

Dear Reader,

If you have never been corrected before, that will change now. It would be considered correct to abandon this clue before you read even one more sentence. I'm sorry to say, this clue is filled with nothing but bad luck and misery.

If you don't have the right stuff to think about mild table manners, a vast conspiracy, cold soup, a mysterious disappearance and finishing the job you started, then you will need to course correct immediately.

I must continue to record these tragic tales, for that is what I do. You, however, may correct yourself and apply your skills to more proper efforts perhaps like sewing fancy hems on napkins or eating miniature sandwiches at afternoon tea.

With all due respect,

Lemony Snicket

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There are many reasons that people write letters. I often think fondly of nights spent in a hotel room, penning correspondence to a dear friend while on the run from those who would do me great harm. Having a pen pal - a phrase which here means "friend to exchange letters and secret messages with" - is a great pastime for many.

Unfortunately, the letter recovered from the desk of one Josephine Antwhistle is no such lighthearted diversion. Josephine, a grammarian by trade, has disappeared with only a letter and a fragment of a textbook left behind. I hope that you, Get-A-Clue heroes, will be able to glean meaning from the remnants of Josephine's post. LS

Proper Editing Etiquette

It is imperative, in the pursuit of perfect prose, to maintain clear and consistent standards of marking up errors so that the true meaning of the writing may be interpreted correctly. We have included a list of common editing marks below to guide beginners in identifying in-text mistakes.

0. Mark any of the following errors with a circle:

- i. Letters with incorrect capitalization
- ii. Missing or incorrectly added punctuation

1. Mark a slash through:

- i. Misspelled words
- ii. Incorrectly used homophones

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where The agents of V.F.D. will never be able to find Me. although I cant say
where i have gone, I hope You will know the location, of the final documents that
provide Crucial evidence that I have uncovered about the vast conspiracy I've been
investigating over the past several years It is incredibly important to retrieve
the papers and, keep them out of the hands of the fiends that Haunt my every steppe.
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