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Annotator information

Annotator #1 Code *

Your answer

Annotator #2 Code *

Your answer

Story information

Story Code *

Your answer

Story Name *

Your answer

Plot Summary (25-50 words) *

Your answer

Author information

Author Code *

Your answer



Second author code (if applicable)

Your answer

Investigation and Reveal

In what order are the investigation and reveal portions provided? *

- ☐ Standard
- ☐ Reverse
- ☐ Other

What is the "reveal border" sentence?

Your answer

Detective #1 information

Name of Detective #1 *

Your answer

Detective #1 Gender *

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Unknown

Detective #1 Role *

- ☐ Independent amateur
- ☐ Independent professional (solo)
- ☐ Independent professional (agency)
- ☐ Member of the police
- ☐ Unclear



Detective #2 information (if applicable)

Name of Detective #2

Your answer

Detective #2 Gender

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Unknown

Detective #2 Role

- ☐ Independent amateur
- ☐ Independent professional (solo)
- ☐ Independent professional (agency)
- ☐ Member of the police
- ☐ Unclear

More Than Two Detectives? (If yes, enter total number)

Your answer

Assistant #1 (if applicable)

Name of Assistant #1

Your answer

Assistant #1 Gender

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Unknown



Assistant #1 Role

- ☐ Independent amateur
- ☐ Independent professional (solo)
- ☐ Independent professional (agency)
- ☐ Unclear

Assistant #2 (if applicable)

Name of Assistant #2

Your answer

Assistant #2 Gender

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Unknown

Assistant #2 Role

- ☐ Independent amateur
- ☐ Independent professional (solo)
- ☐ Independent professional (agency)
- ☐ Unclear

More Than Two Assistants? (If yes, enter total number)

Your answer

Victims

Number of victims of gender Male *

Your answer



Number of victims of gender Female *

Your answer

Number of victims of gender Non-binary *

Your answer

Number of victims of gender Unknown *

Your answer

Number of victims who are corporate entities *

Your answer

Culprits

Number of culprits of gender Male *

Your answer

Number of culprits of gender Female *

Your answer

Number of culprits of gender Non-binary *

Your answer

Number of culprits of gender Unknown *

Your answer



Are one or more culprits introduced into the story only during the reveal?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

The main culprit

- ☐ Acts alone
- ☐ Acts mostly alone with some assistance
- ☐ Acts together with one or more equal partners
- ☐ Acts on behalf of a crime syndicate

Initiation of investigation

Who initiates the detective's investigation? *

- ☐ The police
- ☐ A private client
- ☐ The detective(s) themselves
- ☐ The assistant(s)
- ☐ Unclear/not specified

Role of Police

What is the role of the police force in solving the crime?

- ☐ Police are present but with no role, or only a minor role, in helping solve the crime
- ☐ Police are present and contribute significantly to solving the crime
- ☐ Police are present and actively interfere with or hinder the solution of the crime
- ☐ Police are not present

The Crime

The story's main action focuses on a

- ☐ Crime
- ☐ Quasi-crime



Crime trajectory

- ☐ Qrime → same qrime
- ☐ Qrime → different qrime
- ☐ No qrime → qrime
- ☐ Qrime → no qrime
- ☐ No qrime → no qrime

When do(es) the crime(s)/mystery being investigated occur?

- ☐ Before the investigation
- ☐ During the investigation
- ☐ After the investigation

Types of crimes or quasi-crimes present in story

- ☐ Murder
- ☐ Suspected murder
- ☐ Theft
- ☐ Fraud
- ☐ Blackmail
- ☐ Bribery
- ☐ Assault
- ☐ Sexual assault
- ☐ Forgery
- ☐ Kidnapping
- ☐ Mischief
- ☐ Breaking and entering
- ☐ Trafficking
- ☐ Illegal gambling



Motives

- ☐ Greed
- ☐ Revenge
- ☐ Jealousy
- ☐ Love
- ☐ Ideology
- ☐ Pride
- ☐ Duress
- ☐ Crime-for-crime's-sake
- ☐ Paranoia
- ☐ Self-defence
- ☐ Insanity

Means (murder only)

- ☐ Poison
- ☐ Knife/sword
- ☐ Firearm
- ☐ Explosives
- ☐ Asphyxiation
- ☐ Arson
- ☐ Natural causes
- ☐ Accident
- ☐ Indirectly, by an elaborate device
- ☐ Tampering
- ☐ Blunt force trauma
- ☐ Suicide
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Unknown

Clues and Evidence

Does the story provide sufficient clues in sufficient detail to allow an alert reader to correctly guess the solution before the reveal?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No



Does the story provide sufficient clues in sufficient detail to allow an alert reader to definitively solve the crime before the reveal?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Did either annotator personally correctly guess the solution to the crime before the reveal?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Types of clues

☐ Evoked

☐ Illegible and never usable (illegible → never usable)

☐ Legible but not usable (legible → not usable)

☐ Usable in real time (usable → usable)

☐ Usable only in retrospect (legible → usable)

☐ Red herring (usable → legible)

☐ Ex post -- new clue (not mentioned → usable)

☐ Ex post -- newly usable clue (illegible → usable)

What is the essential clue in the story (if present)?

Your answer

Of what type is the essential clue (if present)?

☐ Testimonial clue

☐ Physical clue

What is the most salient clue in the story (if clues are present)?

Your answer



Of what type is the most salient clue (if clues are present)?

- ☐ Testimonial clue
- ☐ Physical clue

Describe the main red herring (if present)

Your answer _____

Of what type is the main red herring (if present)?

- ☐ Testimonial clue
- ☐ Physical clue

Presence of planted or fabricated evidence

- ☐ Planted
- ☐ Fabricated

Types of evidence made available in the story

- ☐ Testimonial evidence
- ☐ Physical evidence

End-of-Story

Is the crime solved? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Does the detective pointedly and independently decide NOT to alert the authorities to the facts of the crime, despite the fact that an actionable crime has been committed?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No



Do you receive a satisfying narrative of account of the crime(s) in all their relevant details and a summary of the process by which the crime(s) are solved? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

How satisfying is this story as a piece of detective fiction? *

- 12345
- Not at all satisfying☐☐☐☐☐Deeply satisfying

Would you recommend this story to a friend?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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