bundle of papers next to the oil lamp. Handwritten on the top sheet: 'To Guide Mask'. The rest of the bundle is a handwritten manuscript. Mask begins to read.



Circle **Document 3** on your case tracking sheet. You have gained access to **Document 3** (Edward's Manuscript), which can be found at the back of this case book on [page 296](#).

Footsteps approach the door and Mask shoves the pages into his pocket. A pause. He holds his breath. The sound of a key quickly turning in the lock followed by someone running away.

Mask throws open the door. It exits into the rest of the basement. On the floor in front of him are a Colt revolver and a flashlight. He scoops them up.

Traces of smoke begin to hit his nose. A sense of heat. Mask sprints up the stairs, out into a hall. Flames lick the walls around him - an inferno. Coughing, Mask tries to keep his eyes open. The smoke stings.

At one end of the hall there appears to be a front door. Mask bolts straight towards it. As he yanks open the door, he turns to look back. A figure climbs the stairs to the second floor, marching deeper into the flames. Mask turns back and runs out of the house.

At the street, he stops. Turns around. Herbert Edwards' house burns brightly in the night. Sirens blare in the distance. People begin to congregate in the street. Mask runs off into the night.

You're free to head back out into the world with the manuscript. If you need a hint go to go to [Manuscript Puzzle \(p.328\)](#)



LEADS

STOP!



WARNING! Do **not** read through the rest of this document like a book from beginning to end. Lead entries are meant to be read individually only when you look up a lead by its number.

Close this book now and follow rulebook instructions for looking up leads.

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1-1030

Hint for Marker H1 (3-4641 on p.105) contd.

What did Edwards say about where she lived?

Need another hint go to [5-3139 \(p.186\)](#).



1-1241

Central Park - Water Tunnel (3-5611 on p.113) contd.

Mask kicks open the door. An empty corridor. Behind him, the sound of a door being ripped open and running. He turns around and lets out a shot. It goes wide. The Garrotter crashes into Mask. They tumble to the ground. Hands around Mask's throat, pressing harder. Harder.

Later

Valentine lowers his paper. "Looks like someone solved our problem for us."

"I don't know, Boss. Something about this still makes me sick."

The End.

- Go to [3-5611 \(p.113\)](#)



1-1556

Mask, G. (3-9329 on p.133) contd.

Mask is too busy to stop back at his apartment.



1-1900

Hopper, Edward (Studio)

3 Washington Square N., GV-55

"Mr. Wells is not currently showing here. But you might try a park. He often paints there."



1-1938

Hajdufi the Dentist
1491 2nd Ave, LH-5

Golding had not been to a dentist yet in NYC. He had acquired his dentures back in Chicago.



1-3163

Rockefeller Institute Hospital (6-7827 on p.234) contd.

Mask doesn't find anything out about Madeline or her boyfriend.



1-3208

Manuscript Puzzle ([4-4958](#) on [p.161](#)) contd.

Could other parts of the story be referencing locations in Central Park?

Need another hint go to [2-2935](#) ([p.62](#)).



1-3947

Melvin Pick

400 E. 53rd St, TB-40

If it's Day 1 go to [2-8704 \(p.83\)](#).

Otherwise go to [3-4650 \(p.106\)](#).



1-4163

Cheers & Revelry
13 E. 40th St, TL-10

O'Dwyer isn't there, but Mask had not expected him to be.



1-4217

New York Academy of Medicine (1-7884 on p.44) contd.

Dr. Kara has not been admitted to this hospital.



1-4441

River House Apartments
435 E. 52nd St, TB-40

The door man doesn't stick his nose where it doesn't belong.



1-4464

Hint for Marker E1 (3-5168 on p.110) contd.

Where could he have been heading with his easel?

Need another hint go to [2-8545 \(p.82\)](#).



1-5127

Pier 4

27 Sutton Pl S., TB-24

Mask doesn't find anything.



1-5396

Mask, Eugene

170 E. 79th St, UE-4 (apt. upper)

This is not a relative of Mask.



1-6130

Consulate of Hungary
204 W. 12th St, GV-14

No Mr. Kara works here.



1-6445

Final Puzzle ([4-8255 on p.152](#)) contd.

Is there some repeated phrase? Or phrases?

Need another hint go to [4-5632 \(p.165\)](#).



1-7017

Central Park - Children's Summer House
CP-75

"One of the rooms is filled with small beds. Children? Was this some kind of orphanage?"



1-7762

Central Park - Carousel
CP-67

“The wolves keep running around the flock and begin to press in. Sheep start running in circles to try and find an escape.”



1-7829

Doan, L.

435 E. 52nd St, TB-40 (apt. 2b)

Mask's neighbors know better than to get involved in his business.



1-7884

New York Academy of Medicine
1216 5th Ave, SH-65

If you're here to inquire about Edward's health go to [3-8738 \(p.128\)](#).

Otherwise if if you have circled **Marker EI** on your case tracking sheet go to [2-2822 \(p.61\)](#).

Otherwise if if you have circled **Marker JI** on your case tracking sheet go to [1-4217 \(p.34\)](#).



1-8766

Hint for Marker G1 ([6-3078 on p.226](#)) contd.

Visit Ratopax Extermination Corp.

Need another hint go to [6-3395 \(p.227\)](#).



1-8838

Kara, Ruby
525 E. Houston St, LE-30

Turns out not to be related to Dr. Kara.



1-9037

Final Puzzle (3-7039 on p.120) contd.

It's an acrostic.

Solution go to [7-7568 \(p.263\)](#).



1-9071

Central Park - Bow Bridge
CP-55

"There is an oddly ornate-looking stone bridge that stretches out across a lake."



1-9617

Salvation Army Adoption Center
161 E. 109th St, SH-26

"No, we don't have Helena Novak as a member. Although the name sounds familiar. Maybe she volunteered or worked with us in the past."



1-9742

Heritage Journeys Travel
653 Lexington Ave, TB-26

No one has seen Golding.



1-9896

Liberty Shotgun and Rifle
638 Lexington Ave, TB-25

The store was closed during the night. It was a shot in the dark anyway.



1-9972

Novak, I.
433 E. 75th St, LH-15

"I'm sorry but I don't have any relatives named Helena."



2

2-0646

Chic Framing

10 1/2 MacDougal Alley, GV-54

"Mr. Wells is not currently showing here. But you might try a park. He often paints there."



2-0821

Blissful Nights

115 W. 31st St, TL-57

O'Dwyer isn't there, but Mask had not expected him to be.



2-1032

Hint for Marker A1 (3-7375 on [p.123](#)) contd.

Visit Ginger Man Bar.



2-1084

Cornell Medical Center (4-3550 on p.156) contd.

A few greased palms reveal the same story: Herbert Edwards is considered the biggest and wealthiest hypochondriac in the city.



2-1605

Leoni and Son Boats & Ships
25 Sutton Pl S., TB-24

Mask doesn't find anything.



2-1695

Hint for Marker K1 ([p.323](#)) contd.

What hospital might Doctor Kara have been taken to?

Need another hint go to [5-2191 \(p.182\)](#).



2-1964

Golding, Victor (8-3891 on p.283) contd.

Golding's place has been tossed. Mask stands in the doorway. Quickly he looks over his shoulder, then back. Listens. Silence.

Mask crouches and begins to creep through the residence. No one home.

"Looks like they decided to have a little fun."

Mask's ears ring. A cold chill.

Handcrafted Orfina, meticulously engraved. Smashed. Whistler etching. Eviscerated. Trilby. Hacked. Obliterated. Mess everywhere.

Mask returns to the front door. Two pieces of paper on the floor.

"Must have been delivered after the decorators left."

Two notes, with different handwriting.



Circle **Document 4** on your case tracking sheet. You have gained access to **Document 4** (Note from Celeste), which can be found at the back of this case book on [page 298](#).



Circle **Document 5** on your case tracking sheet. You have gained access to **Document 5** (Note from Al), which can be found at the back of this case book on [page 299](#).



Make a special note of this lead in your case log. You may wish to reread it later.



Circle **Marker N1** on your case tracking sheet.



2-2822

New York Academy of Medicine (1-7884 on p.44) contd.

Mask doesn't find anything out about Madeline or her boyfriend.



2-2935

Manuscript Puzzle (1-3208 on p.31) contd.

Start at Scholar's gate. Follow landmarks.

Solution go to 7-4831 (p.255).



2-2986

Lenox Hospital
100 E. 77th St, UE-11

If you're here to inquire about Edward's health go to [7-1804 \(p.247\)](#).

Otherwise if if you have circled **Marker E1** on your case tracking sheet go to [8-2538 \(p.281\)](#).

Otherwise if if you have circled **Marker J1** on your case tracking sheet go to [2-8130 \(p.79\)](#).



2-3032

Hint for Marker L1 ([6-2715 on p.221](#)) contd.

Novak is a Nun. But now how can you find her?

Need another hint go to [6-1133 \(p.213\)](#).



2-3234

City Soundwaves Studio
135 E. 53rd St, TB-32

No one has seen Golding.



2-3973

Hint for Marker L1 (3-7173 on p.122) contd.

Go to Czechoslovak National Church of Saint John Nepomucene.



2-4046

Blue Angel Nightclub
152 E. 55th St, TB-26

No one has seen Golding.



2-4171

Bellevue Hospital Medical College Laboratory (2-4366 on p.69) contd.

A few greased palms reveal the same story: Herbert Edwards is considered the biggest and wealthiest hypochondriac in the city.



2-4366

Bellevue Hospital Medical College Laboratory
338-340 E. 26th St, GD-9

If you're here to inquire about Edward's health go to [2-4171 \(p.68\)](#).

Otherwise if if you have circled **Marker EI** on your case tracking sheet go to [3-0777 \(p.90\)](#).

Otherwise if if you have circled **Marker JI** on your case tracking sheet go to [4-7423 \(p.169\)](#).



2-4487

Grolier Club (4-5508 on p.163) contd.

Locksmiths are busy changing the locks to the entrances of the Grolier. Mask doesn't see a way to enter inconspicuously.



2-4878

Hint for Marker C1 ([3-8234 on p.125](#)) contd.

Any names similar to the one mentioned at the Brook Club.

Solution go to [6-6374 \(p.231\)](#).



2-5211

Biddle, Albina
300 E. 46th St, TB-74

A neighbor says, "Beanie is probably at work."



2-6124

Cornell Medical College Laboratories (5-0974 on p.178) contd.

The chemical analysis lab. There on a table next to some lab equipment, completely unguarded, is the small box with the priceless skull. Lid's been pried opened. Mask grabs the box, turns towards the door to leave. Voices approach.

"Well, it's a good thing I thought to just look at it under a microscope first." That must be James. "Saved the college a lot of money. It's clearly some sort of dead leaf - nothing like bone cells at all. Now, how about we grab a bite to - "

In walk Madeline Wells and James.

"Mask! ...I was going to get it back to you. I just had to know first. If any of it was real. You believe me, don't you?"

Mask shrugs. "Sure, Bonnie. Doesn't really matter now. But for the record: you still say you don't have any idea what happened to Golding?"

Madeline shakes her head.

James says, "So you're the one Mads left me for. Hmmm... I don't know, think I might have you beat in the looks department, buddy."

Mask walks past the pair and out the door. "Well what can I say. Sometimes they go for brains."



Circle **Marker F1** on your case tracking sheet.



2-6208

Beth Israel Teaching Hospital (8-0109 on p.271) contd.

Mask doesn't find anything out about Madeline or her boyfriend.



2-6734

Hint for Marker M1 ([p.325](#)) contd.

Have you tried visiting Herbert Edwards?

Solution go to [4-4419 \(p.158\)](#).



2-7483

Golding, Victor (8-3891 on p.283) contd.

There's no need to visit the boss's house.



2-7688

Manuscript Puzzle ([6-0818 on p.211](#)) contd.

What counting house could the text be referring to?

Need another hint go to [4-4958 \(p.161\)](#).



2-7976

Graybar Office Building (3-8995 on p.132) contd.

Coat in hand, Melvin Pick opens the door to the office and collides with Mask. Pick falls backwards onto the floor.

“Oh Mr. Pick, I’m so sorry! Let me help you up.” Mask offers his hand. “Aw geez, and look, I’ve gotten you all wet.”

Pick stands and brushes himself off, fumbling for his glasses. “Oh, n-no worries Mr. Mask. Accidents happen. I-I thought perhaps Mr. Golding had changed his mind about tonight.”

Mask looks around. The space is big enough to house a typing pool and a couple of separate offices; instead it’s filled with shelves and shelves of books. Musty books. Old books. Ancient books. A secret library.

Pick takes a seat at a solitary desk by the office door.

“Mr. Mask, I’m-m not sure if I can let this happen. It’s a complete betrayal of Mr. Pforzheimer’s⁴ trust! If he even finds out I let anyone in here without his express permission...”

“Mr. Pick, please, calm yourself. We both know Mr. Pforzheimer’s out in Purchase⁵. My employer only wishes to borrow the object for a one night engagement. His other guests are all fellow bibliophiles - in fact several are fellow members of the Grolier Club⁶. The event is even being held at the club tonight.” Mask pauses. “Surprised?! Well, we won’t dwell on what that might imply about your regard for my employer. As I was saying, I assure you it will be treated with the utmost respect and care. Then tomorrow I will return it, and you’ll never have to see me or these again.”

Mask slides an envelope across the desk. Pick rips the envelope open and looks at the photos. His shoulders slump. He stands and begins to lead Mask through the maze of aisles. Eventually they stop before a portrait: a young man with wavy brown hair, an upturned white collar, blue suit and a quill in his right hand.

Pick fiddles with the frame. The portrait swings out, revealing a safe. Pick looks back at Mask for a moment, then begins turning the tumblers. As the door to the safe swings open, more books are revealed, including a Gutenberg Bible. Pick’s hand passes by the books and instead pulls out a metal box. After handing the box to Mask, he pulls out a keyring from his pocket, finds a particular key and hands that to Mask as well.

“Promise you’ll take care of it?”

“You worry too much, Pick.” Mask jabs him in the chest. “I gotta get going. Holding up Vic’s party as it is. You’ll get this and the negatives, tomorrow.”



Circle **Marker B1** on your case tracking sheet.



⁴Carl H. Pforzheimer. Famous banker and book collector.

⁵Purchase NY

⁶Oldest book lover society in America.

2-8130

Lenox Hospital (2-2986 on p.63) contd.

Loud. Hectic. Doctors and nurses bustling between rooms. Mask scans room numbers: there! 402. A nun has just left the room and is walking away. Mask enters.

“Been saying your rosary, Doc?”

Dr. Kara has one leg in a cast, suspended. His face is bruised.

“Mask! Get out! I don’t want to see you or Golding. You’ve probably cost me my membership to the Grolier. All that time dealing with Herbert... I’m sure it’s only thanks to him that the police aren’t involved.”

“I’m trying to find - ”

“You’re lucky I don’t press charges,” Kara goes on. “For all I know, maybe you pushed me down those stairs. I thought you were supposed to be guarding us. Mary and Joseph⁷ ... the Graphic... poor Helena. The trouble she told me she’s in.”

“Listen, I...”

“I don’t want to talk to you. Get out! Out! Nurse! Nurse!”

Mask leaves the room as a nurse approaches. She looks at his face. “If you’re looking for the admissions desk, it’s down the hall, then down the stairs and to the left.”

“Thanks, but I think I’ll just cut to the chase and check in at the morgue.”



Circle **Marker K1** on your case tracking sheet.



⁷Shortened version of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. A phrase of exasperation.

2-8290

Hint for Marker L1 ([5-3843 on p.190](#)) contd.

The necklace with triangles.

Novak knows Latin.

Novak is often in a uniform.

Dr. Kara is embarrassed when Golding uses profanity in front of Novak.

Need another hint go to [4-3520 \(p.155\)](#).



2-8530

Beth Israel Teaching Hospital (8-0109 on p.271) contd.

A few greased palms reveal the same story: Herbert Edwards is considered the biggest and wealthiest hypochondriac in the city.



2-8545

Hint for Marker E1 (1-4464 on [p.36](#)) contd.

Have you tried looking at any art locations? They may give a clue.

Need another hint go to [3-9700 \(p.136\)](#).



2-8704

Melvin Pick (1-3947 on p.32) contd.

There was no need to visit Melvin at his house.



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3-0185

Hint for Marker K1 (5-2191 on p.182) contd.

Go to Lenox Hospital



3-0436

Hint for Marker D1 ([p.317](#)) contd.

Could that woman have seen anything that night?

Need another hint go to [7-2881 \(p.251\)](#).



3-0445

*Salvation Army Outpost
223-225 Bowery, BO-29*

"No, we don't have Helena Novak as a member. Although the name sounds familiar. Maybe she volunteered or worked with us in the past."



3-0502

"Ideal Toy Company"

101 E. 54th St, TB-25

Shop wasn't open during the night. Unless Pinocchio was running around in there, no one saw anything.



3-0545

Edwards, Jean
124 E. 79th St, UE-3

"I don't have a brother named Herbert. I think the person you're thinking of belongs to the Edwards that live in the Carnegie Mansion District."



3-0777

Bellevue Hospital Medical College Laboratory (2-4366 on p.69) contd.

Mask doesn't find anything out about Madeline or her boyfriend.



3-0826

*Central Park - Sheep Meadow
Near 64 Central Park W., CP-69*

"Following the sound leads to a meadow. As I descend, I notice the sheep seem unattended."



3-0836

Church of St. Vincent Ferrer
869 Lexington Ave, UE-56

The person Mask's looking for doesn't belong to this church.



3-1365

Hint for Marker L1 ([p.324](#)) contd.

Try to locate Helena Novak

Need another hint go to [5-3843 \(p.190\)](#).



3-2033

Golding, A.

2 E. 57th St, TS-17

Turns out not to be related to Victor Golding.



3-2435

Hint for Marker H1 (5-3139 on p.186) contd.

Check TB 30.



3-2662

Graybar Office Building (3-8995 on p.132) contd.

Pressed against the outside wall of Pforzheimer's secret library, Mask listens.

"Pick, where are you?" Pforzheimer yells. "Pick! If you don't show yourself, you're fired! ...Great, he's gone to ground. When I find him...!"

If you want to find out what happened to Pick and you didn't visit Mask's apartment you can visit go to [3-9329 \(p.133\)](#) then continue reading this entry.

Footsteps, heading deeper into the library. Mask peeks around the corner of the open door. Pforzheimer's nowhere to be seen. He slowly moves towards Pick's desk.

He hears Pforzheimer's muffled voice in the distance: "Well, at least it looks like nothing else is missing from the safe."

Mask places the box with the supposed skull fragment on Pick's desk. Backs out of the library. Heads back down to the ground floor and out the front door.

"That was clo-"

A sharp pain. Darkness.

- Go to [Waking Up In A Cell \(p.22\)](#)



3-2837

*Memorial Cancer Hospital
1275 York Ave, LH-46*

If you're here to inquire about Edward's health go to [7-5554 \(p.257\)](#).

Otherwise if if you have circled **Marker EI** on your case tracking sheet go to [3-4449 \(p.104\)](#).

Otherwise if if you have circled **Marker JI** on your case tracking sheet go to [6-2253 \(p.218\)](#).



3-2891

Bohemian Presbyterian Church
351 E. 74th St, LH-18

The person Mask's looking for doesn't belong to this church.



3-3019

Hint for Marker F1 ([5-8409 on p.202](#)) contd.

Where could her boyfriend be?

Solution go to [7-2144 \(p.248\)](#).



3-3923

Consulate of Poland
407 4th Ave, MH-61

No Mr. Kara works here.



3-3949

New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital (7-1737 on p.246) contd.

A few greased palms reveal the same story: Herbert Edwards is considered the biggest and wealthiest hypochondriac in the city.



3-4105

Cygan, Celeste
47 Sutton Pl S., TB-30

White paint flakes off the old brick building. It floats on the breeze over the large concrete barricade at the end of the street and settles on the surface of the East River.

Mask climbs the exterior stairs to the second floor. Celeste's door is open. Mask peeks inside. Nothing appears disturbed.

The main room comprises some worn but patched couches, a coffee table and lampstands made from driftwood. A variety of paintings lean against the north wall. Dreamcatchers hang from the ceiling. Cans of paint thinner are stacked in a corner. Windows make up the entire east wall, with a doorway to a small concrete balcony overlooking the river. An easel stands just inside with a half-painted landscape on it - a sunset over what looks more like an ocean than a river.

Mask examines the portrait. "Celeste, you hom-?"

Bang! A lamp near the easel explodes. Ceramic shards graze Mask's left cheek as he dives towards the ground. The couch provides cover. Muffled thuds as a few more bullets enter the couch.

Celeste's voice yells, "You come here to kill me, Mask! Send me off with Vic!"

"What are you talking about?! I didn't off Vic! I'm looking for him!"

"Oh, so then you can kill him!"

"You think I've thrown in with Valentine? Come on. Give me credit. We've got to find Vic and get out of town."

Celeste hesitates. "You... you really didn't hurt him?"

"No, I didn't hurt him. I'm going to stand up now. Didn't you see the Graphic? If so, you must think I had quite a night - stealing kisses, selling out, murdering Vic."

"But then... where is he?"

"That's what I'd like to know," Mask says. "Last anyone heard, he was yapping about coming here."

"Wait - where? Where was he last seen?"

"The Brook. Screaming about coming here to hide from ghosts or something. Guessing he never showed?"

"N-no."

Mask sighs. Walks out onto the balcony.

"Figures. Look, I've got the feeling something bad's coming. You should probably leave town. I'll find Vic, and maybe we all meet back up in Pawnee."

He rests his arms on the ledge, looking out at the river. Brooklyn. "Some view," he mumbles. Celeste walks out beside him.

"You're a good friend," she says.

Mask's ears ring. A cold chill.

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"I try." A long, labored wheeze. Eyes not trained. Wafting reek of nearby garbage.

Celeste's eyes lower.

"Stay safe."

"Celeste, you know I... You too."



Make a special note of this lead in your case log. You may wish to reread it later.



Circle **Marker H1** on your case tracking sheet.



3-4449

Memorial Cancer Hospital (3-2837 on p.97) contd.

Mask doesn't find anything out about Madeline or her boyfriend.



3-4641

Hint for Marker H1 ([5-6851 on p.194](#)) contd.

How can you locate Celeste?

Need another hint go to [1-1030 \(p.25\)](#).



3-4650

Melvin Pick (1-3947 on p.32) contd.

A note is pinned to Pick's door.



Circle **Document 6** on your case tracking sheet. You have gained access to **Document 6** (Note from Pick), which can be found at the back of this case book on [page 300](#).



3-4711

Cornell Medical Center (4-3550 on p.156) contd.

Dr. Kara has not been admitted to this hospital.



3-5018

Central Park - Water Tunnel (3-5611 on p.113) contd.

Mask kicks open the door. An empty corridor. Behind him, the sound of a door being ripped open and running. He turns around and lets out a shot. It goes wide. The Garrotter crashes into Mask. They tumble to the ground. Hands around Mask's throat, pressing harder. Harder.

Later

Valentine lowers his paper. "Looks like someone solved our problem for us."

"I don't know, Boss. Something about this still makes me sick."

The End.

- Go to [3-5611 \(p.113\)](#)



3-5101

The Lion's Head
23 E. 39th St, TL-17

O'Dwyer isn't there, but Mask had not expected him to be.



3-5168

Hint for Marker E1 (7-0234 on [p.241](#)) contd.

He was heading south.

Need another hint go to [1-4464 \(p.36\)](#).



3-5485

Neighborhood Park
Near 136 W. 20th St, GP-51

Mask doesn't find the person he is looking for.



3-5610

Hint for Marker E1 ([p.318](#)) contd.

Talk to Madeline Wells.

Need another hint? go to [7-4143 \(p.253\)](#).



3-5611

*Central Park - Water Tunnel
Near 79-40 W. Dr, CP-43*

Author's note. I would recommend theorizing about the whole case up till now and trying to answer the following questions go to [Questions \(p.303\)](#)

I might also suggest giving the entries you took special note of in the case log a reread.

Splashes echo throughout the tunnel. Flashlight's beam swings back and forth over wet reflective surfaces. A powerful stench seems to keep growing stronger. The sound of a second set of steps?

Mask stops. Listens. Silence. He treks on. Ahead, light and shadows appear around a bend in the tunnel. Off to the side is a maintenance room. Inside, candles burn. Mask tightens his grip on the Colt.

The smell is coming from inside the room. A makeshift catacomb. A mural, painted in blood on one wall, showing a group witnessing a hanging. On the other, shelves of decapitated heads. One of them is Victor Golding.

"Fuck!"

Sudden pressure around Mask's throat! He drops the flashlight. Tries to get fingers under the wire. Windpipe constricted. Swings the Colt behind him, lets out a volley of shots. Deafening - but the pressure around his throat slackens.

He spins around and takes a couple more shots as the Garrotter rounds a corner in the back of the room. Mask chases after him. Around the corner, in the back of the room, is a doorway. Maintenance tunnel.

The tunnel leads straight to a circular room. There are six closed doors. Each labelled with a letter of the Greek alphabet. Mask swings the Colt open. Only one shot left.

Mask's ears ring. A cold chill.

Muscles ache. Stomach knots. Dry eyes. Lip twitches. Agony.

Clarity. Mask moves forward with confidence. Guidance?

Author's note. You should find a definitive solution. Do not guess. If you need a hint go to go to [Final Puzzle \(p.327\)](#)

If Alpha go to [3-5018 \(p.108\)](#).

If Beta go to [6-6920 \(p.232\)](#).

If Delta go to [3-9570 \(p.135\)](#).

If Gamma go to [1-1241 \(p.26\)](#).

If Kappa go to [6-6164 \(p.230\)](#).

If Rho go to [7-6496 \(p.259\)](#).

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3-6125

New York Appraisal Services
888 3rd Ave, TB-32

No one has seen Golding.



3-6375

Novakova, Johanna
115 Sullivan St, LW-15

"I'm sorry but I don't have any relatives named Helena."



3-6633

Hint for Marker C1 ([p.316](#)) contd.

Locate 58th street on the map.

Need another hint go to [3-8234 \(p.125\)](#).



3-6690

Sanford's Bar
202 W. 34th St, TL-47

O'Dwyer isn't there, but Mask had not expected him to be.



3-6986

Hint for Marker F1 ([p.319](#)) contd.

Have you talked to Madeline Wells?

Need another hint? go to [4-7499 \(p.172\)](#).



3-7039

Final Puzzle ([4-5632](#) on [p.165](#)) contd.

The paragraph following the phrase mentioning a cold chill has a message in it.

Need another hint go to [1-9037](#) (p.47).



3-7045

Mask, G. (3-9329 on p.133) contd.

Clothes strewn across the floor. Chest of drawers open. Disorganized papers scattered on a writing desk. Sheets half off the bed. Medicine cabinet door hanging open, revealing modest contents: a razor, shaving cream, a bottle of aspirin. Mask's apartment.

Currently, three occupants. One proceeds to flip over the mattress. One pulls the chest of drawers away from the wall and peers behind. One stands next to the door of the apartment, observing the others.

"Nothing here about where Golding's holed up."

"Okay. You two stay here while I go call the boss."

One of the men leaves the apartment. Starts walking towards the lobby. Suddenly he feels something hard at his back. A rod⁸. But it shakes. Trembles.

"M-"

"Mask! You bastard!" snaps Pick. "The skull's in the fucking paper! Pforzheimer's on his way! I'm taking it back, and the negatives. Don't you -"

The door to Mask's apartment creaks open. One of the other goons peeks through, then steps out. Clubs Pick over the back of head. Pick crumples.

"Who's this?"

"Hell if I know. Thought I was Mask. Seems related to that piece in the Graphic with the skull."

Third goon walks out as the second rolls Pick over.

"Hey, this is the guy in those negatives. What a freak!"

"Well, help me drag him back into the apartment. Let's find out what he knows."

"Oh, I'm going to enjoy this!"

Meanwhile across the city Mask shudders.



⁸A gun.

3-7173

Hint for Marker L1 (3-8681 on p.127) contd.

What could the consulate where Doctor Kara's brother works tell you?

Solution go to [2-3973 \(p.66\)](#).



3-7375

Hint for Marker A1 ([5-2289 on p.183](#)) contd.

How about its red hair?

Solution go to [2-1032 \(p.56\)](#).



3-8183

Arrington & Costa Antiques
153 E. 53rd St, TB-32

No one has seen Golding.



3-8234

Hint for Marker C1 ([3-6633 on p.117](#)) contd.

Try using the reverse directory.

Need another hint go to [2-4878 \(p.71\)](#).



3-8272

Hint for Marker J1 ([p.322](#)) contd.

Have you tried visiting Doctor Kara?

Solution go to [5-2172 \(p.181\)](#).



3-8681

Hint for Marker L1 (6-1133 on [p.213](#)) contd.

Have you tried seeing if Doctor Kara has any siblings?

Need another hint go to [3-7173 \(p.122\)](#).



3-8738

New York Academy of Medicine ([1-7884 on p.44](#)) *contd.*

A few greased palms reveal the same story: Herbert Edwards is considered the biggest and wealthiest hypochondriac in the city.



3-8751

"Gallery of Living Art"

101 Washington Square E., GV-68

"Mr. Wells is not currently showing here. But you might try a park. He often paints there."



3-8779

Edwards, Herbert
520 E. 70th St, LH-36

No response to knocks at the front door. Mask walks down an alley to the back of the house: a small courtyard with a back door for deliveries. A trash fire burns in a bin. The delivery door has been left open.

Mask heads towards the door, when a maid appears from within. She's carrying a wastebin, almost overflowing with crumpled pieces of paper, towards the fire.

Mask's ears ring. A cold chill.

Hurriedly empties wastebin. "Insanity. Library locked. Guests unwanted - " incredulously - "doctors, even. You! Out! Understand?"

The maid continues to wave Mask away as she carries the wastebin back inside. Mask waits a moment, then begins to head towards the door. A butler appears.

"I'm sorry, but what is your business here?"

"I work for Golding. Trying to track him down. He here?"

"I'm afraid he is not. Mr. Edwards has forbidden any guests since his return."

"Is Herbert alright?"

"I... I suppose he must actually be feeling better than usual. He canceled doctor consultations he had scheduled for today. Now, please, I must insist you leave."



Make a special note of this lead in your case log. You may wish to reread it later.



Circle **Marker M1** on your case tracking sheet.



3-8868

Consulate of Austria
1382 3rd Ave, UE-4

No Mr. Kara works here.



3-8995

*Graybar Office Building
420 Lexington Ave, TB-78*

If it's Day 1 go to [2-7976 \(p.78\)](#).

Otherwise if if you have circled on your case tracking sheet **all** of the following 10 items (**Marker C1, Marker D1, Marker E1, Marker F1, Marker G1, Marker H1, Marker K1, Marker L1, Marker M1, and Marker N1**) then go to [3-2662 \(p.96\)](#).



3-9329

Mask, G.

435 E. 52nd St, TB-40 (apt. 2d)

If it's Day 1 go to [1-1556 \(p.27\)](#).

Otherwise go to [3-7045 \(p.121\)](#).



3-9515

Bauer, Myrtle

644 Lexington Ave, TB-25 (apt. lower)

The sisters are largely deaf and slept through the night.



3-9570

Central Park - Water Tunnel (3-5611 on p.113) contd.

Mask kicks open the door. The Garrotter lunges towards him. Bam! Shot dead in the chest. The Garrotter crumples to the floor.

Later

Eyes fixed on the floor. Out the window. On the ceiling. Anywhere but at the man in the back of the bus.

“Pawnee!” calls the busdriver. Passengers file out of the bus into the bright sunshine.

Mask watches. Stares as the doors close.

The bus drives on.

The End.

- Go to [Final Scoring \(p.305\)](#)



3-9700

Hint for Marker E1 (2-8545 on p.82) contd.

A park to the south?

Solution go to 5-8008 (p.200).



3-9805

Rockefeller Research Lab for Medical Research (4-1546 on p.141) contd.

Mask doesn't find anything out about Madeline or her boyfriend.



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4-0001

New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital (7-1737 on p.246) contd.

Dr. Kara has not been admitted to this hospital.



4-1214

The Tiger Bar
21 E. 30th St, TL-66

O'Dwyer isn't there, but Mask had not expected him to be.



4-1546

Rockefeller Research Lab for Medical Research
1230 York Ave, LH-53

If you're here to inquire about Edward's health go to [7-0838 \(p.245\)](#).

Otherwise if if you have circled **Marker E1** on your case tracking sheet go to [3-9805 \(p.137\)](#).

Otherwise if if you have circled **Marker J1** on your case tracking sheet go to [5-3808 \(p.189\)](#).



4-1568

Pace, Marco

435 E. 52nd St, TB-40 (apt. 2a)

Mask's neighbors know better than to get involved in his business.



4-1707

Barrel & Beats
499 5th Ave, TL-7

O'Dwyer isn't there, but Mask had not expected him to be.



4-1718

Consulate of Sweden
140 E. 54th St, TB-32

No one has seen Golding.



4-1832

Rockefeller Institute Hospital (6-7827 on p.234) contd.

A few greased palms reveal the same story: Herbert Edwards is considered the biggest and wealthiest hypochondriac in the city.



4-1885

Donald, Josephine
133 E. 55th St, TB-19

No one has seen Golding.



4-2149

Drafting Supply Shop
399 Park Ave, TB-31

No one has seen Golding.



4-2366

Central Park - Belvedere Castle
Near 78-04 E. Dr, CP-43

Mask was very close.



4-2701

"Gemstone Accents Boutique"
640 Lexington Ave, TB-25

The store was not open at night.



4-2743

Ryder, Jamie
449 E. 58th St, TB-5

Mask knocks on the door. No response. He knocks louder: no response. He bangs!

A muffled voice says from inside, “Go away! I’m trying to sleep!” Mask bangs again. Shuffling. “What’s your problem? Do you want me to call the cops?”

The door swings open. Mask explains the situation, offers 10 dollars to help smooth things over.

“Makes sense, you two know each other. The two of you decide to wage a crusade against peace and quiet? Yeah, he came in screaming his head off about needing “sanctuary”. Ghosts after him or something - clearly out of his head. I don’t know what dope you guys were messing with, but I’d steer clear of it from now on.”

“Anyway, he kept going on, wouldn’t stand still. I tried to tell him we’d get him all the help he needed if he’d just shut up and sit down. Was deciding between calling the cops or the funny farm, when he started acting like he was going to head deeper into the club, so I came around the desk to try to stop him. And by this point some of the other staff and guests started to mosey in to see what all the hubbub was about. I thought maybe we were going to have to dogpile him.”

“But all of the sudden he heads towards the front door. Now he’s going on about someone named Celeste, how only she can save him and he has to get to her? Then he was gone, out into that downpour. Good riddance.”

“Some of the members made a bit of a hullabaloo about making sure he’s alright. Well, they didn’t want to get wet, and neither did we - so we just nodded and said we’d get right on it. With the members, out of sight, out of mind. Here, wait a minute.”

Jamie retreats into his residence, then returns and hands Mask a piece of paper.



Circle **Document 1** on your case tracking sheet. You have gained access to **Document 1** (This is Golding’s Poem), which can be found at the back of this case book on [page 294](#).

“He slammed this down on the reception desk at some point. Put it in my pocket without thinking - was just going to throw it away. That’s all I got. Now please let me get some sleep.”



Circle **Marker C1** on your case tracking sheet.



4-2794

Ginger Man Bar
13 E. 36th St, TL-34

If it's Day 1 go to [7-2792 \(p.250\)](#).

Otherwise go to [7-0317 \(p.242\)](#).



4-3255

Final Puzzle ([p.327](#)) contd.

Reread the leads specially noted in your case log.

Need another hint go to [1-6445 \(p.40\)](#).



4-3332

Wells, Madeline
128 E. 95th St, CM-7

If if you have circled **Marker El** on your case tracking sheet then go to [6-8835 \(p.237\)](#).

Otherwise go to [5-7353 \(p.195\)](#).



4-3407

The Half Note
26 W. 30th St, TL-71

O'Dwyer isn't there, but Mask had not expected him to be. Good guess, though.



4-3520

Hint for Marker L1 ([2-8290 on p.80](#)) contd.

Have you visited Doctor Kara?

Need another hint go to [5-7488 \(p.197\)](#).



4-3550

Cornell Medical Center
525 E. 68th St, LH-43

If you're here to inquire about Edward's health go to [2-1084 \(p.57\)](#).

Otherwise if if you have circled **Marker J1** on your case tracking sheet go to [3-4711 \(p.107\)](#).

Otherwise if if you have circled **Marker E1** on your case tracking sheet go to [5-2553 \(p.185\)](#).



4-3980

Cornell Medical College Laboratories (5-0974 on p.178) contd.

A few greased palms reveal the same story: Herbert Edwards is considered the biggest and wealthiest hypochondriac in the city.



4-4419

Hint for Marker M1 (2-6734 on p.75) contd.

Visit Edward's home.



4-4780

Beth Israel Teaching Hospital (8-0109 on p.271) contd.

Dr. Kara has not been admitted to this hospital.



4-4823

Cornell Medical College Laboratories (5-0974 on p.178) contd.

Dr. Kara has not been admitted to this hospital.



4-4958

Manuscript Puzzle ([2-7688 on p.77](#)) contd.

From Edwards and Brother CPA what could be the great forest near the upper eastside?

Need another hint go to [1-3208 \(p.31\)](#).



4-5465

Moran, Nita
150 E. 54th St, TB-32

No one has seen Golding.



4-5508

Grolier Club

47 E. 60th St, UE-74

If it's Day 1 and if you have circled on your case tracking sheet **both** of the following 2 items (**Marker A1** and **Marker B1**) go to [Grolier Evening \(p.13\)](#)

If it's Day 2 go to [2-4487 \(p.70\)](#).



4-5619

Hint for Marker F1 (4-7499 on [p.172](#)) contd.

Didn't he mention something about Madeline's boyfriend?

Need another hint? go to [5-8409 \(p.202\)](#).



4-5632

Final Puzzle (1-6445 on p.40) contd.

Could it be signaling some sort of message?

Need another hint go to [3-7039 \(p.120\)](#).



4-5891

Korolev, Ignacio
128 E. 36th St, MH-31

"I didn't receive any phone calls," Korolev says. "Yagudayev's having trouble? I really need to get back to the office in time for that service. I'll call the old man when I get there if there's still time before it starts. You could try Schinkel - he should be at home, has the day off. He had an all-nighter prepping the deceased, so he would know if any phone calls came in during the night. Please, excuse me."



4-7046

Comfort Dental
50 E. 66th St, UE-54

Golding had not been to a dentist yet in NYC. He had acquired his dentures back in Chicago.



4-7292

Brook Club

111 E. 54th St, TB-25

As Mask enters he spots a well-dressed man behind a reception desk and signals to him.

“Good morning sir, how can I... Ah geez, fella, you look awfully banged up. Need me to call a doc?”

“Rolled out of bed the wrong way. Got separated from my friends last night: Golding, Edwards, Dr. Kara. Are they here?”

“I don’t recognize any of those names. You know this club is exclusively for members. We don’t allow guests. Now why don’t you get out of here before a member sees you.” The receptionist begins to gesture towards the door, but then a grin breaks across his face. “Hey! Aren’t you that nefarious Romeo from the paper - Mask? Looks like you could use one. Barely recognized you. What happened? Things get a little too rough?” The receptionist winks.

“What are you yammering about?”

“You ain’t seen the Graphic yet! Here, have mine. You can cut out the picture and keep it in your wallet.”



Circle **Document 2** on your case tracking sheet. You have gained access to **Document 2** (Evening Graphic Article), which can be found at the back of this case book on [page 295](#).

The skull! Mask searches the pockets of his suit jacket. He still has the key but the box is gone!

“Fuck me,” he mutters to himself.

The receptionist snaps his fingers. “Wait, was it one of your friends who came in here screaming bloody murder in the middle of the night?”

“Does it look like I know?”

“Well, I wasn’t on shift then. It was Jimmy... Jimmy, what’s it? Raider? Riener? Lives around here, somewhere on 58th. Invited to a staff poker game at his place once. I couldn’t make it.”

“Thanks for the help.”

“Hope you find your friends in better shape than yourself.”



4-7423

Bellevue Hospital Medical College Laboratory (2-4366 on p.69) contd.

Dr. Kara has not been admitted to this hospital.



4-7467

Bauer, Mary

644 Lexington Ave, TB-25 (apt. upper)

The sisters are largely deaf and slept through the night.



4-7481

Hint for Marker B1 ([p.315](#)) contd.

Visit the Graybar Office Building.



4-7499

Hint for Marker F1 ([3-6986 on p.119](#)) contd.

Have you talked to Well's brother?

Need another hint? go to [4-5619 \(p.164\)](#).



4-8757

Consulate of Portugal
652 Lexington Ave, TB-25

No one came into the consulate during the night.



4-9036

Hint for Marker G1 (6-3395 on p.227) contd.

Visit Lady Eugenie Gee



4-9700

*Gramercy Park
Near 1 Lexington Ave, GP-49*

Mask doesn't find the person he is looking for.



4-9900

Wells, Grady

402 E. 105th St, SH-59 (apt. 1d)

Turns out not to be related to Madeline Wells.



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5-0974

Cornell Medical College Laboratories
1300 York Ave, LH-43

If you're here to inquire about Edward's health go to [4-3980 \(p.157\)](#).

Otherwise if if you have circled **Marker JI** on your case tracking sheet go to [4-4823 \(p.160\)](#).

Otherwise if if you have circled **Marker EI** on your case tracking sheet go to [2-6124 \(p.73\)](#).



5-1214

Kara, M.D.

324 E. 70th St, LH-38

“Dr. Kara can’t see any patients in the immediate future,” insists the nurse. “He’s indisposed. If you give me some contact details, I can let you know when he’s ready to see patients again.”



5-2017

Rockefeller Institute Hospital (6-7827 on p.234) contd.

Dr. Kara has not been admitted to this hospital.



5-2172

Hint for Marker J1 ([3-8272 on p.126](#)) contd.

Visit Doctors Kara's home.



5-2191

Hint for Marker K1 (2-1695 on p.59) contd.

Maybe a hospital in the same neighborhood as the Grolier club?

Solution go to 3-0185 (p.85).



5-2289

Hint for Marker A1 ([p.314](#)) contd.

What are the characteristics of a leprechaun?

Need another hint go to [3-7375 \(p.123\)](#).



5-2551

Edwards, Hilda

115 Central Park W., LS-14 (apt. 3e)

Turns out not to be related to Herbert Edwards.



5-2553

Cornell Medical Center (4-3550 on p.156) contd.

After some legwork, Mask learns Madeline's sweetheart was last seen in the chemical analysis lab next door.



5-3139

Hint for Marker H1 (1-1030 on p.25) contd.

Could the footnote provide help?

Solution go to 3-2435 (p.95).



5-3277

Belsky, Joseph

50 W. 34th St, TL-49 (apt. 1a)

No one comes to the door. Belsky is probably still at work.



5-3679

Edwards, James
101 E. 89th St, CM-27

James Edwards is still away on business and won't be back till next week. Mask learns from the staff that he is embarrassed by his brother's hypochondria. Still can't believe he moved out of the Carnegie Mansion district into Lenox Hill just to be closer to medical facilities.



5-3808

Rockefeller Research Lab for Medical Research (4-1546 on p.141) contd.

Dr. Kara has not been admitted to this hospital.



5-3843

Hint for Marker L1 (3-1365 on p.93) contd.

Try rereading the party scene and pick up on details about Novak

Need another hint go to [2-8290 \(p.80\)](#).



5-4086

Hint for Marker G1 ([p.320](#)) contd.

Have you visited the Evening Graphic?

Need another hint go to [8-9970 \(p.292\)](#).



5-4644

Hint for Marker N1 (6-2358 on p.220) contd.

Visit Golding's house.



5-5709

Beer & Whiskey Lounge
19 E. 34th St, TL-45

O'Dwyer isn't there, but Mask had not expected him to be.



5-6851

Hint for Marker H1 ([p.321](#)) contd.

Were all the original guests in attendance?

Need another hint go to [3-4641 \(p.105\)](#).



5-7353

Wells, Madeline (4-3332 on p.153) contd.

Mask's finger reaches towards the doorbell. Pauses. He shrugs, then presses the buzzer. A moment passes, and the door opens revealing a maid. She looks at Mask, crinkles her face and begins to shut the door - then stops.

"Wait.. you're..."

She looks around quickly. Swings the door open and grabs Mask by the arm. "The coast is clear, hurry!"

Mask's dragged into the house and up some stairs.

"Oh how I love a good romance. Star-crossed lovers and all that." At the top of the stairs, the maid opens another door and leads Mask inside a room. "Now, you stay right here and I'll go find her." Without waiting for a reply she turns and leaves, closing the door behind her.

Madeline Wells' bedroom? Queen sized bed. Collection of abstract and classical-style paintings hanging on the walls. A large bookshelf with a mix of art history books, first editions of poetry and fiction, along with women's and suffragette literature. Along a wall, a writing desk, and next to it a trashcan with a crumpled-up copy of the Evening Graphic in it.

The door opens and Madeline Wells appears. Her eyes go wide, then narrow. A pinched grin appears on her face as she turns to the maid behind her.

"How thoughtful. We'll have to talk about this later."

She closes the door, strolls over to her desk. "Well, hello, lover. Seen our glamour shot in the paper? If not, you can have mine." She reaches into the trashcan and pulls out the crumpled paper. "A little worse for wear." Throws it to Mask. "Guess I was just clutching it too tightly next to my beating heart. Where'd you run off to anyway? You could give a girl the wrong idea."

Mask balls up the paper and throws it over his shoulder. "Got swooped up by the fairies and taken to their kingdom." Points to his face. "Gave me a beauty potion. Just got back. Missing two things: my boss, and a priceless skull."

Wells stiffens. "I hope that's not an accusation. One's reputation can only take so many assaults in one day. I haven't seen Golding and I've no idea where he is. You know what, Clyde: I think it's time for Bonnie to be frank. From where I'm standing it looks like you really screwed the pooch. If I recall correctly, you were the one on chaperone duty." Wells pauses, turns away from Mask. "I'm... I'm not sure you know, but the Doc got pretty banged up. Fell down the stairs."

Mask sits on the edge of the bed. "I'm sorry. I really let you all down."

"A-and Mask, it... it took us a while to, ah, regain our senses, you know. Saw some scary stuff." She turns back towards Mask. "Mask, you... you don't... I mean, it was just the dope, right? I'm not even sure the skull looked real. And if it was fake, then that means the whole thing was fake. I mean, we really couldn't have contacted Shelley's ghost. That's, I mean, that's just crazy and -"

"I'm sure it was just the drugs." A moment of silence. Mask looks over and kicks at the crumpled paper. "Any ideas about who got this ball rolling?"

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Wells turns back towards Mask. “Maybe your luck is turning around. I might have a lead for you - my brother Bertie. I may have accidentally mentioned our little party during one of our lively debates - between the topics of women, the arts, family honor, yadda yadda.”

Mask gets up. “Well, it’s something.”

“Chin up, Mask. I think you’ll find both the things you’re looking for.” He heads for the door. “Oh, and Mask... as much as I love this clandestine lovers act, it’s getting a bit clichéd. So when you leave, hold your head up high.”



5-7488

Hint for Marker L1 ([4-3520 on p.155](#)) contd.

Could what Doctor Kara says when you visit him give a clue about Novak's profession?

Need another hint go to [6-2715 \(p.221\)](#).



5-7788

Biddle & Yagudayev Undertaker
110 E. 55th St, TB-25

55th Street is flooded in front of Biddle & Yagudayev Undertaker. Water's flowing out from the storm drains into the street. Mask looks up at the still drizzling sky, then enters the undertaker's building.

Well-upholstered couches. Coffee table with a variety of magazines and catalogues. Classical landscapes hanging on the walls. Vases of flowers sitting on different tables and pedestals. A reception counter. The guest parlor. An older man dressed in a suit, Yagudayev, stands behind the counter. Mask enters and Yagudayev jumps slightly.

"Oh, my. You're not with the Johnson family, are you? Or the McGuyers? Please, you have to understand that something like this has never--"

As he speaks he comes around the counter, revealing that he's barefooted. His dress pants are rolled up to his thighs.

"Um... no, I'm here to ask - "

"Oh, thank heavens." The old man relaxes. His shoulders slouch and his back takes on a more hunched appearance. "I'm sorry, but we're quite busy at the moment. Unforeseen circumstances leave us unable to offer as much assistance as we would wish to at this time."

"I'm not bereaved. I'm just here to ask..."

"You're not from the health department, are you? I mean, I never imagined this could happen. It's really beyond my control!"

"No, I'm just - "

A side door behind the reception counter opens. The young woman in the one piece bathing suit enters. She turns and starts heading into the back of the building.

Yagudayev turns and calls out, "Beanie? Have you gotten through to Korolev yet? We need to do something. This... this is indecent!"

Beanie stops. "Umm... he said he's sorry, but they're full up. No way he can help." She doesn't wait for a response, but runs into the back of the building. A door can be heard opening followed by sounds of the city.

Yagudayev shouts after her, "What? Doesn't he understand this is a crisis! This is how he respects the memory of your father! At least Albert isn't around to see this mess."

"Look, I'm just trying to ask if my friend came here last night - Victor Golding?"

"What? Why would your friend be coming to a funeral home in the middle of the night? Can't you see how busy we are? Beanie!" Beanie runs back in with a now empty bucket. "You were here all night. Any schmuck named Golding come by?"

She takes a moment to look Mask up and down. Disheveled. Bruised. Scraped up. She frowns. "No, just me and my bucket." Then she heads back through the side door behind the reception counter. Footsteps can be heard going down steps, then splashes.

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“There you go,” snaps Yagudayev. “So unless you have the power to part the Red Sea, please leave.”



Circle **Marker D1** on your case tracking sheet.



5-8008

Hint for Marker E1 (3-9700 on p.136) contd.

He went to Washington Square Park



5-8148

Hint for Marker D1 (7-2881 on p.251) contd.

Go to Biddle & Yagudayev Undertaker



5-8409

Hint for Marker F1 ([4-5619 on p.164](#)) contd.

Specifically what he was studying.

Need another hint? go to [3-3019 \(p.99\)](#).



5-8565

"Canvas area around block 25"

Mask doesn't notice anything new.



5-8744

Yagudayev, Sawa
35 Sutton Pl, TB-6

No one is home.



5-8790

Ratopax Extermination Corp. (7-8175 on p.266) contd.

The door to the shop crashes against the front window. Belsky fumbles his paper, looks up to see Mask marching right towards him.

“I gave the leprechaun your message. He ever get back to work?”

Back in the depths of the shop, a door can be heard slamming open. Footsteps running away.

“Oh well, I didn’t want to talk to him anyway. This time I’m here to talk to you. Where’s Ducker?!” He slams both his fists on the counter. A flimsy paper cup falls over. Coffee spreads across the counter.

Belsky, “Wh... who? He’s not one of my guys.”

“Cut the crap. Last time I was here I heard him selling his pitch. Now where is he?”

Belksy mumbles, “Worth my trouble. Yeah, right,” and pulls out a ledger. “Fine! Fine. Ah crap you got coffee on the ledger. Now I can’t make out the name, but the address is 120 E. 20th street. You happy?”

“Getting there. One more thing: I don’t think I ever got your name, bub.”



5-9593

First Hungarian Reformed Church
344 E. 69th St, LH-41

The person Mask's looking for doesn't belong to this church.



5-9833

Central Park - Ladies Cottages
CP-46

"On the other side in the distance, I can see what looks like a town. Cottages. A pavilion."



6

6-0591

Wayne, Lewis

435 E. 52nd St, TB-40 (apt. 2c)

Mask's neighbors know better than to get involved in his business.



6-0755

Evening Graphic
11 E. 36th St, TL-34

There's a cacophony of keys clacking and return-carriage zings. Reporters running in and out of the newsroom. New arrivals scanning for the nearest open desk. No one pays any attention when Mask enters the room - just part of the crowd.

At first he weaves between the different rows of desks, inspecting each one. Nameplates? Nah. Next he tries asking around - met with suspicion. Eventually Mask finds someone more susceptible to a lucrative incentive.

"Don't have any idea where Ducker is," the newsman tells him. "He was bragging earlier about a new way to get scoops. Something about hiding in plain sight. I don't know... the guy likes to blow his own horn a lot. Don't pay a lot of attention to him. Really nothing but a big rat."

"Got any photos of him?"

"Christ! You don't even know what he looks like? This is starting to reek. I think we're in for a renegotiation."

Mask hands him another five.

The newsman leads him over to a photo hanging on the wall - company Christmas party. "That's him. Guy with the big smug grin on his face."

Mask squints.

"I feel like I've seen this guy. Is it just from the Grolier last night?"



6-0818

Manuscript Puzzle ([p.328](#)) contd.

Could there be NY locations being referenced in the text?

Need another hint go to [2-7688 \(p.77\)](#).



6-1033

Wells, A.

716 3rd Ave, TB-75

Turns out not to be related to Madeline Wells.



6-1133

Hint for Marker L1 ([2-3032 on p.64](#)) contd.

What church could Doctor Kara attend?

Need another hint go to [3-8681 \(p.127\)](#).



6-1459

The Merry Cork
200 Madison Ave, TL-40

Belsky had said O'Dwyer would not be at the Cork, and he was correct.



6-1677

Central Park- Scholar's Gate
CP-83

"Amongst them a robed figure. The Scholar?"



6-1701

Manhattan Oral Surgery
100 E. 50th St, TB-51

Golding had not been to a dentist yet in NYC. He had acquired his dentures back in Chicago.



6-1960

Schinkel, George
214 E. 21st St, GD-22

"Sorry, you must have the wrong Schinkel."



6-2253

Memorial Cancer Hospital (3-2837 on p.97) contd.

Dr. Kara has not been admitted to this hospital.



6-2345

*Central Park - Cherry Hill Cove
Near 2 W. 69th St, CP-61*

"Nearing the top of the hill, a sweet scent reaches me. Some sort of fruit? I look around but see no source for the scent. Down below, on the other side of the hill, is a cove."



6-2358

Hint for Marker N1 ([p.326](#)) contd.

Where might Golding be everyday?

Solution go to [5-4644 \(p.192\)](#).



6-2715

Hint for Marker L1 ([5-7488 on p.197](#)) contd.

Could Novak have tried to visit Dr. Kara as well?

The next hint will reveal Novak's profession. Go to [2-3032 \(p.64\)](#).



6-2738

*Central Park - Cop Cot
Near 120 Central Park S., CP-78*

"Fear seizes me. I hide. A constable."



6-2910

Korolev's Diner
600 Lexington Ave, TB-36

Korolev seems confused by Mask's questions. He thinks Mask must have him mixed up with somebody else, but assures him he only serves high quality meats at his diner.



6-2948

Valentine, Henry
1262 Madison Ave, CM-21

"I'm not related to that thug."



6-3009

Central Park - Lake

Near 135 Central Park W., CP-51

"There is an oddly ornate-looking stone bridge that stretches out across a lake."



6-3078

Hint for Marker G1 ([8-9970 on p.292](#)) contd.

Who are the people Mask met on Day 1?

Need another hint go to [1-8766 \(p.45\)](#).



6-3395

Hint for Marker G1 (1-8766 on [p.45](#)) contd.

Can you use the map and reverse directory to find this address?

Solution go to [4-9036 \(p.174\)](#).



6-5215

Wells, John

37 Washington Square W., GV-73

Turns out not to be related to Madeline Wells.



6-5733

Sacred Rumour Church
488 E. 60th St, LH-75

The person Mask's looking for doesn't belong to this church.



6-6164

Central Park - Water Tunnel (3-5611 on p.113) contd.

Mask kicks open the door. An empty corridor. Behind him, the sound of a door being ripped open and running. He turns around and lets out a shot. It goes wide. The Garrotter crashes into Mask. They tumble to the ground. Hands around Mask's throat, pressing harder. Harder.

Later

Valentine lowers his paper. "Looks like someone solved our problem for us."

"I don't know, Boss. Something about this still makes me sick."

The End.

- Go to [3-5611 \(p.113\)](#)



6-6374

Hint for Marker C1 ([2-4878 on p.71](#)) contd.

Visit Jamie Ryder.



6-6920

Central Park - Water Tunnel (3-5611 on p.113) contd.

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The End.

- Go to [3-5611 \(p.113\)](#)



6-7534

Novakova, M.

429 E. 64th St, LH-56 (apt. 4a)

"I'm sorry but I don't have any relatives named Helena."



6-7827

Rockefeller Institute Hospital
66th St & York Ave, LH-53

If you're here to inquire about Edward's health go to [4-1832 \(p.145\)](#).

Otherwise if if you have circled **Marker EI** on your case tracking sheet go to [1-3163 \(p.30\)](#).

Otherwise if if you have circled **Marker JI** on your case tracking sheet go to [5-2017 \(p.180\)](#).



6-8208

*Washington Square Park
Near 13 Washington Square N., GV-67*

Two men and an easel under an umbrella. Each man half in, half out of the rain.

“Nice picture,” Mask remarks.

“A man of taste.” Wells looks at Mask’s face. “Hmm... would have taken you for a cubist. Do I know you?”

“Word around town is I’m your sis’s new beau.”

“Hmmm. Can’t say I’m surprised. Still, I’d be lying if I said I’m not a bit disappointed. Actually liked the last guy alright, James - studying to be a doctor or something. Rationalist. Helped keep my sister grounded.” Wells grimaces. “Look, do you mind if we switch places? It’s a bit hard to keep the paint on the brush when it’s out in the rain.”

They swap positions. Now each is completely soaked.

“You wouldn’t happen to be the one feeding ducks?” asks Mask.

“What are you going on about?”

“Phil Ducker. Ducks. The sleazeball who wrote that article. Fed a tip.”

“Sort of got away from you there, didn’t it?”

“Maybe.”

“You know, maybe you’re alright after all. Not to worry - I don’t go out of my way to embarrass my sister. Believe it or not, I actually like keeping the family rep intact. Makes my life easier.”

Somebody screams. A commotion in the distance. Mask heads towards it and Wells waves his brush in the air, “Been nice meeting you.”

Mask begins to run.

His ears ring. A cold chill.

Tears across knotted earth. A group of onlookers. Damp. Lifeless. Obstructing. Onward! Kneading. Groping. Exit? Through! Mask admires death.

Underneath a withered tree is a freshly dug hole. Inside, human heads, stacked atop one another. Glass eyes looking upward. Mouths filling with rain.

Bystander murmurs, “The Garrotter.”

The following document was later discovered at the crime scene.



Circle **Document 7** on your case tracking sheet. You have gained access to **Document 7** (Washington Park Garroter’s Note), which can be found at the back of this case book on [page 301](#).



Make a special note of this lead in your case log. You may wish to reread it later.



Circle **Marker E1** on your case tracking sheet.



6-8835

Wells, Madeline (4-3332 on p.153) contd.

The maid says Madeline left shortly after Mask but does not know where she has gone.



6-8966

Royal Frames

17 W. 10th St, GV-25

"Mr. Wells is not currently showing here. But you might try a park. He often paints there."



7

7-0051

Wells, Wade

455 E. River Dr, LE-69

Turns out not to be related to Madeline Wells.



7-0234

Hint for Marker E1 (7-4143 on p.253) contd.

Well's brother lives at 3 W. 19th St GP 052

Need another hint go to [3-5168 \(p.110\)](#).



7-0317

Ginger Man Bar (4-2794 on p.151) contd.

O'Dwyer's not here today.



7-0455

*New York School of Fine and Applied Art
12th St & 6th Ave, GV-10*

"Mr. Wells is not currently showing here. But you might try a park. He often paints there."



7-0558

*Central Park - Ladies Pavillion
Near 1 W. 75th St, CP-48*

"On the other side in the distance, I can see what looks like a town. Cottages. A pavilion."



7-0838

Rockefeller Research Lab for Medical Research (4-1546 on p.141) contd.

A few greased palms reveal the same story: Herbert Edwards is considered the biggest and wealthiest hypochondriac in the city.



7-1737

New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital
301 E. 20th St, GD-23

If you're here to inquire about Edward's health go to [3-3949 \(p.101\)](#).

Otherwise if if you have circled **Marker EI** on your case tracking sheet go to [7-8460 \(p.268\)](#).

Otherwise if if you have circled **Marker JI** on your case tracking sheet go to [4-0001 \(p.139\)](#).



7-1804

Lenox Hospital (2-2986 on p.63) contd.

A few greased palms reveal the same story: Herbert Edwards is considered the biggest and wealthiest hypochondriac in the city.



7-2144

Hint for Marker F1 (3-3019 on p.99) contd.

Go to Cornell Medical College Laboratories.



7-2518

Karas, Helen

187 E. Broadway, CT-14

"No, my last name is Karas not Kara. I'm not related to any Dr. Kara. Don't know any Helena Novak. What did you think, I'm some sort of secret relative or secret wife?!"



7-2792

Ginger Man Bar (4-2794 on p.151) contd.

Glass shatters. Those who can hear above the cacophony of the bar turn around. Mask stands behind Roark O'Dwyer, his hands loosely wrapped around O'Dwyer's throat.

Noticing the stares, Mask quickly lets go, shrugs, tries a boyish grin. Met with glares. A few boos. O'Dwyer's still gagging on the slug he'd been downing. The barman's moving quickly towards them.

Mask puts a five on the counter. Gestures between it and the broken glass. Without waiting to see the barman's reply, Mask takes O'Dwyer by the arm, drags him into the men's room.

He shoves a still-coughing O'Dwyer up against a row of sinks. "Guess you won't need a shower. You seem wide awake."

"Go to hell." O'Dwyer rubs his throat. Starts to push past Mask and head towards the exit. Mask firmly grips his shoulder, gives O'Dwyer a smirk.

"Blame your boss. I'm just playing messenger boy."

"You can't joke like that, not with the Garrotter out there." O'Dwyer tries to break away. Mask squeezes hard and swings O'Dwyer back between himself and the sinks.

"Look, only reason I visited your work is you broke our date. I'm busy. Got another errand to run at the Graybar building. You're lucky I don't have time to go find someone else. So I've brought you your pot of gold." Mask thrusts a wad of bills into O'Dwyer's hand. "Now give me what my boss and his friends need to see a rainbow. They need one. It's been raining too long."

O'Dwyer jerks the bills inside his coat and returns with a small bag. Mask snatches it and starts walking towards the exit.

O'Dwyer snarls, "You and Golding think you're pretty big up there in Turtle Bay. Don't you! High Society! Well, I heard neither of you quite made it over the Garden wall⁹ ... Also heard there are some visitors in town. Old friends from Chi¹⁰ looking you two up. Better watch your backs! If Valentine's men get you, no amount of screws and plates are going to be able to put you back together this time Mask!"



Circle **Marker A1** on your case tracking sheet.



⁹Turtle Bay Gardens. See neighborhood guide.

¹⁰Chicago

7-2881

Hint for Marker D1 (3-0436 on p.86) contd.

Where could she have gone into?

Solution go to 5-8148 (p.201).



7-3966

Central Park - Lake

Near 22 Central Park S., CP-79

"The treeline opens to a lake, glimmering in the moonlight."



7-4143

Hint for Marker E1 (3-5610 on p.112) contd.

Try to find Well's brother.

Need another hint go to [7-0234 \(p.241\)](#).



7-4148

Golding, Dennis

140 W. 22nd St, GP-38 (apt. 1b)

Turns out not to be related to Victor Golding.



7-4831

Manuscript Puzzle (2-2935 on p.62) contd.

Go to the water tunnel in central park.



7-4853

*Union Square Park
Near 175 Union Sq E., GP-79*

Mask doesn't find the person he is looking for.



7-5554

Memorial Cancer Hospital (3-2837 on p.97) contd.

A few greased palms reveal the same story: Herbert Edwards is considered the biggest and wealthiest hypochondriac in the city.



7-5728

*Czechoslovak National Church of Saint John
411 E. 66th St, LH-49*

Helena Novak is wearing her habit. She stares at the small flower bed outside Saint John's. Tiny streams of water run down the leaves of the flowers. Beads of water on their petals. Mask walks up beside her.

"Hello, Sister."

"Oh, hello, Mr. Mask." She turns to look at him. "Mr. Mask! Your face!"

"We all got to pay for our sins."

"Yes. I don't know what will become of me. After the Graphic... Reverend Mother says she'll have to see the Bishop."

"I'm sorry to hear that."

"Let's go inside," she says. "Someplace warm."

Mask's ears ring. The wind brings a cold chill.

It kneads Novak. Oscillates. Whirls. Whips hard at the corners of Mask's enfeebled suit. Against flurries, they enter.

Warm. Quiet. The pair walk to the front of the church and sit in a pew.

"I don't suppose you've seen Golding, have you?" asks Mask. "He's missing."

"No. What a nightmare."

"I'm sorry I let you down, Sister."

"Pray with me for a while, Mr. Mask."



Make a special note of this lead in your case log. You may wish to reread it later.



Circle **Marker L1** on your case tracking sheet.



7-6496

Central Park - Water Tunnel ([3-5611 on p.113](#)) contd.

Mask kicks open the door. An empty corridor. Behind him, the sound of a door being ripped open and running. He turns around and lets out a shot. It goes wide. The Garrotter crashes into Mask. They tumble to the ground. Hands around Mask's throat, pressing harder. Harder.

Later

Valentine lowers his paper. "Looks like someone solved our problem for us."

"I don't know, Boss. Something about this still makes me sick."

The End.

- Go to [3-5611 \(p.113\)](#)



7-6723

Schinkel, T.
128 E. 41st St, MH-7

Schinkel tells you, “No, there were no phone calls from Yagudayev’s last night.”



7-6748

Salvation Army
853 Broadway, GV-5

"No, we don't have Helena Novak as a member. Although the name sounds familiar. Maybe she volunteered or worked with us in the past."



7-7297

The W. 34th St Bar
40 W. 34th St, TL-49

O'Dwyer isn't there, but Mask had not expected him to be.



7-7568

Final Puzzle (1-9037 on p.47) contd.

The acrostic message tells Mask to pick delta.



7-7799

Ducker, Philip
20 E. 35th St, TL-46

No one is home.



7-8141

Mixed Media Gallery
19 E. 16th St, GP-71

"Mr. Wells is not currently showing here. But you might try a park. He often paints there."



7-8175

Ratopax Extermination Corp.
383 5th Ave, TL-40

If It's Day 1 go to [Ratopax Extermination Corp. 383 Fifth Ave TL-040 \(p.10\)](#)

If it's Day 2 go to [5-8790 \(p.205\)](#).



7-8280

Wells, Wilbert
3 W. 19th St, GP-52

Wilbert Wells steps out of his house carrying a large umbrella, a folded easel, and a large canvas bag. Mask watches Wells from across 5th Avenue. The driver of the idling Model A watches Mask from further back on 20th.

The driver scans the street. It looks empty. A glance to the two men in the back.

“All right, boys. Let’s do this.”

Wells begins to head towards 5th Avenue. Mask towards Wells. The Model A towards Mask.

Wells turns and heads south on 5th. Mask approaches the corner of 20th and 5th. The Model A pulls up alongside Mask.

Car doors are thrown open. Mask struggles against the men’s grasp. Wells continues on his way.

An officer rounds the corner of 5th onto 20th and starts running towards Mask and the Model A. Mask’s shoved aside. The doors slam shut and the Model A shoots off, flies through the intersection at 5th against the light.

Tires squeal. Horns blare. The Model A squeaks through. The officer heads toward the commotion. Mask runs the other way.

Wells glances back at the ruckus, then keeps heading south.



7-8460

New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital (7-1737 on p.246) contd.

Mask doesn't find anything out about Madeline or her boyfriend.



7-9969

Edwards and Brother, CPA
136 E. 59th St, UE-80

"Mr. Edwards is at home."



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8-0109

Beth Israel Teaching Hospital
281 1st Ave, GD-34

If you're here to inquire about Edward's health go to [2-8530 \(p.81\)](#).

Otherwise if if you have circled **Marker E1** on your case tracking sheet go to [2-6208 \(p.74\)](#).

Otherwise if if you have circled **Marker J1** on your case tracking sheet go to [4-4780 \(p.159\)](#).



8-0380

Block, Augusta

435 E. 52nd St, TB-40 (apt. 1a)

Mask's neighbors know better than to get involved in his business.



8-0557

O'Dwyer, R.

Somewhere in the city a payphone rings.



8-0659

Children's Free Art Studio
27 E. 13th St, GV-4

"Mr. Wells is not currently showing here. But you might try a park. He often paints there."



8-0679

Consulate of Denmark
353 E. 52nd St, TB-39

No Mr. Kara works here.



8-0939

Consulate of Venezuela
162 E. 55th St, TB-26

No one has seen Golding.



8-1154

Korolev & Schinkel Funeral Home
110 E. 41st St, MH-6

“I’m sorry,” says an employee, “we’re a bit busy at the moment. There was a schedule change and now the family insists we have the service today. We’re still getting everything ready. I don’t know anything about any phone calls from Yagudayev’s - maybe the call went straight to Mr. Korolev’s office? He popped out to grab a quick bite with his wife at home. Now I really must get back to work.”



8-2042

Wells, E.

148 E. 20th St, GP-56

Turns out not to be related to Madeline Wells.



8-2061

Church of the First Elder
676 Lexington Ave, TB-19

No one has seen Golding.



8-2242

"Animal Rescue League"
405 Park Ave, TB-25

Soundproofed so the animals don't disturb the outside world and the night staff taught themselves to snooze through the end of any world. No one knows anything about last night.



8-2538

Lenox Hospital (2-2986 on p.63) contd.

Mask doesn't find anything out about Madeline or her boyfriend.



8-3422

Madison Square Park
Near 2 Madison Ave, GP-21

Mask doesn't find the person he is looking for.



8-3891

Golding, Victor
240 E. 51st St, TB-48

If it's Day 1 go to [2-7483 \(p.76\)](#).

Otherwise go to [2-1964 \(p.60\)](#).



8-4109

Whitney Museum of American Art
10 W. 8th St, GV-54

"Mr. Wells is not currently showing here. But you might try a park. He often paints there."



8-4182

Help for the Homeless
1260 2nd Ave, LH-48

"No, Helena Novak doesn't work here. Although the name sounds familiar. Maybe she volunteered with us in the past."



8-4202

One-Two-Three Club
123 E. 54th St, TB-31

No one has seen Golding.



8-5114

"Kara, Bronislav"

210 E. 65th St, LH-54

"It's terrible." Housekeeper shakes her head. "He's had some sort of accident. He's in the hospital." The Housekeeper makes the sign of the cross.

A phone rings inside. The Housekeeper turns and shuts the door before Mask can ask anymore questions.



Circle **Marker J1** on your case tracking sheet.



8-5421

Kara, Vyacheslav
1278 2nd Ave, LH-45

Mask's knocks are not answered. A neighbor spots him. "You looking for Mr. Kara?"

"Yes."

"He's at work - some consulate as a translator. Sorry, don't remember which."



8-7246

Antique Emporium
127 E. 54th St, TB-25

The sign in the front window says “For Lease.”

Mask stares through the window. Mostly empty space. Dust floats through the air. Sheets cover a few pieces of furniture and the sales counter.

Mask heads back to Vic’s car. Searches through it.

”Damn, no keys. Nothing.”



8-7843

Gee, Lady Eugenie
120 E. 20th St, GP-55

Mask says to the maid, "Can you tell one of the exterminators, Phil, that Belsky wants to see him outside. Uh, but be discreet. It's a private matter."

The maid disappears back inside the house. A few moments later, Phil Ducker appears. "Joey, what's the deal? Everything's going fine - "

Mask punches Ducker in the face. Ducker reels back. Mask grabs him by his white overalls, swings him and slams him into the front of the house. "Didn't duck that, did you!"

Ducker coughs. Sputters.

"Now, you're going to give me an exclusive. Who blabbed?"

Ducker croaks, "Can't... reveal a source..."

Mask slams him against the house again. Starts to lift him off the ground by his suspenders. "Oh, come on! Don't start with integrity now! You know, you should be a rat-catcher - bet they walk right up to you."

The maid walks out of the house, looks at the pair of them, and runs back inside.

"Damn it!" Mask grabs Ducker by the throat. "Talk, now!"

"I don't know! Disguised voice! Could have been anyone - man or woman."

The other exterminators run out of the house. Mask drops Ducker and sprints away from them down the street.



Circle **Marker G1** on your case tracking sheet.



8-8669

*Consulate of Czechoslovakia
485 Park Ave, TB-1*

“I’m not close to my brother,” says Vyacheslav Kara. “You’re a friend of his? Is everything alright?”



8-9970

Hint for Marker G1 ([5-4086 on p.191](#)) contd.

Where could Mask be recognizing this person from?

Need another hint go to [6-3078 \(p.226\)](#).



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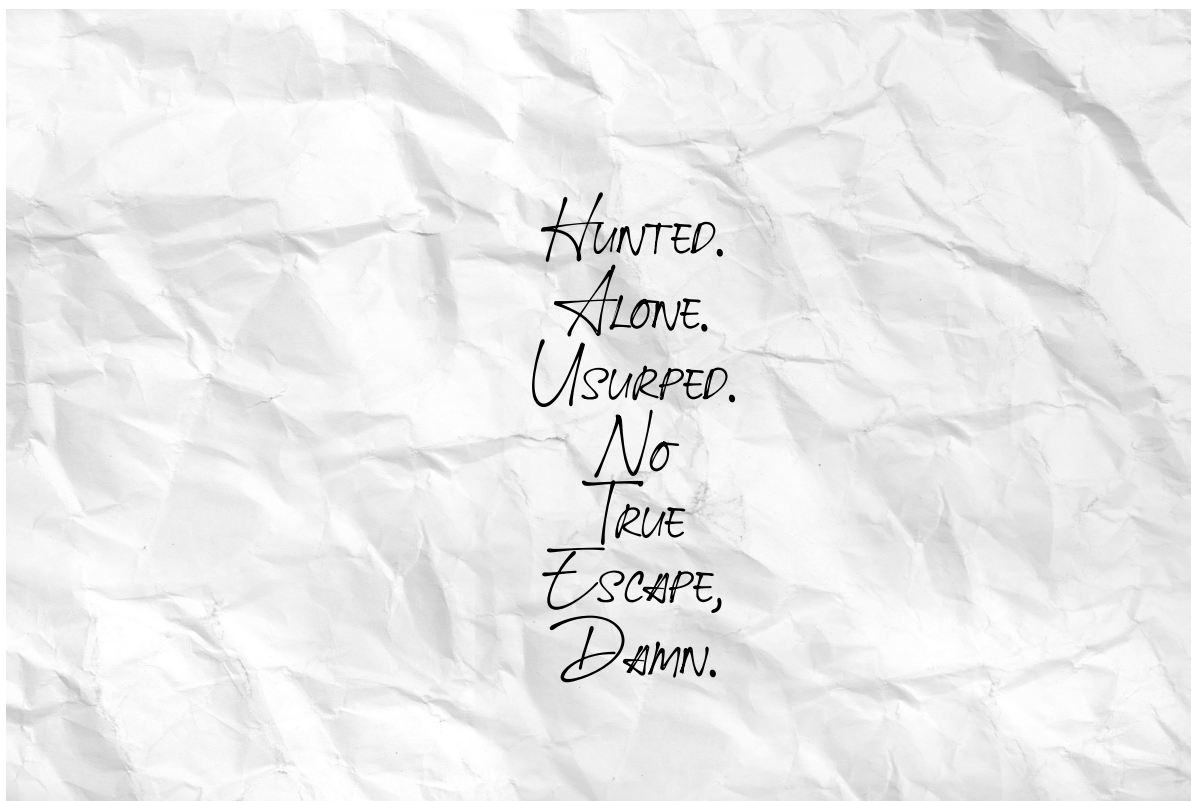
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Document 1

This is Golding's Poem, from 4-2743 (p.150)



Document 2

Evening Graphic Article, from 4-7292 (p.168)

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 1936

INDUSTRIALIST'S DAUGHTER EMBRACES MORE THAN HER SPIRITUAL SIDE!

Skulls! Ghosts! Hooch! Smooch!? The truth cannot be ducked when Ducker is on the case!

Rain can't wash away sins, and neither can it deter your faithful reporter Philip Ducker! After receiving a tip of strange goings-on in the dead of the night at the respectable Grolier Club, this reporter had to brave the treacherous storm. He owed it to the truth and his loyal readers - a group of readers that seem to have more class, dignity, and common sense than those purported intellectuals at the Club. One must wonder what kind of books they read to shape their minds and consciences.

Now, this reporter knows many readers have suffered the unbearable loss of loved ones during the war - and some may even have sought to make contact with those loved ones in the great beyond. It is not for him to judge those seeking solace in their grief. But a widowed mother trying to make final peace with her lost son is a far cry from what was occurring in the halls of Grolier last night. A black mass! Trying to use the pilfered bones of a poet to entrap his soul! To force him to impart inspiration to sullen, empty minds! Minds made even emptier by copious libations, and other illicit substances.

Did this reporter witness their debauched ritual? Luckily he was spared

this affront, but he did see the ruinous results - and it leaves him with no doubts as to the validity of the information he received. Bear witness to the photographic proof yourself! (Picture shows Wells sprawled on top of Mask at the bottom of the stairs. Novak stares absently in the background, and has her mouth open as if chanting something.)

No sooner had this reporter arrived at the premises than he encountered this scandalous scene! Madeline Wells, daughter of industrialist Rodrick Wells, in an impassioned embrace on the floor, while an as-yet-unidentified woman chanted unknown blasphemies in Latin. What obscene love song was being sung? Were they to become avatars for the late Shelley and his wife? Madeline Wells may think herself Mary Shelley, championing the cause of woman's independence and art. If this is that artistic process, however, this reporter cannot join the cause.

And who fulfills the role of Shelley? Someone you are more likely to recognize from the crime beat than the society pages, despite recent efforts. G. Mask! Right-hand lackey to supposedly self-made but highly dubious Victor Golding! Was Golding present? Sadly, this reporter cannot say - for as soon as this illuminating photo was captured, the brute Mask attempted to assail yours truly.

This reporter found himself forced to make a hasty retreat to safety, and unsure if he was still being pursued, felt compelled to leave the area in order to ensure the public learned of this story!

Document 3

Edward's Manuscript, from *Waking Up In A Cell* (p.22)

WHEN I FIRST BECAME INFECTED BY THE AILMENT, I COULD NOT SAY. MUCH WAS STILL UNKNOWN. MANY STILL DENY ITS EXISTENCE. I HAVE TAKEN NOTICE. DISPARATE DEATHS, MISTAKENLY ATTRIBUTED TO DIFFERENT NATURAL CAUSES. BUT I CAN SEE. UNUSUALLY DARK CIRCLES AROUND THE EYES. SMALL BUT PRESENT SWELLING IN THE FEET. IRREGULAR Splotches ON THE NAILS.

UNDOUBTEDLY, WHILE PURSUING MY INVESTIGATIONS, I HAVE BEEN EXPOSED. I STILL DON'T KNOW THE TRANSMISSION VECTOR, BUT I'VE NOTICED A CONSTANT FATIGUE IN MYSELF. A DULL ACHE, SLOWLY PUSHING ITSELF FORWARD IN MY HEAD. AND WITH THIS INSIGHT, I NOW SEE HOW DEEPLY THIS DISEASE HAS BECOME ROOTED IN OUR COMMUNITY. MEN, WOMEN, CHILDREN. I CAN SMELL IT ON THEM. WHO KNOWS HOW LONG BEFORE IT BEGINS TO INCAPACITATE US ALL.

I'VE HEARD RUMORS OF A WISE SCHOLAR WHO LIVES AT THE EDGE OF THE GREAT WILDERNESS. I INTEND TO SEEK HIM OUT TONIGHT. FOR SOME REASON I FIND MYSELF STARING AT THE PORTRAIT IN THE ENTRY HALL OF MY LODGINGS: A WOMAN DRESSED IN BLACK. SEATED, AND STARING AT A BLACK CURTAIN? PORTENT OF THE DEATH TO COME.

I STEEL MYSELF AND STEP OUT INTO THE NIGHT. I HEAD SOUTHWEST. AT THE FOOT OF THE HILLS A RUINED BUILDING. A COUNTING HOUSE. OWNED BY BROTHERS. ONE IS SAID TO HAVE SET HIMSELF A FLAME. I CONTINUE DUE WEST.

ABRUPTLY THE WIND STOPS. TREES LOOM BEFORE ME, AMONGST THEM A ROBED FIGURE. THE SCHOLAR? I CALL OUT TO HIM. HE OFFERS SOME VAGUE GESTURE AND PROCEEDS DEEPER INTO THE WOODS.

COMPELLED, I FOLLOW. WHY DOESN'T HE ANSWER MY CALLS? MOONLIGHT IS OBSCURED BY THE TREETOPS. I'M WORRIED I'LL LOSE TRACK OF HIM IN THE SHADOWS. FOR A MOMENT I THINK I HAVE, BUT THEN I SEE LIGHT BREAKING THROUGH AHEAD OF ME.

THE TREELINE OPENS TO A LAKE, GLIMMERING IN THE MOONLIGHT. A TINY ROTTING DOCK JUTS OUT IN FRONT OF ME. THE SCHOLAR IS IN A ROWBOAT, PUSHING OFF INTO THE LAKE. ABANDONING ME? BUT I'M SURE I SEE HIM WAVE, A SIGN TO COME JOIN HIM.

I RUN DOWN THE DOCK. BOARDS MOAN AND CRACK BENEATH MY FEET. WITH A SMALL LEAP, I MAKE IT ONTO THE BOAT. IT ROCKS AND I STRAIN TO KEEP BALANCE. JUST WHEN EQUILIBRIUM SEEMS TO HAVE RETURNED, THE SCHOLAR STANDS.

I SEE HIM NOW CLEARLY. WILD HAIR. LARGE DEPOSITS OF CRUSTED SLEEP IN THE CORNERS OF HIS EYES. MUCUS REFLECTING THE MOON LIGHT UNDER THE BRIDGE OF HIS NOSE. THIS MAN CANNOT HELP ME. THIS MAN IS DISEASED. HE BEGINS TO CLUTCH AT ME WITH LONG DIRTY NAILS. WE GRAPPLE WITH ONE ANOTHER. THE BOAT SWAYS OUT OF CONTROL. IT FLIPS, PLUNGING US INTO THE WATER. INTO DARKNESS.

EACH OF MY BREATHS IS LABORED. I DO NOT KNOW WHERE THE SCHOLAR IS. I'VE MANAGED TO CLAW MY WAY BACK ONTO LAND, BUT NOW I AM LOST. AIMLESSLY I WANDER THE WOODS, UNCERTAIN OF WHAT I'M EVEN LOOKING FOR. THEN, A TORCH AMONGST THE TREES.

FEAR SEIZES ME. I HIDE. A CONSTABLE. WHY DO I FEAR HIM? I WAIT AND HE RETURNS, PASSING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION. ON PATROL. BUT WHAT IS THERE TO PATROL OUT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FOREST - A SECRET?

I PURSUE HIM, HIDDEN BY THE TREES. HE COMES TO A CLEARING. A LONE HOUSE RESIDES THERE. AS HE LEAVES I APPROACH THE HOUSE, WHICH APPEARS TO BE IN DECAY. SAGGING WINDOWS. FLAKED PAINT. WARPED PORCH. WHAT'S INSIDE? I ENTER.

REEKS OF DAMPNESS AND ROT. ONE OF THE ROOMS IS FILLED WITH SMALL BEDS. CHILDREN? WAS THIS SOME KIND OF ORPHANAGE? WHY HAVE IT HIDDEN DEEP IN THE WOODS?

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QUARANTINE... COULD THEY HAVE BEEN ISOLATED BECAUSE OF SOME SICKNESS? SOME EVIL? HAS THE DEATH THAT HAS COME TO OUR COMMUNITY BEEN BORN HERE? GROWN AND FESTERED?

I MUST LEAVE BEFORE IT TAINTS ME FURTHER. I MUST GET BACK. I RUN OUT OF THIS CURSED PLACE, BACK INTO THE WOODS.

TREES EVENTUALLY GIVE WAY TO HILLS, BUT ARE THESE THE HILLS I KNOW? SOMETHING SEEMS OFF. I CAN'T SEEM TO FIND ANY LANDMARKS I RECOGNIZE. BLEATING IN THE DISTANCE - MAYBE A SHEPHERD. SOMEONE I CAN GET DIRECTIONS FROM.

FOLLOWING THE SOUND LEADS TO A MEADOW. AS I DESCEND, I NOTICE THE SHEEP SEEM UNATTENDED. I CALL OUT, BUT NO ONE RESPONDS. SHEEP BEGIN TO MILL AROUND ME. WHERE COULD THEIR SHEPHERD BE? COULD DEATH HAVE COME AND TAKEN HIM? THE BLEATING IS CALMING. I TAKE A MOMENT TO SIT AND REST.

UNSURE, I STRAIN MY EARS. THE SOUND OF RUNNING IN THE DISTANCE. SUDDENLY, HOWLS BEGIN TO RING OUT. WOLVES DESCEND INTO THE MEADOW. THEY ENCIRCLE THE FLOCK. I'M IN THE CENTER OF IT ALL.

THE WOLVES KEEP RUNNING AROUND THE FLOCK AND BEGIN TO PRESS IN. SHEEP START RUNNING IN CIRCLES TO TRY AND FIND AN ESCAPE. I NEED TO ESCAPE. I STRUGGLE AGAINST THE ANIMALS. FIGHT THE CIRCULAR CURRENT THEY'VE CREATED. IF I FALL, I'LL BE TRAMPLED.

AT THE OUTER EDGE I WAIT. ONE OF THE WOLVES BEGINS ATTACKING A SHEEP. MY CHANCE. I SPRINT PAST AND START UP ONE OF THE HILLS, PRAYING THE WOLVES ARE DISTRACTED ENOUGH. LUCKILY THE BLOOD PUMPING IN MY EARS COVERS WHATEVER SOUNDS LIE BEHIND ME.

NEARING THE TOP OF THE HILL, A SWEET SCENT REACHES ME. SOME SORT OF FRUIT? I LOOK AROUND BUT SEE NO SOURCE FOR THE SCENT. DOWN BELOW, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HILL, IS A COVE. THERE IS AN ODDLY ORNATE-LOOKING STONE BRIDGE THAT STRETCHES OUT ACROSS A LAKE. ON THE OTHER SIDE IN THE DISTANCE, I CAN SEE WHAT LOOKS LIKE A TOWN. COTTAGES. A PAVILION. SALVATION.

NOW, BY THE BRIDGE, I NOTICE THAT STATUES LINE ITS RAILINGS. GARGOYLES. THEY LEAVE ME FEELING COLD. OMINOUS. MY STEPS ECHO. A FIGURE APPEARS ON THE OTHER END OF THE BRIDGE. I KNOW HIM. HE IS DEATH, AND HE IS COMING FOR ME. I TURN TO RUN, BUT HE IS UPON ME. I STRAIN AGAINST HIM, BUT HE HAS UNNATURAL STRENGTH. HE GRABS MY HEAD AND SMASHES IT INTO A GARGOYLE.

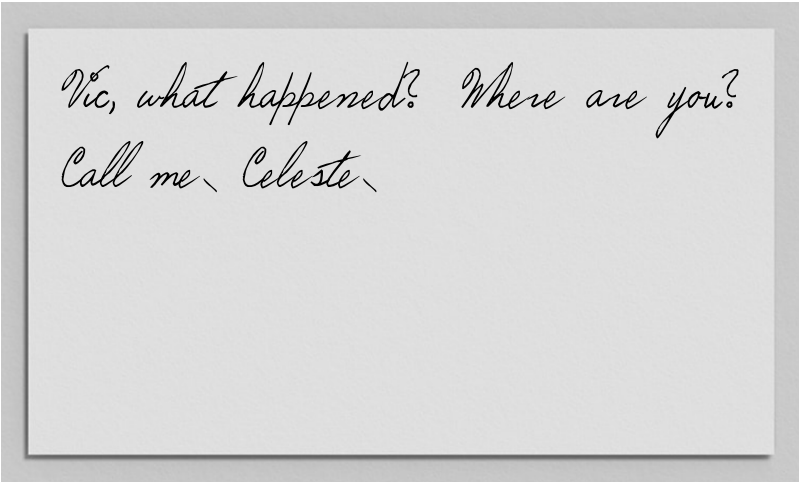
EVERYTHING IS BLACK NOW. CONSCIOUSNESS HAS RETURNED, BUT THERE IS NO LIGHT. I'M IN A WET COLD PLACE. SOME SORT OF CELL. MY SCREAMS ECHO ALL AROUND ME. I KNOW MY TIME IS SHORT. MY JAILER WILL SOON RETURN TO CARRY OUT HIS HORRIBLE WORK. HE KNOWS MY SECRET.

LOST SOUL, WHAT WILL BECOME OF YOU? WILL NO ONE HEAR YOUR CALL? WILL NO ONE SEEK YOU OUT?



Document 4

Note from Celeste, from 2-1964 (p.60)



Vic, what happened? Where are you?
Call me, Celeste.

Document 5

Note from Al, from [2-1964 \(p.60\)](#)

Why didn't you show? Can't keep asset
much longer. Facility compromised. Must
pick up today. Call first. -Al.

Document 6

Note from Pick, from 3-4650 (p.106)

If attempting to deliver package, please bring it straight to the office. Must be hand-delivered. Any damage to the package is unacceptable and will result in negative repercussions to all parties.

Document 7

Washington Park Garroter's Note, from [6-8208 \(p.235\)](#)

**Justice! Once innocent Nelly hanged!
Envied! Reviled! I now hear a
demand. Eternally sung.**

END

Conclusion

Plot Synopsis:

Victor Golding became aware that his past was catching up to him in New York. Members of the Chicago mob were looking for him. He decided to betray his fixer Mask. Golding conspired with his girlfriend Celeste. They decided to take advantage of a party they had already been planning. Taking advantage of the slightly scandalous nature of the party along with the supernatural overtones. Celeste excused herself from the party so that Victor had a place to say he was going while faking being out of his mind. Celeste also gave the tip off to Philip Ducker over the phone. With the reporter and Victor causing a scene at the Brook club, they were confident to create the narrative Victor was not in his right mind and heading towards Celeste's place. Victor had also made arrangements with Albina Biddle to acquire a cadaver to stand in for him. Mask would be killed and a car accident would be staged. However, on the way to acquire the cadaver Victor was attacked and overpowered by the Garrotter. His ghost wanted revenge and tried to influence Mask to carry out that task. He also influenced Herbert Edwards who seemed to have been receptive to psychic phenomena.

When Mask had crashed into Madeline Wells on the stairs the box containing the skull had fallen out. Madeline picked it up. Later concerned about what she had perceived that night, Madeline decided to have the skull fragment tested.



Questions

If you've been directed here by a lead, try to answer the questions to the best of your ability then return to go to [3-5611 \(p.113\)](#)

Q1. If any characters had ulterior motives the night of the party list and explain them here.

Q2. What really happened during Night 1 at the Grolier?

Q3. Who contacted Phil Ducker?

Q4. What happened to Golding? Where is he?

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Q5. What happened to Herbert Edwards?



Final Scoring

Calculate your final score by assessing how well you answered each question, assigning partial credit as you see fit.

- Q1. Max score of 10: _____

Golding was working with Celeste to fake his death. He wanted Valentine and his men to think he was dead. He planned to create the impression he was not in his right mind and then stage a car accident. He planned to pick up a cadaver at Biddle & Yagudayev Undertaker from Albina Biddle. He planned to drug and murder Mask so he could be the passenger, while Golding replaced himself with a corpse. Mask's body would be easily identifiable because of previous surgeries. Golding was hoping the fact he had dentures would help obscure dental identification. Golding betrayed Mask because he suspected Mask had feelings for Celeste. The car crash would have been staged with the concrete barricade next to Celeste's loft. If necessary the paint thinner would have been used as an accelerant to ignite the car.

- Q2. Max score of 10: _____

Golding drugged Mask's booze in the dutch kitchen. While drugged Mask heard a scream. He went out into the hall and ran into Edwards who was screaming about a headache. Mask then heard a scream downstairs. Dr. Kara and Mask both attempted to run down the stairs but Dr. Kara tripped and tumbled down breaking his leg. Mask made it all the way to the first floor but crashed into Wells at the foot of the stairs. The box with the skull fell out of Mask's pocket during their collision. Novak was there talking to herself in Latin. Ducker was there having received a tip off and took a photo. Mask chased after Ducker but tripped and hit his head on a box in the loading area. Golding located Mask and moved him to his car and drove off.

- Q3. Max score of 10: _____

Celeste most likely contacted Ducker. But if you suspected Golding you can also have the points.

- Q4. Max score of 10: _____

Golding was attacked and killed by Garrotter on his way to Biddle & Yagudayev Undertaker. His remains have been taken to the water tunnel in Central Park. His spirit has been trying to guide Mask to get revenge on the Garrotter.

- Q5. Max score of 10: _____

It seems Edwards was actually psychically inclined. He was influenced by the spirit of Golding to try and write directions to the Garrotter's lair. They became incorporated in a story idea Edwards had during the party. Golding spirit then drove Edwards insane while trying to get him to deliver the guide to Mask. Edwards wound up kidnapping Mask and then later setting his house on fire and dying in the fire.

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Behind the Scenes: Postscript from the Author

This story came from a desire to tell a tale about a storyteller club and a recent viewing of the film *Gothic* (1986). It morphed enough that I might still want to revisit the idea of a plot around a storytelling club. Doing a little online research and finding out that Pforzheimer owned a purported fragment of Shelley's skull helped solidify the idea. The idea of hidden acrostic messages from ghosts in the text is taken from Vladimir Nabokov's short story "The Vane Sisters". The idea of Garrotter came from the desire to have a slasher villain and reading about how there was once a potter's field and gallows in current day Washington Square Park. The neutral third person perspective was inspired by Dashiell Hammett. The staccato writing style was inspired by James Ellroy and Carrol John Daly. The story that formed was less fair play mystery and more a pulpy investigative adventure. Hopefully it brought you some enjoyment playing through it.

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Thanks to anyone who's taken the time to play this case. I hope you enjoyed it.

Thanks to the Co-op For Two community for being a great group to play games and solve mysteries with.



Full Walkthrough

Spoilers!!!! Spoilers for the whole case below!

Here is one way the player could have gone through the case.

Turn 1: Track down O'Dwyer (4-2794: Ginger Man Bar)

Belsky mentions that O'Dwyer is probably out drinking and Mask refers to O'Dwyer as the leprechaun. There are lots of bars in the neighborhood of TL but only two who have names that seem like they could be related to leprechauns. One the Half Note playing with the idea of leprechauns being short. O'Dwyer will not be found there. And the other is the Ginger Man Bar, playing on the idea of leprechauns having red hair.

Turn 2: Visit the Graybar Building (3-8995: Graybar Office Building)

Mask explicitly states he has an errand to run at the graybar building. Use the directory to find the Graybar Office Building.

Turn 3: Visit the Grolier Club (4-5508: Grolier Club)

Mask explicitly mentions the party will be held at the Grolier Club. Use the directory to find the Grolier Club.

Turn4: The Day 2 Intro

The game will explicitly direct the player to the Day 2 intro.

Turn 5: Visit the Brook Club (4-7292: Brook Club)

The game will explicitly direct the player to the Brook Club.

After this the game becomes very open ended. There are lots of routes for the player to explore. I'll try to group the walkthrough around overall objectives.

Investigating the immediate area:

This is about covering the immediate block where Golding's car was abandoned. (Note due to the update to v3 there are now several more locations on this block. However there is still logic to explore the below leads in particular.)

Turn 6: Re-examine Golding's car (8-7246: Antique Emporium)

During the intro to Day 2 Mask mentioned that the car was in front of an antiques shop.

Turn 7: Visit the Undertakers (5-7788: Biddle & Yagudayev Undertaker)

Mask saw a woman come out of a door into the alley. She appeared to be tired. She might have been up late last night and seen something.

Following up on the phone call claim from Biddle & Yagudayev

It is possible for the player to try and follow up on the phone call Beanie claimed she made to Korolev. Currently this is not marked as critical, it's more an extra clue for players being thorough.

Turn 8: Visit Korolev & Schinkel Funeral Home (8-1154: Korolev & Schinkel Funeral Home)

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Based on the context of Beanie's and Yagudayev's conversation it's implied Korolev is a fellow mortician. The only other Korolev business mentioned in the directory is a Dinner where the player will receive a humorous response.

Turn 9: Visit Korolev (4-5891: Korolev, Ignacio)

Could come straight here from the mention at Biddle & Yagudayev using the directory. Or if the player visits Korolev & Schinkel Funeral Home first they will be told Korolev is at home.

Turn 10: Visit Schinkel (7-6723: Schinkel, T.)

Korolev will tell the player Schinkel should be at home. From there the player can use the directory.

Albina Biddle

While the lead itself doesn't provide information it's worth noting that if you look up Biddle in the directory you'll see Albina Biddle. The player can infer that Beanie is a nickname for Albina. Also the player can later infer that Albina is the person who left the note at Golding's house. She signed the note as Al.

Tracking down Jamie Ryder

Turn 11: Tracking down Jamie Ryder (4-2743: Ryder, Jamie)

While at the Brook Club the employee mentions a fellow employee who was on shift when Golding possibly arrived. He doesn't quite remember his name, offering Jimmy and Raider or Riener. He also implies the employee lives in this neighborhood on 58th street. If the player uses the atlas they'll see that blocks 1-12 are on 58th street. If we use the reverse directory we see very few last names that start with "R" on those blocks. One of them is Ryder which sounds close to Raider/Riener. That person also has the first initial J. In fact, while not necessary if you cross reference with the white pages you'll see the J stands for Jamie; which was also corrupted through half memory to Jimmie.

Checking out Golding's House

Turn 12: Visit Golding's Apartment (8-3891: Golding, Victor)

The idea about this lead is the player just checking up to make sure Golding did not somehow return home last night. Covering the bases. Golding's address can just be found in the white pages.

Bonus: Checking out Mask's Apartment

If the player thinks to visit Mask's Apartment they'll be treated to a bonus scene. But it is not critical for the case.

Finding Philip Ducker

The player can try to track down Philip Ducker after receiving the article at the Brook Club.

Turn 13: Visit the Evening Graphic (6-0755: "Evening Graphic")

At the Brook Club the employee refers to the article as the Graphic. Also the articles label identifies the Evening Graphic. If the player gets to the lead with Madeline Wells the Evening Graphic will also be explicitly mentioned. Look up the Evening Graphic in the directory.

Turn 14: Go back to Ratopax Extermination Corp. (7-8175: Ratopax Extermination Corp.)

At the Evening Graphic Mask is shown a photograph of Philip Ducker. Mask comments that he feels he's seen Ducker before and questions if it was just from last night at the Grolier. While Mask is under the influence at the Grolier he mentions déjà vu when looking at Ducker's face. There are not that many locations Mask visited before going to the Grolier. Through elimination the player could back track to Ratopax. The player might also remember a man at Ratopax talking to Belsky about what seemed like a scheme.

Turn 15: Confront Ducker at Lady Eugenie Gee's (8-7843: Gee, Lady Eugenie)

Belsky gives the exact address for Lady Eugenie Gee's house: 120 E. 20th street. The player can go through the atlas to find East 20th street in Gashouse District (GD) and Gramercy Park (GP). The player can then use the reverse directory to search blocks looking for 120 E. 20th street.

Tracking down the Party Guests

The rest of Day 2 is primarily about tracking down the party guests.

Celeste Cygan

Turn 16: Visit Celeste Cygan (3-4105: Cygan, Celeste)

While not at the party Celeste was originally supposed to attend. From the Grolier entry the player learns she is Golding's fiance, that she helped plan the party, and that she lives by the pier and can see Roosevelt Island. The player also learns from Jamie Ryder that Golding said he was going to seek out Celeste.

Herbert Edwards

Turn 17: Visit Herbert Edwards (3-8779: Edwards, Herbert)

Edwards full name is given in the Grolier entry. Look Edwards up in the directory.

Madeline Wells

Turn 18: Visit Madeline Wells (4-3332: Wells, Madeline)

Madeline's full name was given in the Grolier entry. Look Wells up in the directory.

Finding Wells' Brother

Visiting Madeline prompts the player to investigate her brother.

Turn 19: Go to Wilbert Wells house (7-8280: Wells, Wilbert)

The player can look up Wells in the White pages. Focusing on those who live in affluent neighborhoods.

Turn 20: Go to Washington Square Park (6-8208: Washington Square Park)

In the conclusion of lead at Wilbert's house the player is told Wilbert is still heading south on 5th Avenue with painting supplies and a large umbrella. Where could he be going to paint? If the player follows 5th avenue down it eventually goes into Greenwich Village. 5th Avenue ends at Washington Square Park. The player could also try the Gallery of Living Art and be nudged to Washington Square Park.

Finding the Skull

Talking to Madeline's Brother gives the nudge towards the lead that will get the player to the skull.

Turn 21: Go to Cornell Medical College Laboratories (5-0974: Cornell Medical College Laboratories)

While talking to Madeline's brother, Wilbert, he mentions she was dating someone studying to be a doctor. A look through the yellow pages under Schools will reveal Cornell Medical College Laboratories. Also during the party at the Grolier, Dr. Kara mentions the "Center" and how it has advanced technology but overconfident youths. He is referencing the Cornell Medical Center. If the player visits the Cornell Medical Center they will be given a hint to go to the laboratories.

Dr. Kara

Turn 22: Visit Dr. Kara's home (8-5114: Kara, Bronislav)

Dr. Kara's name was explicitly given at the party. Use the directory to find his home.

Turn 23: Visit Lenox Hospital (2-2986: Lenox Hospital)

Dr. Kara's housekeeper says he's in the hospital. Searching for hospitals near the Grolier club in the yellow pages should lead to the Lenox Hospital.

Bonus: Dr. Kara's Brother

If the player looks up the other Kara who lives in LH, they'll eventually find he works at the Consulate of Czechoslovakia. While not critical to the case this can actually help clue the player in how to find Novak.

Turn 24: Visit Vyacheslav Kara (8-5421: Kara, Vyacheslav)

Found by checking for other Kara's who live near Dr. Kara.

Turn 25: Tack down Consulate of Czechoslovakia (8-8669: Consulate of Czechoslovakia)

Found by checking different consulates from the yellow pages hinted at by the last name Kara and first name Vyacheslav.

Helena Novak

Turn 26: Find Novak at the Czechoslovak National Church of Saint John Nepomucene (7-5728: Czechoslovak National Church of Saint John Nepomucene)

There are several hints throughout the story that Helena Novak is a nun. When she first meets with Dr. Kara at the Grolier, he mentions her being out of uniform. He also mentions her being related to a fundraiser. She knows latin. She has a necklace with three interlocking triangles, a reference to the holy trinity. Also a nun is seen leaving Dr. Kara's room at the hospital which was Helena Novak. Dr. Kara also uses the phrase Mary and Joseph before talking about Helena in the hospital. If the player finds Dr. Kara's brother, the fact he works at the Consulate of Czechoslovakia will help point to the right church.

Returning the Skull

The player cannot return the skull to the Graybar Building till they have all the markers for the day. There is a hint at Pick's apartment to return the skull if the player does not try it themselves.

Turn 27: Return Skull to the Graybar Office Building (3-8995: Graybar Office Building)

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There is a hint at Pick's apartment to return the skull if the player does not try it themselves.

Turn 28: Day 2 Evening

Directed here directly from the Graybar Office Building.

Following directions in the Manuscript

There are hidden references in the manuscript to locations. There is a reference to Edwards and Brother, CPA to try and solidify the connection to the Upper Eastside. Direction is given to go west which leads to Central Park. From there players can look up a series of leads in Central Park which will show them the corresponding reference in the manuscript.

Turn 29: Central Park - Water Tunnel (3-5611: Central Park - Water Tunnel)

Final lead of the game reached by following the directions in the manuscript.



HINTS

STOP!



Do **not** access the hints section except when looking up a specific hint from the table of contents at the start of this case book.

Hint for Marker A1

(must be found by end of day 1)

Try to locate O'Dwyer.

Need another hint go to [5-2289 \(p.183\)](#).



Hint for Marker B1

(must be found by end of day 1)

Where did Mask say he had to go while at the Ginger Man Bar?

Solution go to [4-7481 \(p.171\)](#).



Hint for Marker C1

(must be found by end of day 2)

Try to locate the Brook Club employee who was on duty when Golding arrived.

Need another hint go to [3-6633 \(p.117\)](#).



Hint for Marker D1

(must be found by end of day 2)

Could you have missed anything from the entry where Mask woke up in the car?

Need another hint go to [3-0436 \(p.86\)](#).



Hint for Marker E1

Have you talked to everyone at the party?

Need another hint? go to [3-5610 \(p.112\)](#).



Hint for Marker F1

(must be found by end of day 2)

Have you talked to everyone at the party?

Need another hint? go to [3-6986 \(p.119\)](#).



Hint for Marker G1

(must be found by end of day 2)

Have you located the reporter from the Evening Graphic article?

Need another hint go to [5-4086 \(p.191\)](#).



Hint for Marker H1

(must be found by end of day 2)

Have you visited everyone involved in the party?

Need another hint go to [5-6851 \(p.194\)](#).



Hint for Marker J1

Have you visited everyone involved in the party?

Another hint go to [3-8272 \(p.126\)](#).



Hint for Marker K1

(must be found by end of day 2)

Have you visited Doctors Kara's home?

Need another hint go to [2-1695 \(p.59\)](#).



Hint for Marker L1

(must be found by end of day 2)

Have you visited everyone involved in the party?

Need another hint go to [3-1365 \(p.93\)](#).



Hint for Marker M1

(must be found by end of day 2)

Have you visited everyone involved in the party?

Need another hint go to [2-6734 \(p.75\)](#).



Hint for Marker N1

(must be found by end of day 2)

Have you tried covering the basic bases of where Golding might be?

Need another hint go to [6-2358 \(p.220\)](#).



Final Puzzle

Reread the passage. Do not guess.

To get back to the passage go to [3-5611 \(p.113\)](#)

Need another hint go to [4-3255 \(p.152\)](#).



Manuscript Puzzle

Reread the manuscript.

Need another hint go to [6-0818 \(p.211\)](#).

