

Dear Reader,

To be in a “jumble” means to have your mind scrambled, mixed up, and filled with confusing thoughts that seem to not make sense. If you have experienced being in a jumble before, you know how unpleasant it is, and if you have not, now is your opportunity to avoid such a disarrayed state of being.

There are many unconfusing things to read about, including heroic adventure novels, instructions to assembly-required furniture, and traffic stop signs, but this clue is not one of them. In its press you will find dreadful stories of murder, disastrous cooking situations, failed inspections, and the most dreadful drubbing in American sports history.

I have solemnly sworn to bring you the utmost truth of the current events of the world as best I can, in much the same way that the editorial board has not. This clue is best left on the paper shredder or in the recycling bin where you found it.

With all due respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lemony Snicket". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'L' being particularly large and stylized.

Lemony Snicket