

Unfolding Futures (Casual/Expert): Solution

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The flavor text reads “Benny seeks help to see how the future will *unfold*,” which clues that the puzzle needs to be folded. Along with the clue about futures, the dotted lines on the square indicate that the puzzle needs to be [folded into a fortune teller \(also known as a cootie catcher\)](#).

Cootie catchers are played by picking a color on the outer edge and spelling out the letters while moving the catcher open and shut with your fingers. The instructions on the top clues the orientation by which the puzzle is intended to be held, while the bidirectional arrows with the word “GREEN” clues which way the solvers should open and close the constructed cootie catcher.

In addition to colors on the outer squares, this cootie catcher has small prophetic poems on each corner. Puzzlers are intended to open and close the cootie catcher for each letter of the color, which reveals 4 choices of answers which could complete the prophecy. In order to select the panel with the correct answer, puzzlers will have to solve that the prophetic poems are in fact haikus, which mean they have a meter of 5-7-5. Though there are multiple solutions to each puzzle using a meter of 5-7-5, there is only one solution with the correct meter among the 4 choices of answers that are revealed by folding the cootie catcher and opening it the right way following the instructions for spelling out the colors on the squares. The correct prophecies foreshadow the story of the heist!

Once you find the right answer for the panel, you need to extract the letters that are the same color as the original corner (see table below).

If puzzlers do not fold the puzzle and choose the wrong solutions to the haikus, they can extract the intermediate answer “FOLD PLZ.”

GREEN	CORRECT FLAP	CORRECT HAIKU	CORRECT EXTRACTION
1. _____ traveler,	Welcome	1. Welcome traveler,	TH
you would like your	Fortune	you would like your	
_____ told? If so,	Hither	Fortune told? If so,	
come _____!		come hither!	
BLUE			

2. You wish to	Succeed	2. You wish to	EO
_____? Your big	Venture	Succeed? Your big	
_____ to triumph?	Take Heed	venture to triumph?	
I say to _____.		I say to take heed.	
YELLOW			
3. _____ one who's	Watch	3. watch one who's nearby	RAC
nearby. A ____ one is near	Treacherous	A treacherous one is near	
Betrayal _____	Awaits	Betrayal awaits	
RED			
4. Do not be	Curtailed	4. Do not be	LE
_____, the _____	Future	curtailed, the future	
is not clear	Jailed	is not clear	
yet... but one		yet... but one	
will be _____!		will be jailed!	