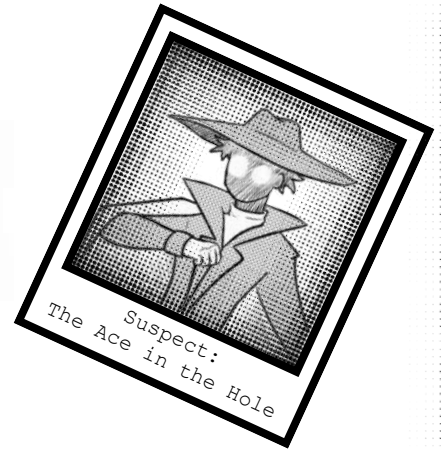
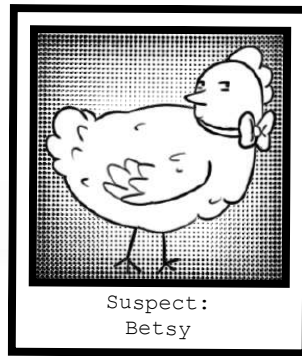
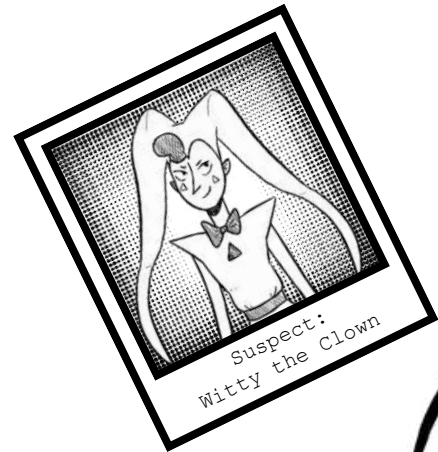
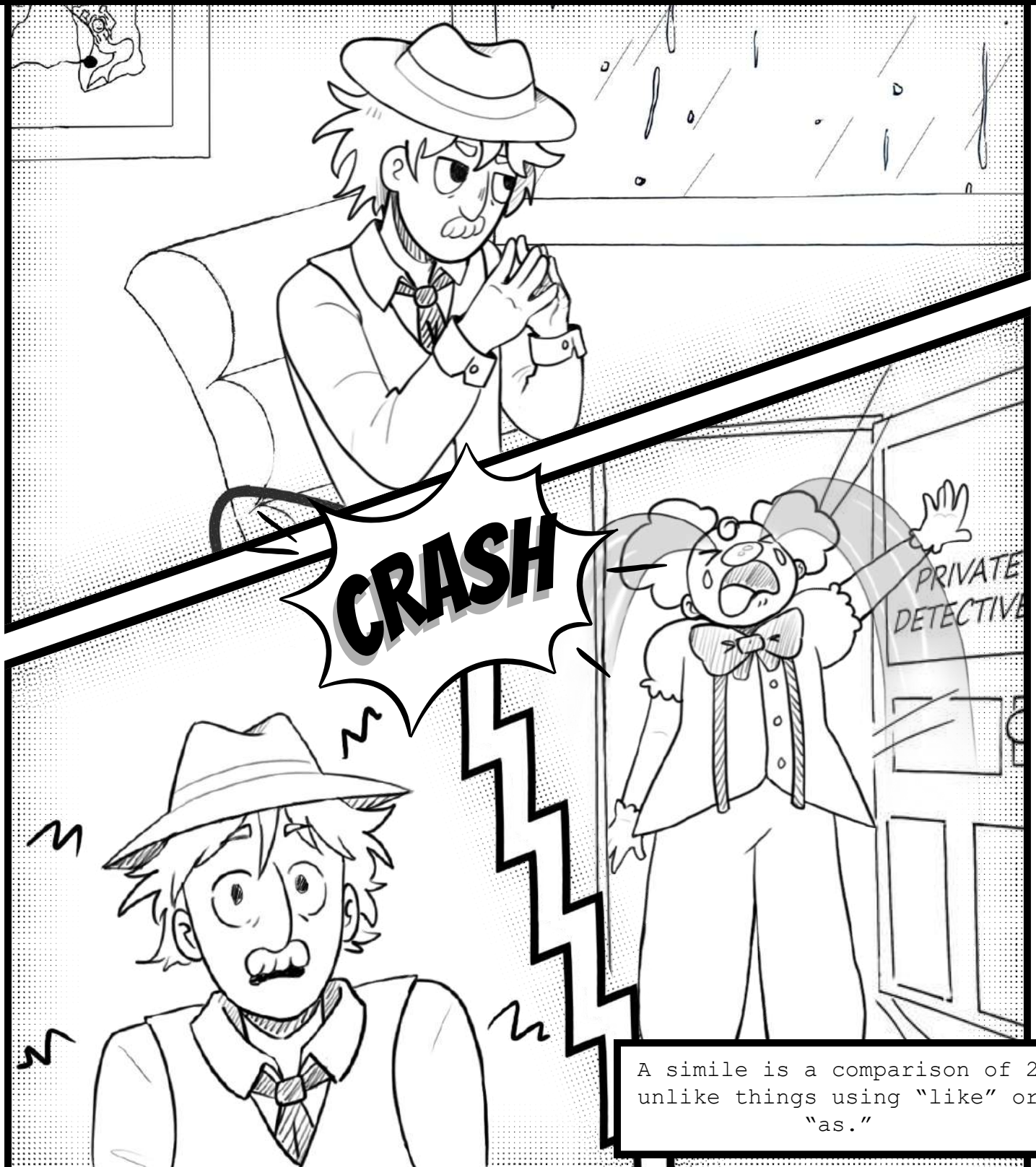




Detective Gumshoe: The Case of the Humorous Heist



It was late, real late, and I was as tired as a dog. The last thing I wanted to hear was a knock on my door, but sounds like thunder came in anyway, like an uninvited guest. There are a million clowns in this city, but I'll never forget him... the one who barged in that day, spraying water all over my office like an elephant in a hydro park.



A simile is a comparison of 2 unlike things using "like" or "as."

Circle the similes on this page.

I'm not **one** for much empathy, but anyone with **two** eyes could see that this funny fella had gone through enough trouble for **five** clowns. He said his jokes were stolen. All **two hundred forty-three** of them had just disappeared into the night, with the only trace left being **three** playing cards. Again, empathy's not my strong suit, but I knew I had to help. After all, it's not every day that so many of a clown's jokes are taken just like that.



There are a few numbers mentioned in what the detective said. Write them in order in the boxes below and perform the resulting operation.

(___ ÷ ___) × (___ + ___) + ___ = ___

You'll... **sniff**
Y-You'll help
me?

'Course I will. The
Gumshoe Detective Agency
helps all kinds of
desperate people, and you,
sir, are desperate...

...and I need
the money.



Unfortunately, the detective's
wallet is lacking in many
respects. Count what meager
cents are left in his wallet.

\$ _____ . _____

But to handle a case this big,
this bizarre, this strange...

I'll need a partner.



That's where you,
dear reader, come in.

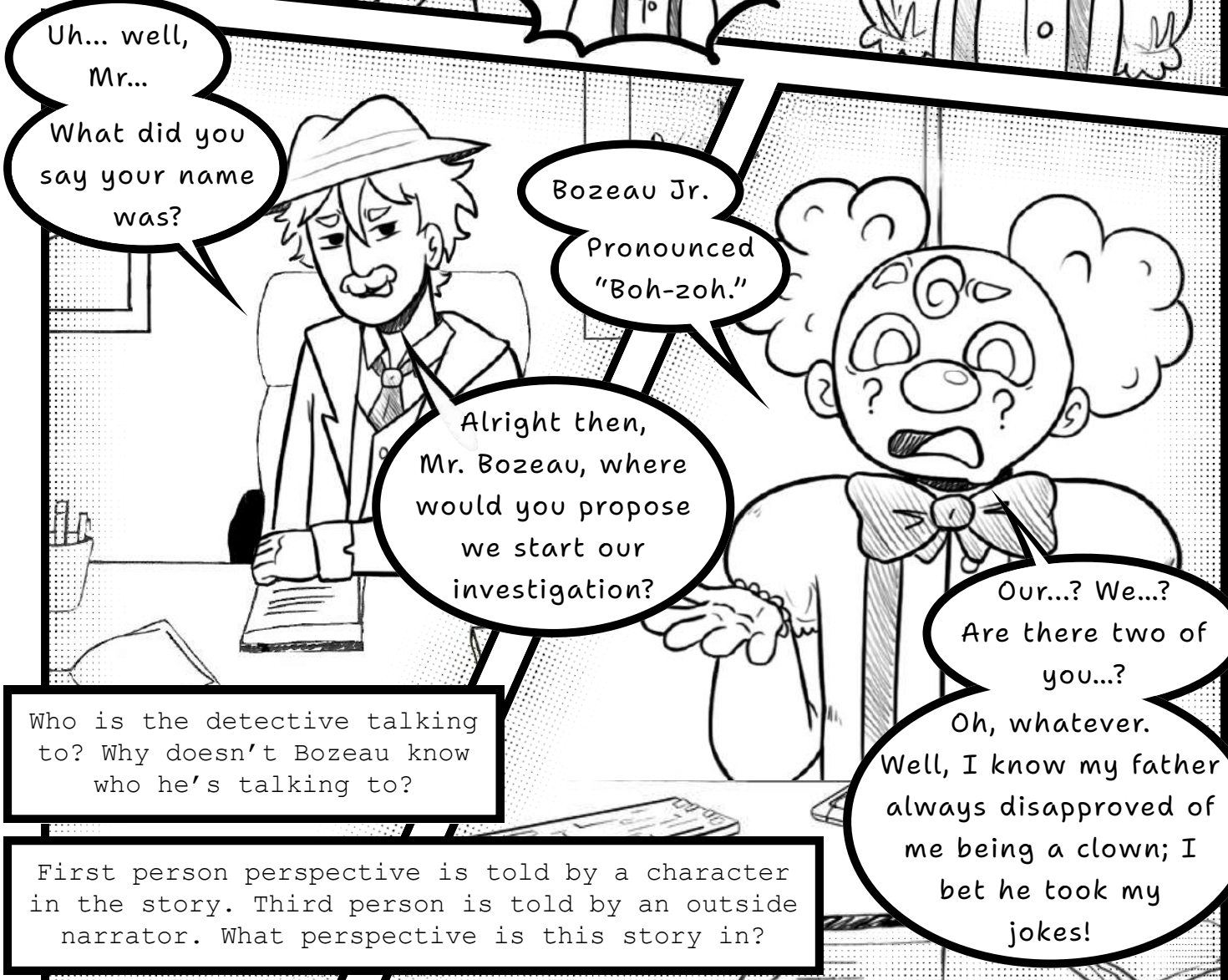


The name's Terry Gumshoe, and
I'm the owner and only member of
the Gumshoe Detective Agency.

I'm gonna need your help to solve
this case. You'll have to be clever,
strong, and quick on the draw.



You think you can handle that?



Who is the detective talking to? Why doesn't Bozeau know who he's talking to?

First person perspective is told by a character in the story. Third person is told by an outside narrator. What perspective is this story in?

Alright then. Let's go see what his father has to say about his involvement in this mysterious case....



At the Bozeau family home...



Maybe we should go knock on the door first...

Looking through the window, we can see into Mr. Bozeau Komedee Sr.'s living room. Circle anything you find suspicious and write in your notes why you think so.



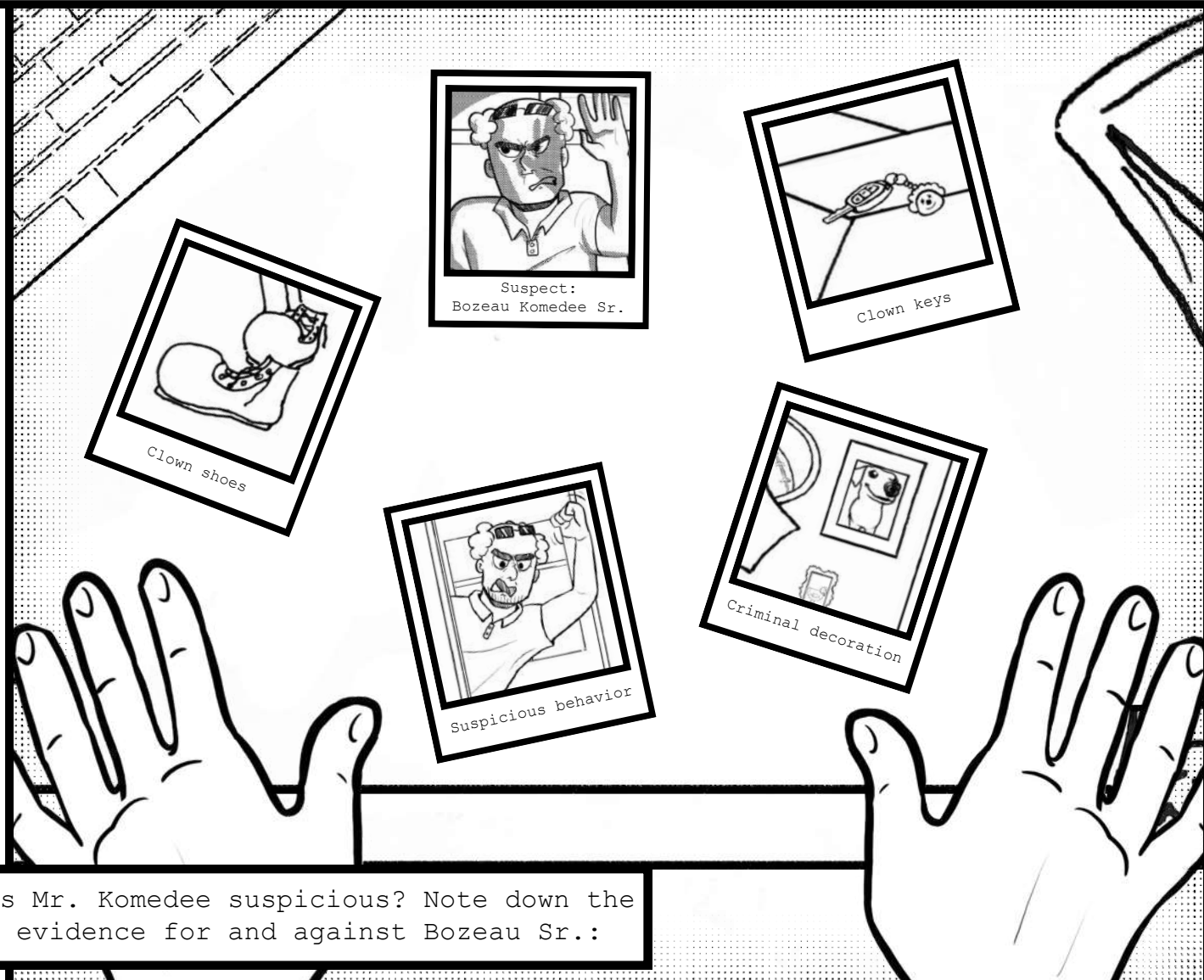
Circle the verbs on this page.

The Testimony

I didnt do a ting! Not a ting! I don't like Bozeau bein a clown, but Id never take somethin from him! Sure, there're clown shoes in my house, but theyre just..... Gifts! fo him. Yeah... of course they are! His house keys.? tey were just sumthin I borrowed, nobig deal! And besides, I was at the store lasttt night! I couln'ta done it anyway! now if you want somebody suspicious, go check out Mista Witty. He's a big rival of my son out there in the clwon business , Im sure he woulda did the deeed!

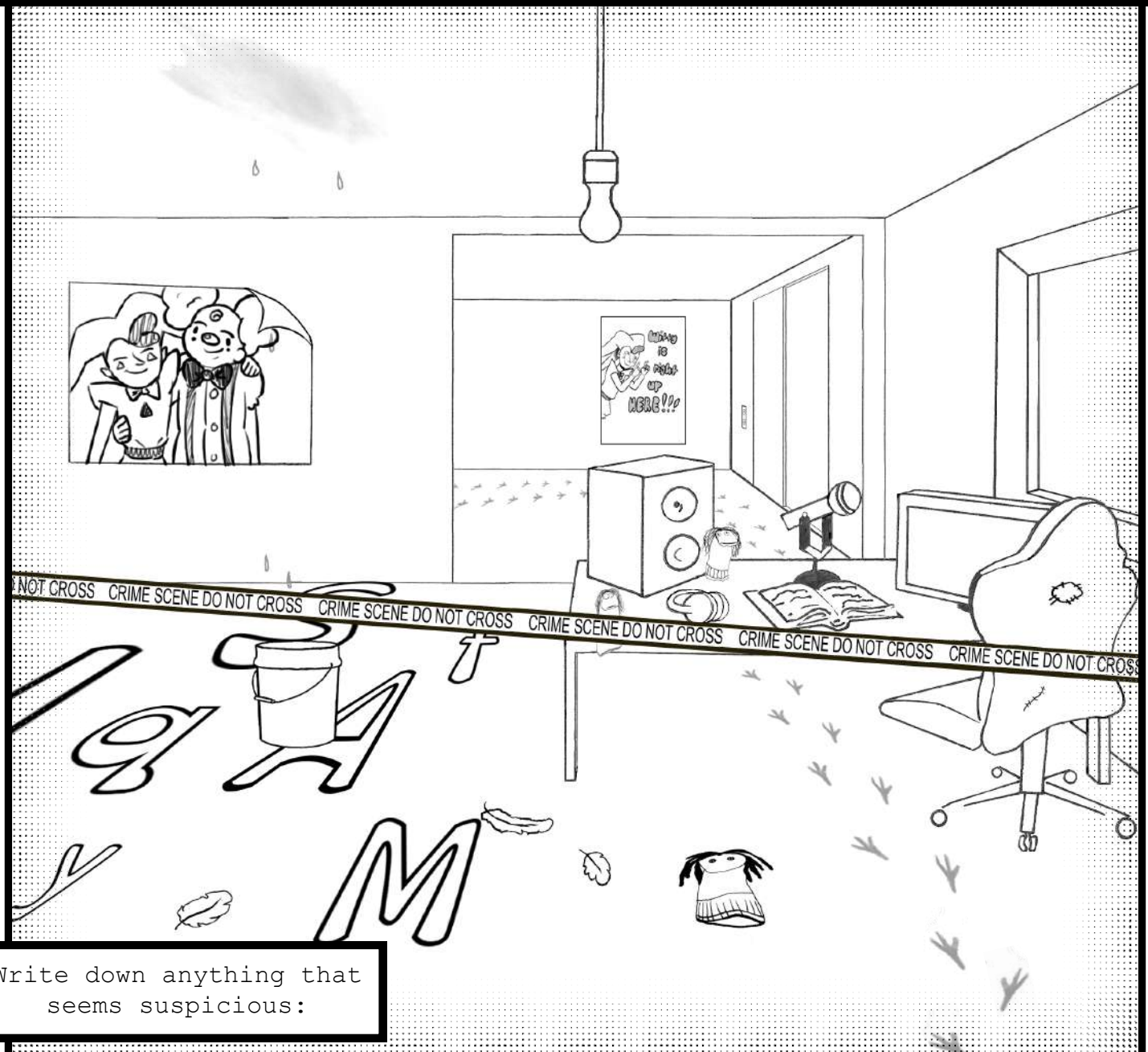
This is a testimony, where the suspect will try to clear their name. Fix their grammar below and keep in mind anything suspicious they say!

So, what do you think? He had both clown shoes and clown keys in his house, which would show he definitely had the ability to get into Bozeau's studio. What do you think? Personally, I think checking out the person he mentioned is worth it. We'll leave to go check out his case when you're ready.

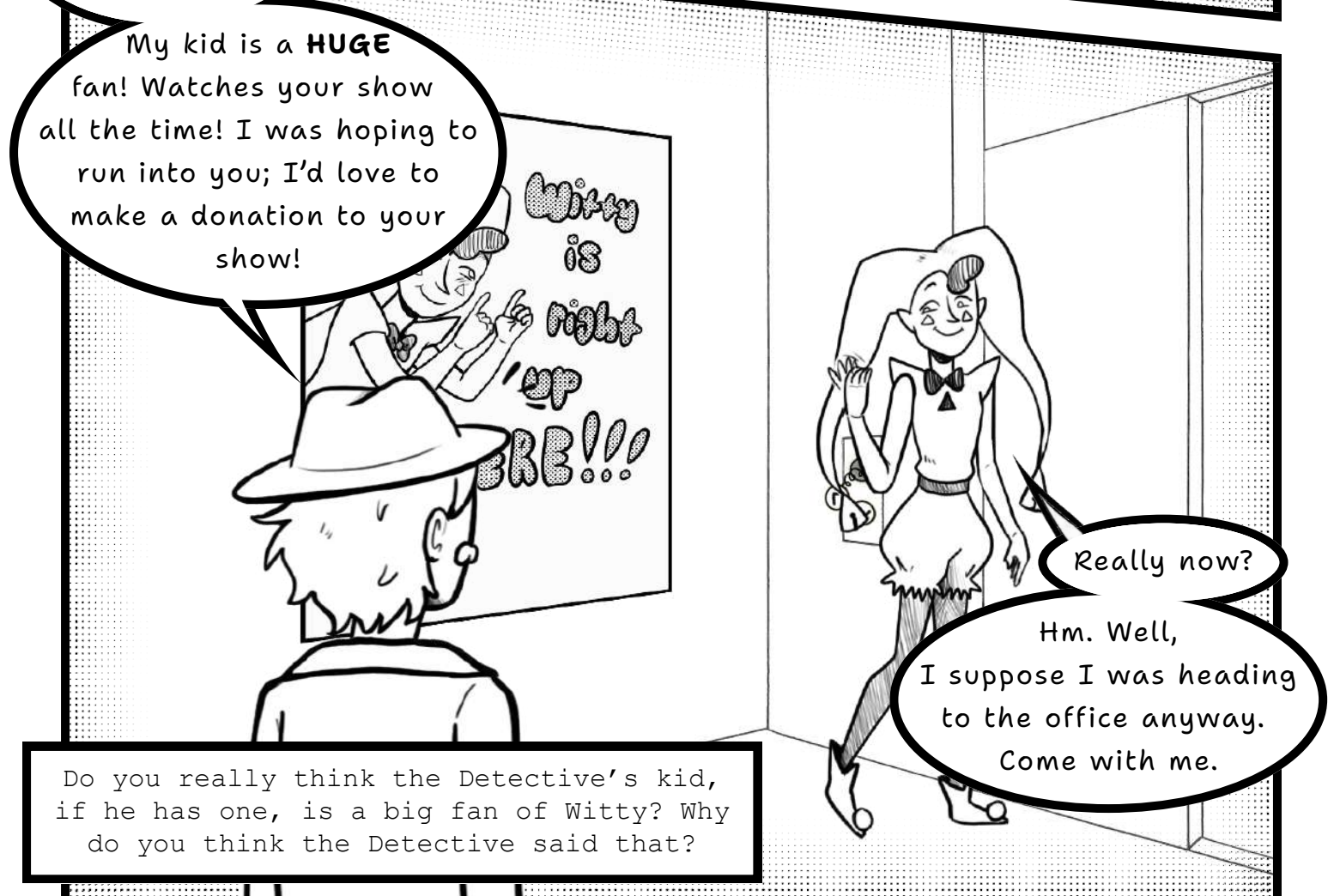
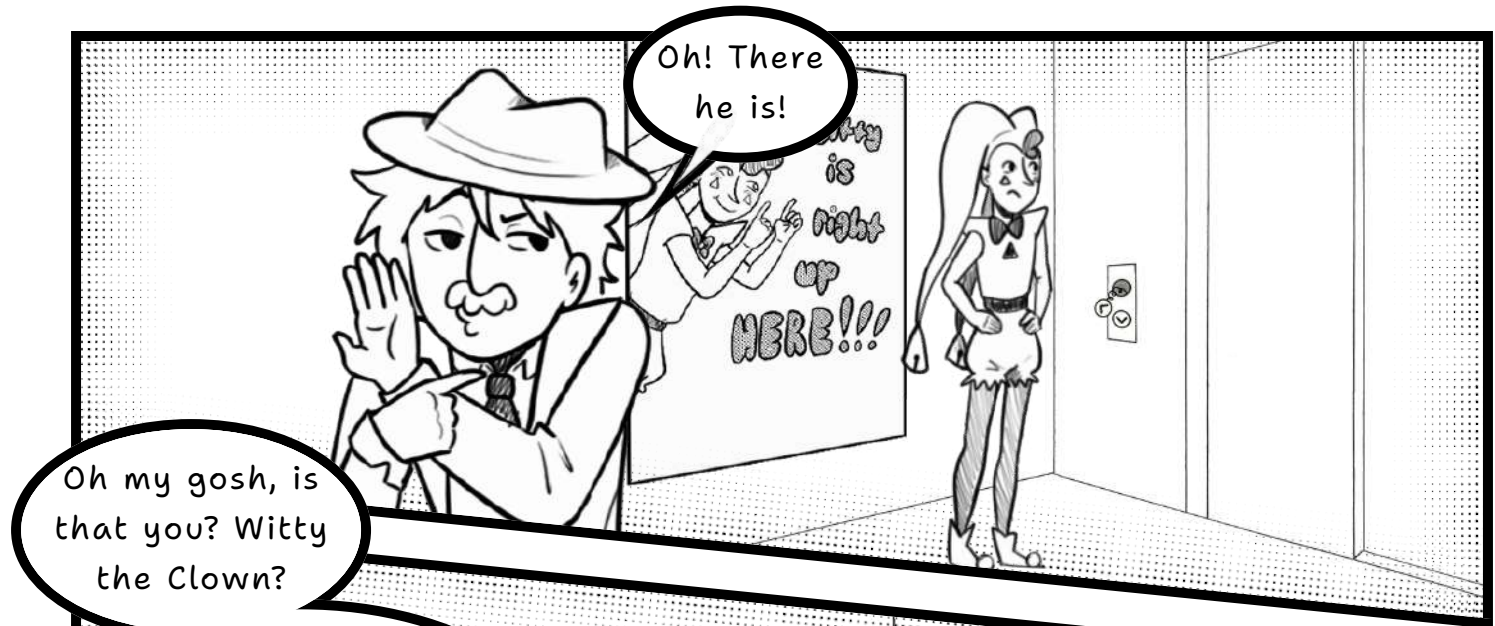


Is Mr. Komedee suspicious? Note down the evidence for and against Bozeau Sr.:

Well, here we are at the office of Witty the Clown. Incidentally, this first floor is also the TV studio where Bozeau Jr. records his shows and also... the crime scene. Witty the Clown's studio is on the top floor through that elevator, but be sure to note down anything you see that's suspicious.



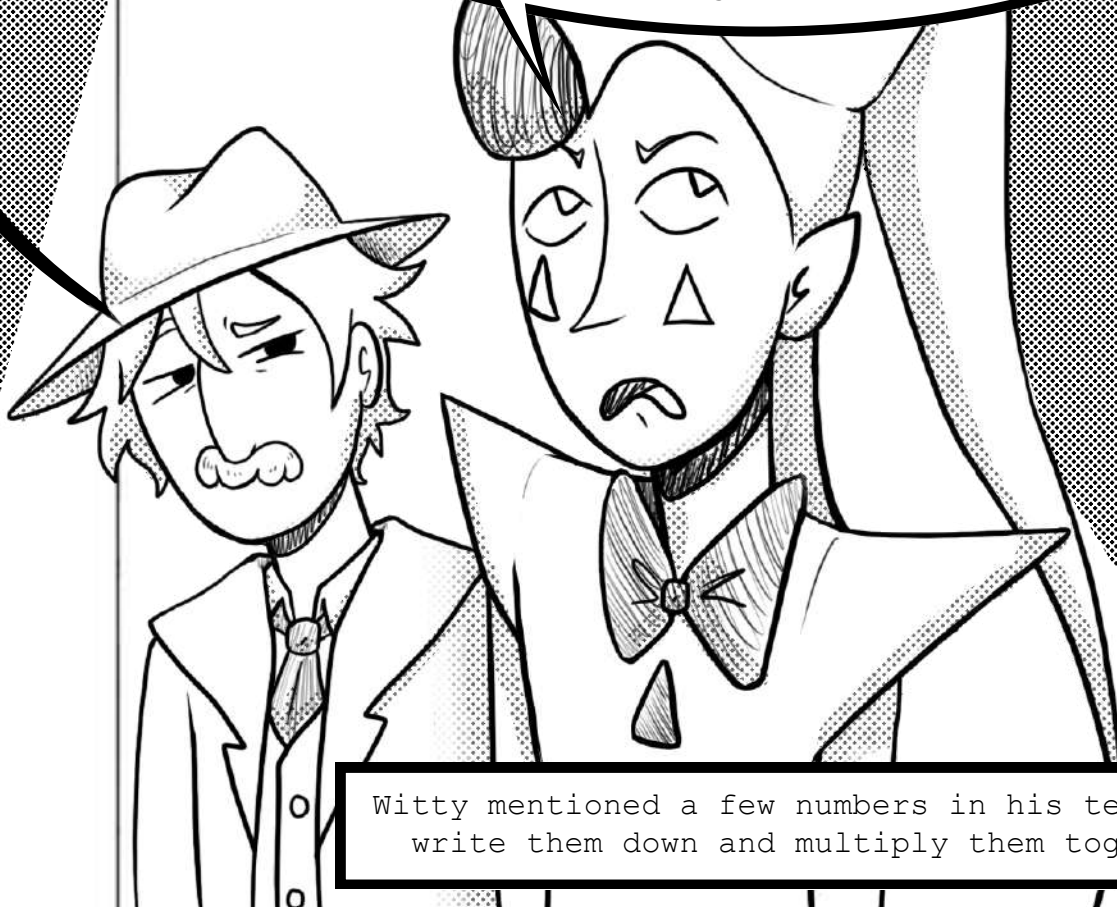
Write down anything that seems suspicious:



The Testimony

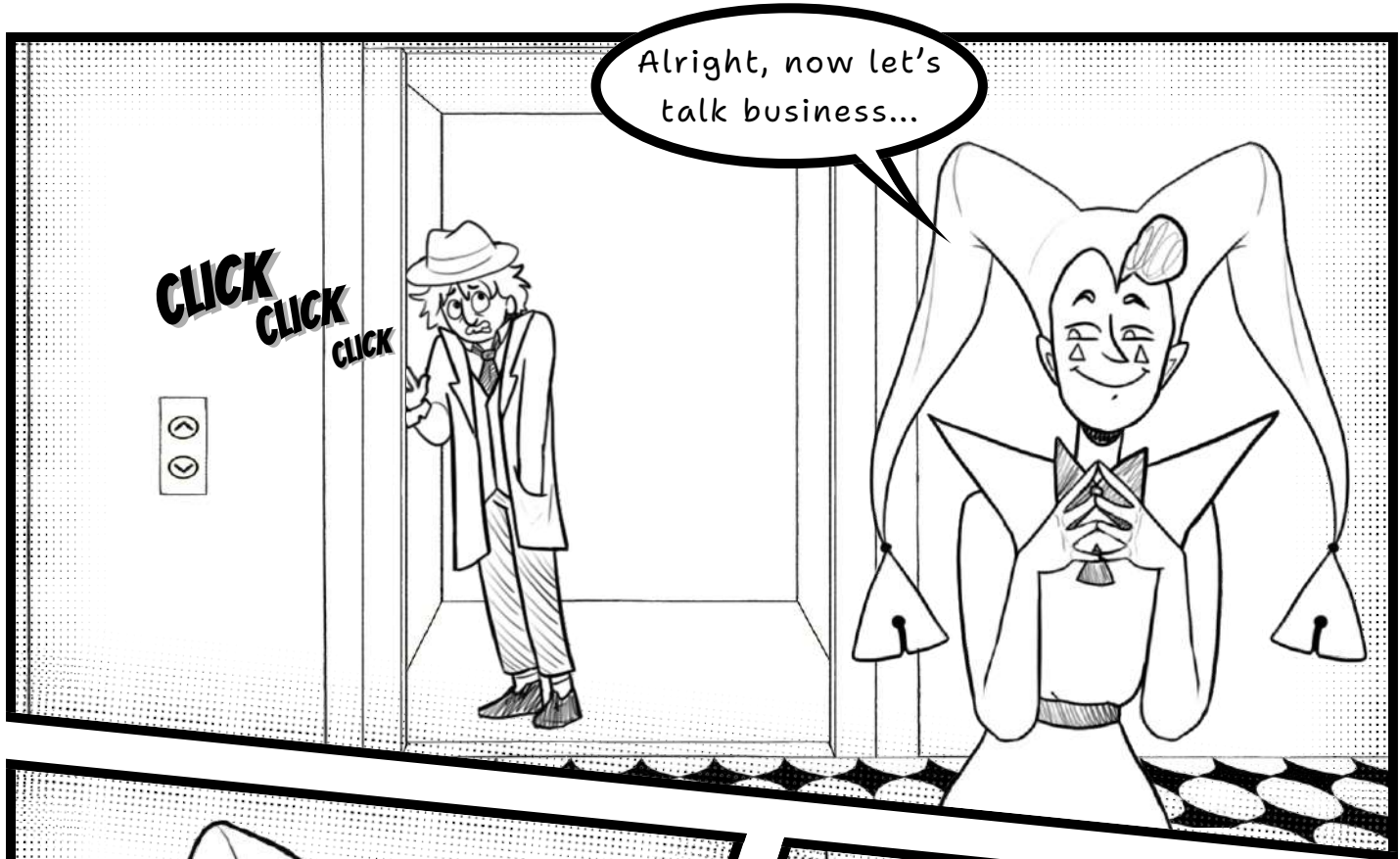
So, uh, you hear about that joke heist?

Oh, Bozeau? I'd say he got what was coming to him. The **two** of us used to work together. He wrote the jokes, and I did the acts. Both of us together had the potential of **ten** clowns. But when we got the offer to get into the big leagues in a worldwide show, Bozeau said he'd rather stay local. Now I make **two hundred** times his salary, and he had his jokes stolen **three** days ago. Guess I made the right decision.



Witty mentioned a few numbers in his testimony, write them down and multiply them together!

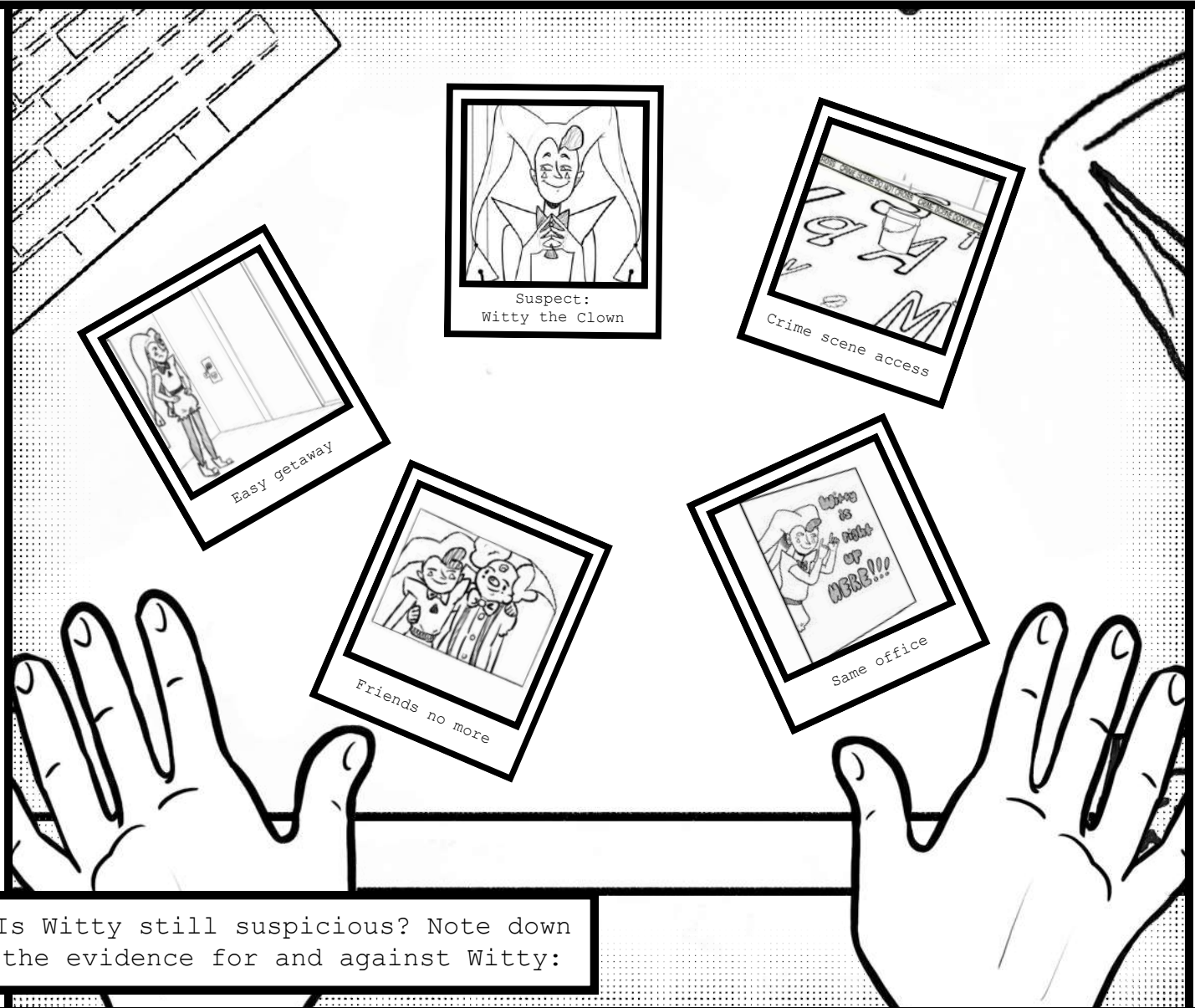
_____ x _____ x _____ x _____ = _____



If the Detective is pressing the "Down" button at a rate of 7 clicks per second until the door closes and the elevator door takes 20 seconds to close, how many times did the Detective click the button?

Number of clicks = _____

Phew, smooth moves, eh? At least we got a motive out of him. Well, what do you think? I didn't find any real evidence—however, Witty definitely has a motive like no other. Plus, he works at the scene of the crime!

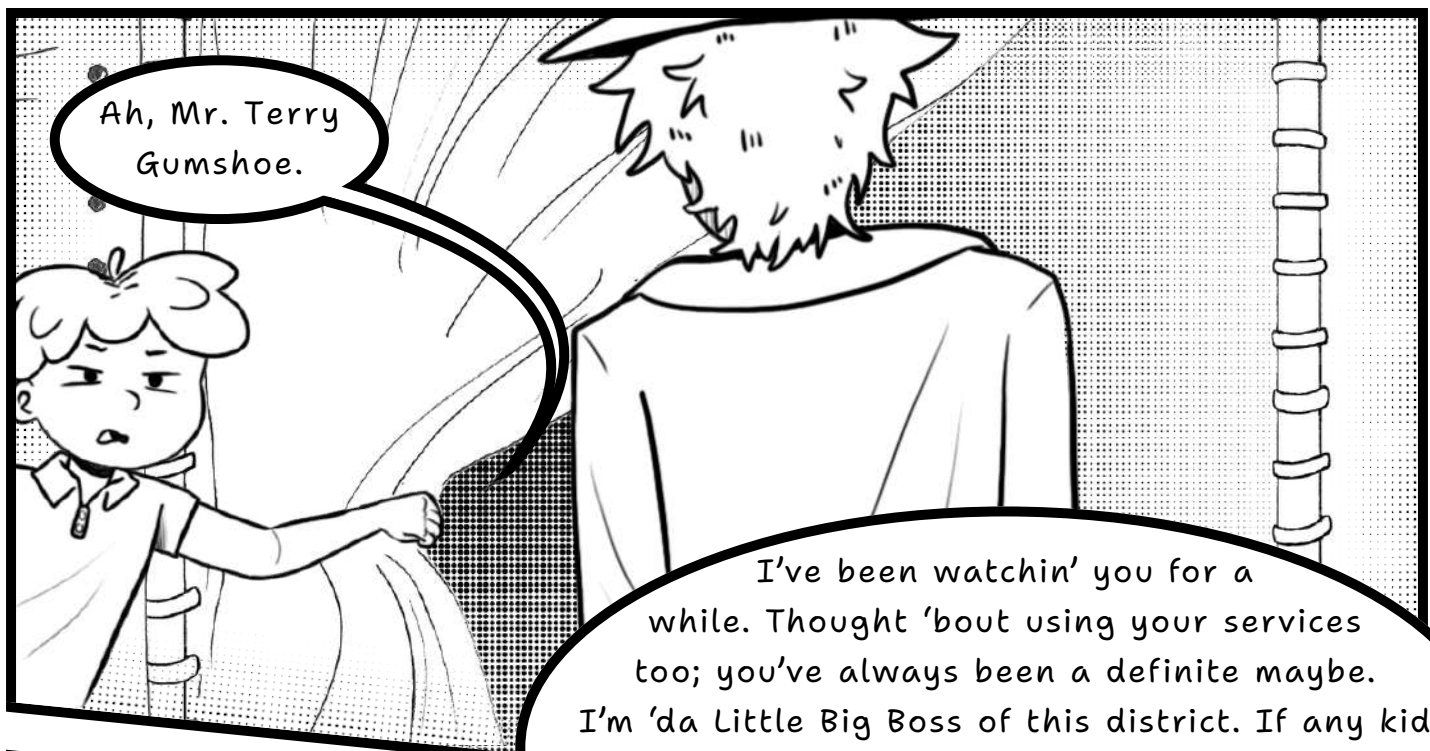


Is Witty still suspicious? Note down the evidence for and against Witty:



An oxymoron is a saying that uses two opposite words back to back. Like "bittersweet" or "awfully good."

Circle the oxymoron on this page.



I've been watchin' you for a while. Thought 'bout using your services too; you've always been a definite maybe. I'm 'da Little Big Boss of this district. If any kid wants snacks in my city, they get 'em through me. And when someone else has somethin' to say 'bout it, my boys deal with 'em. I'm the best of the worst.



What does the Little Big Boss mean when she says "A definite maybe"?
"The best of the worst"?

The Testimony

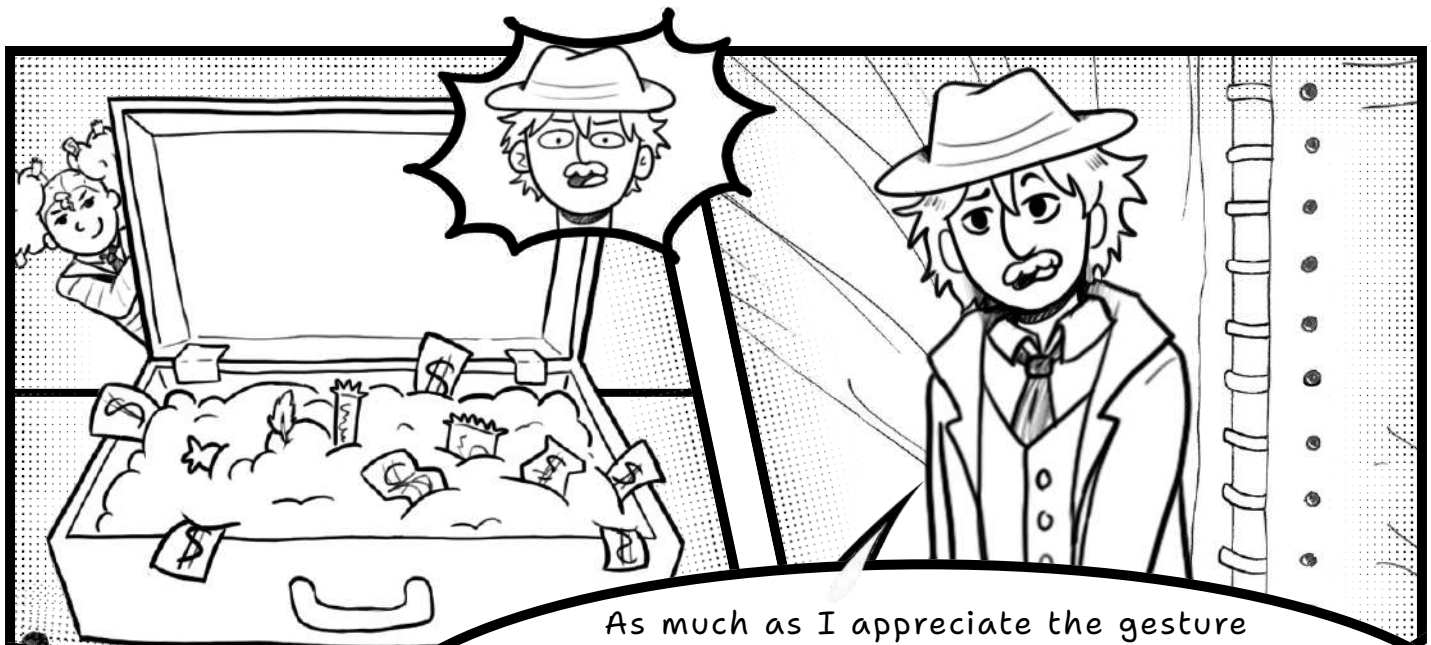
And you see, I take care of my family.

My five little brothers are Bozeau Jr's smallest huge fans, and I've even offered him a job as their personal entertainer. See, my momma works so hard, but she can't always afford the TV, and I pinkie promised to stop paying for things in not so open secret. I wanted my little brothers to still see the show, but he didn't take the deal. But now that his jokes are missin', he can't even put on his show at all. I'll help you find 'em.

Take this as a show of friendship, yes?



What does she mean by "smallest huge fans"? "Not so open secret"?



Hmph... suit yourself...
boys, do your thing.



Find out how much money the
Detective turned down.

$\$4,563 + 1,078$ candy bars worth $\$2$ each = _____

Ouch... those bats... hurt... but we have a new suspect. She definitely has the motive and the money to pull the theft off, but she's only nine years old, so I'm not sure... What do you think?

Base of operations

Suspect:
Little Big Boss

Big business

Adept henchchildren

Financial power

Do you think one of the Little Big Boss's boys did the deed? Note down the evidence for and against the Little Big Boss:



Well, Bozeau, that's all the obvious leads; I don't know who it could be.



Actually, there might be one more you haven't seen. An evil, heinous creature... and it might just be fowl enough to steal my jokes!

What do you think heinous means? Define it and use it in a sentence.



You sound as serious as a funeral. Take us there, and tell me about this thing as we walk.

This ferocious terror
is one I've encountered before.
It's a horrid beast; I see it in my
dreams every night as I close
my eyes to sleep...

Oh... R-Really?

Yes of course,
every night! And this
abhorrent monster
lives in its own tiny
house, and it

feasts on
tiny little
morse of grain,
and it has
sharp teeth
that...

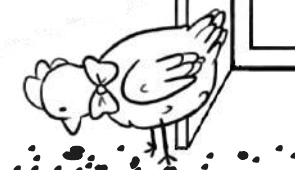
What do you think abhorrent means?
Define it and write five synonyms
and five antonyms for it.

Here we are... that's its den.



Uh, are you joking with me?
Bozeau, this is a chicken.

So? That's
eggs-actly right! That thing
nearly fried me! I was doing a
guest appearance for a local circus
when this horrible thing leapt out at
me! Its attack was vicious and
unprovoked! I needed enough
bandages to wrap
a mummy!



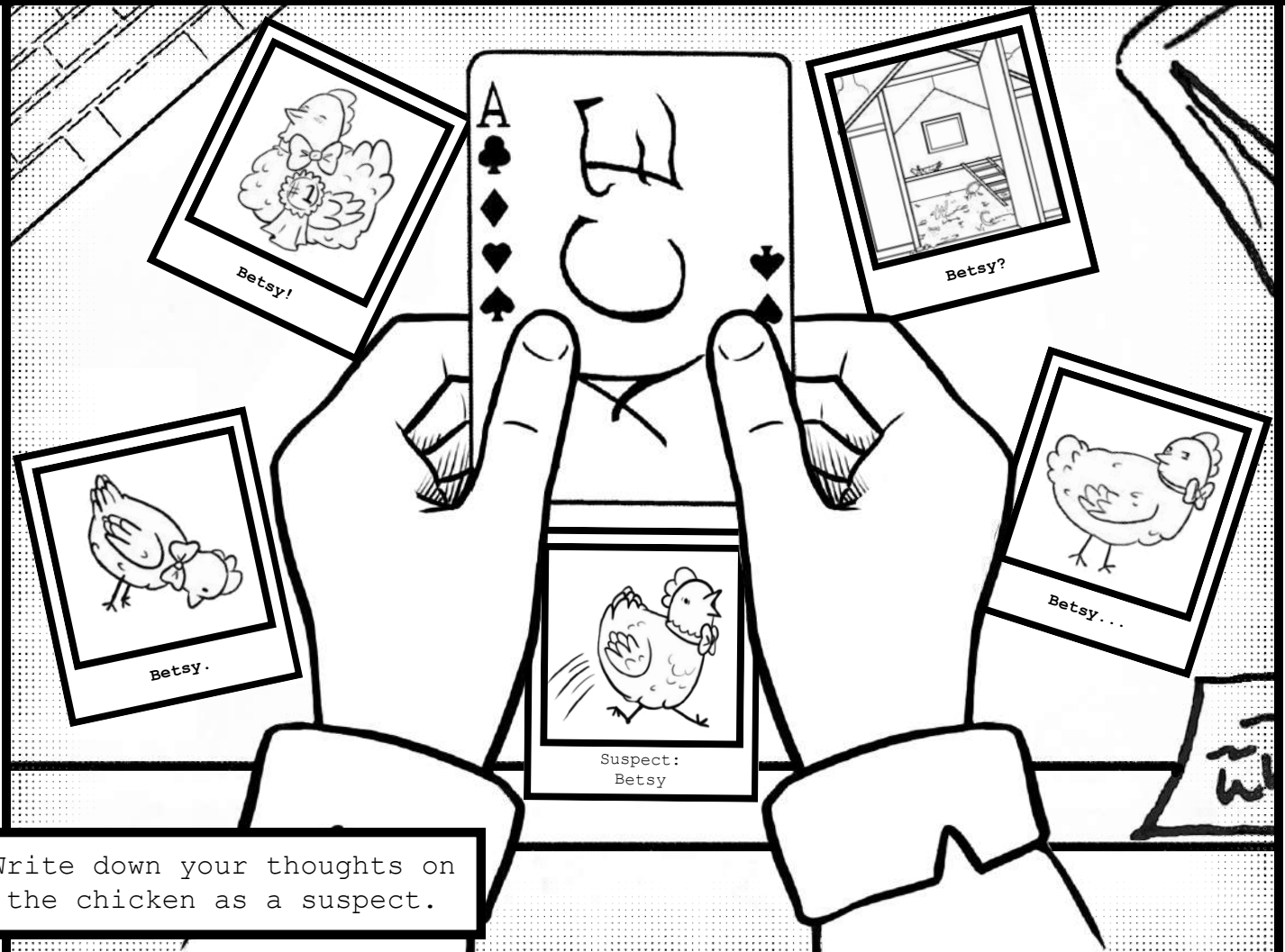
Around 4,000 feet of bandage is required to wrap a mummy. Bozeau actually used about 10 feet, and that was just one injury. How many of Bozeau's injuries could you bandage with all of a mummy's bandages?

$$4,000 \text{ feet} \times \frac{1 \text{ injury}}{10 \text{ feet}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

The Testimony

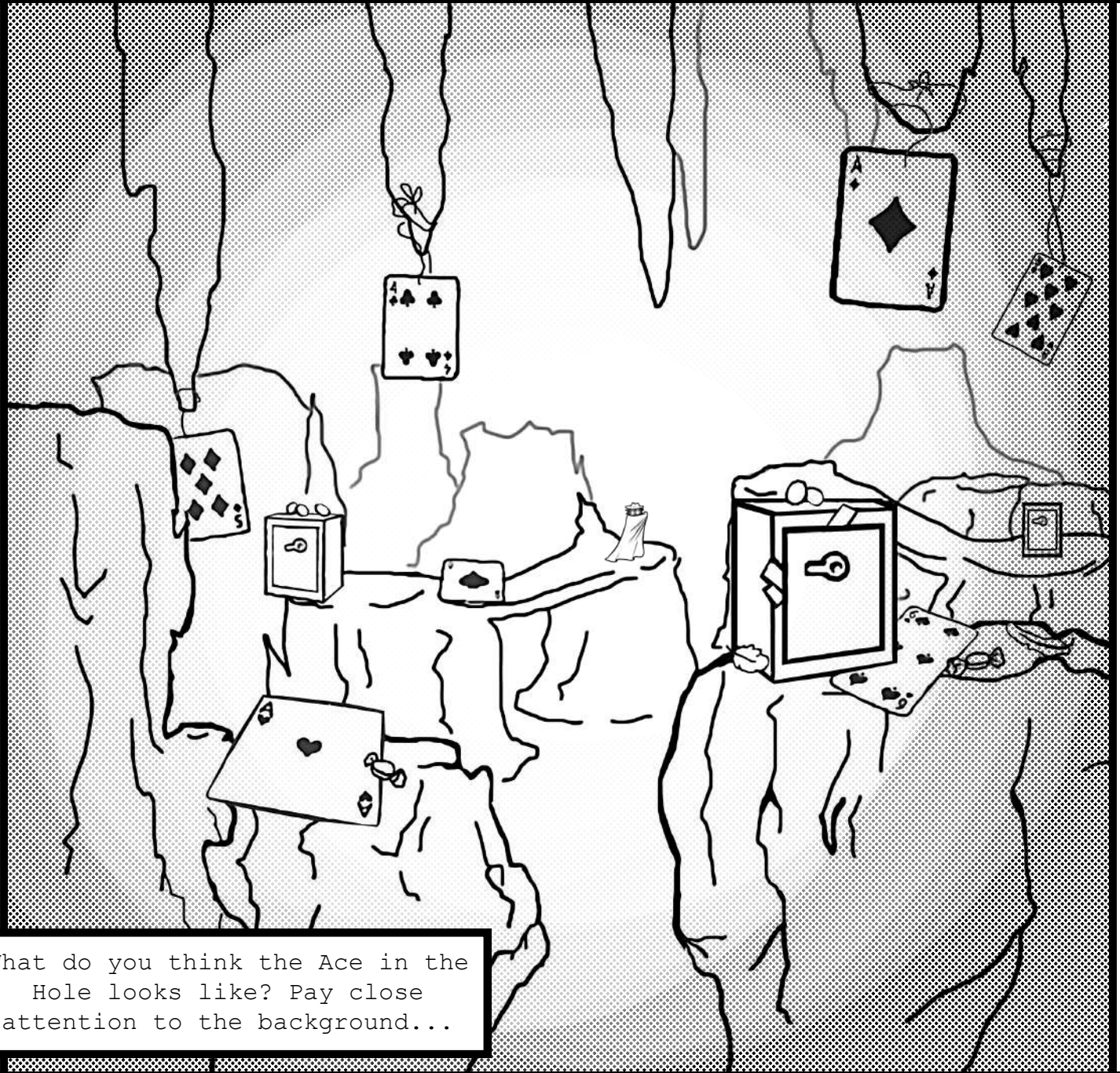


The chicken seems like an unlikely suspect, but this card... this was in the bird's nest, but it belongs to the Ace in the Hole, a legendary thief! Whenever he steals something, he leaves a card to make sure everyone knows it was him, almost like a fingerprint. No wonder there weren't any eggs in her nest. We should investigate his hideout to see if he stole Bozeau's jokes! First, though, do you think the chicken is suspicious at all?



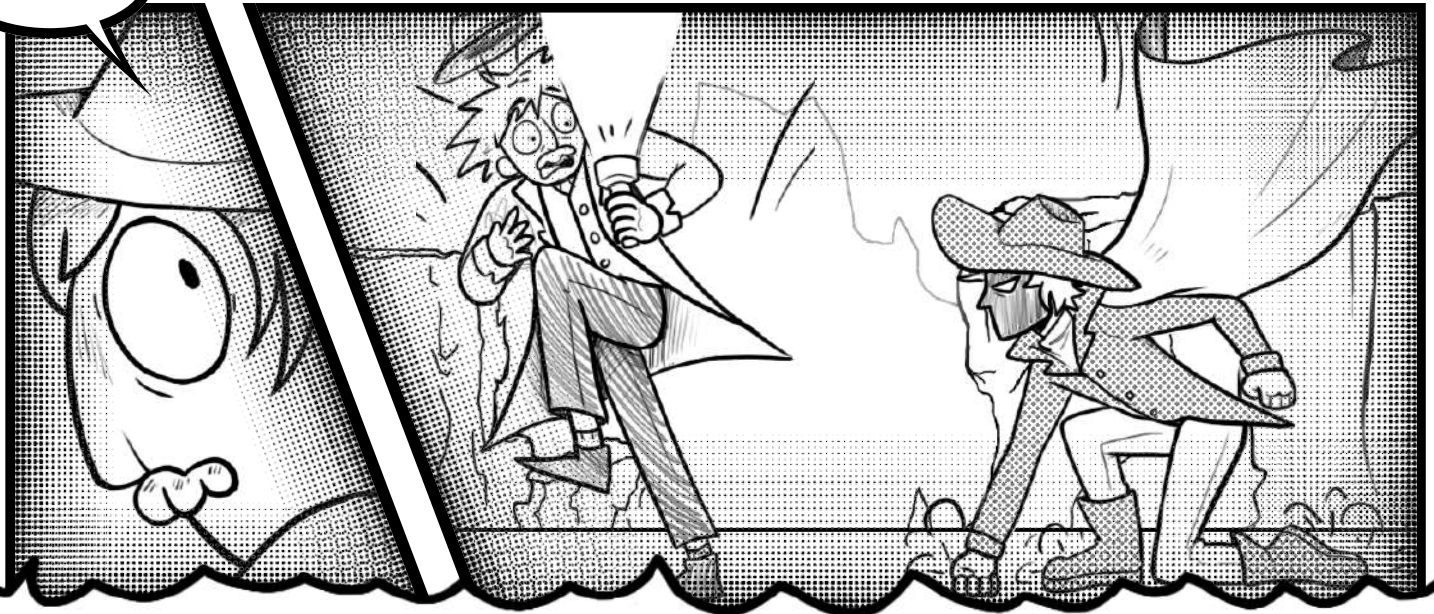
Write down your thoughts on the chicken as a suspect.

The Ace in the Hole is like a ghost with a Broadway Musical. No one knows a thing about who he really is or how he does what he does, but everyone knows the legend. All that most people know is that he's the best thief in the world and can charm or sneak his way out of anything like water through a strainer. Luckily, I've run into him before, and I'm as sure as... well, pretty sure that this is his hideout.

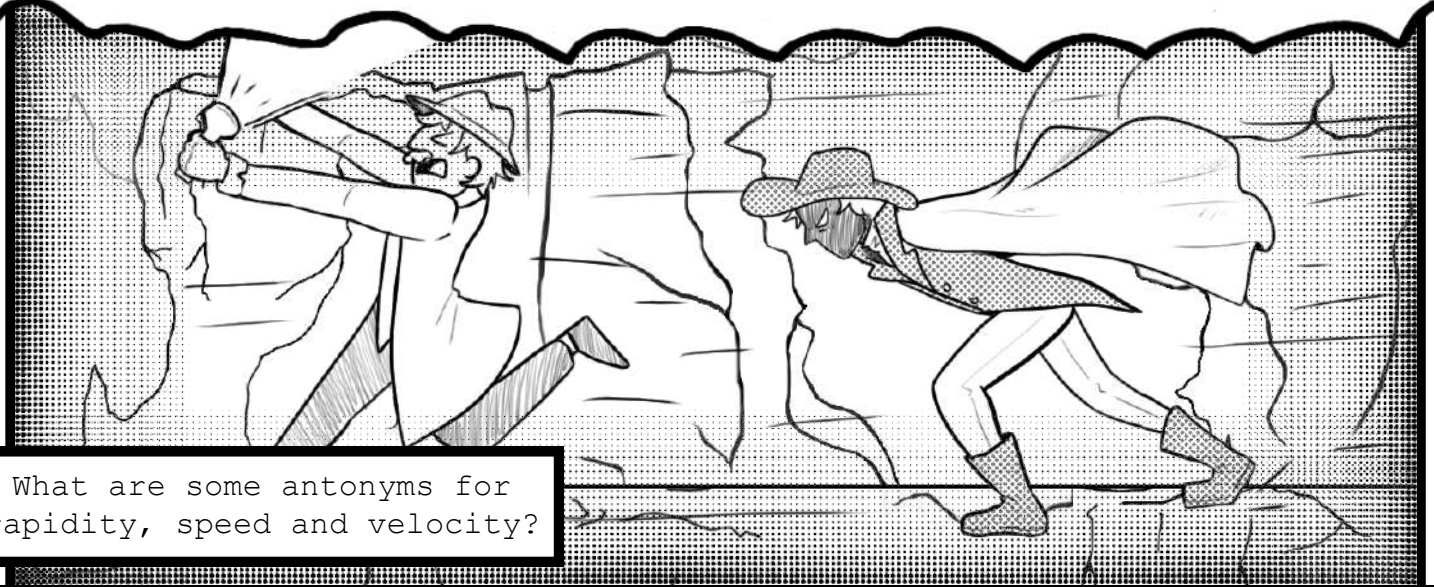


What do you think the Ace in the Hole looks like? Pay close attention to the background...

Huh?

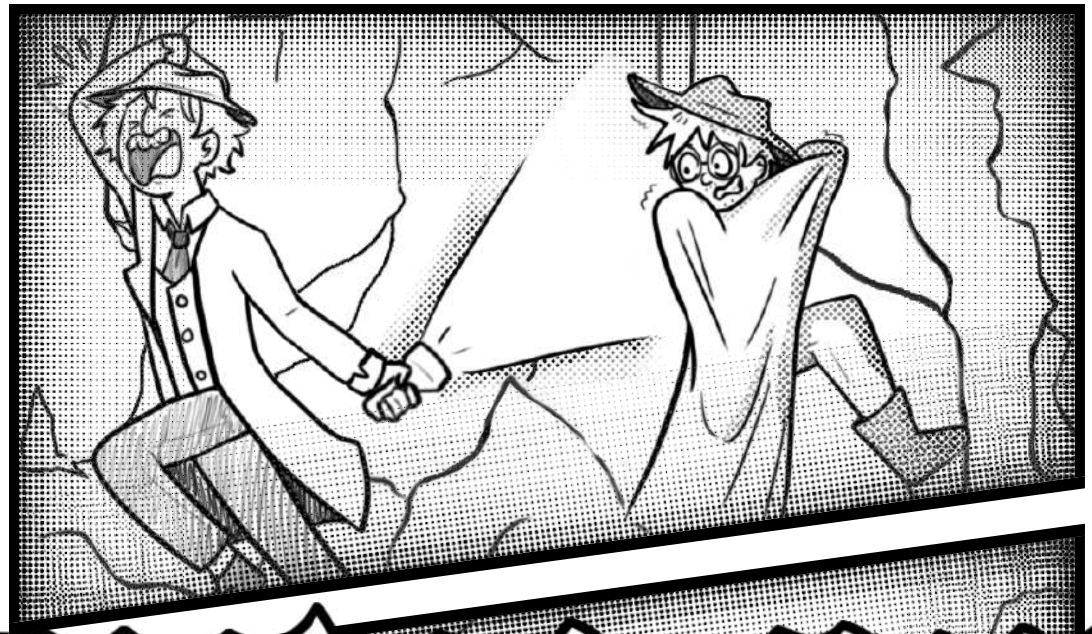


Yowza! I gotta get sprinting! He's coming at me like a spider monkey with a mach speed fighter jet! He's movin' with so much rapidity that I can't even see him! He's zooming at me with such velocity that the police oughta pull him over for a ticket!

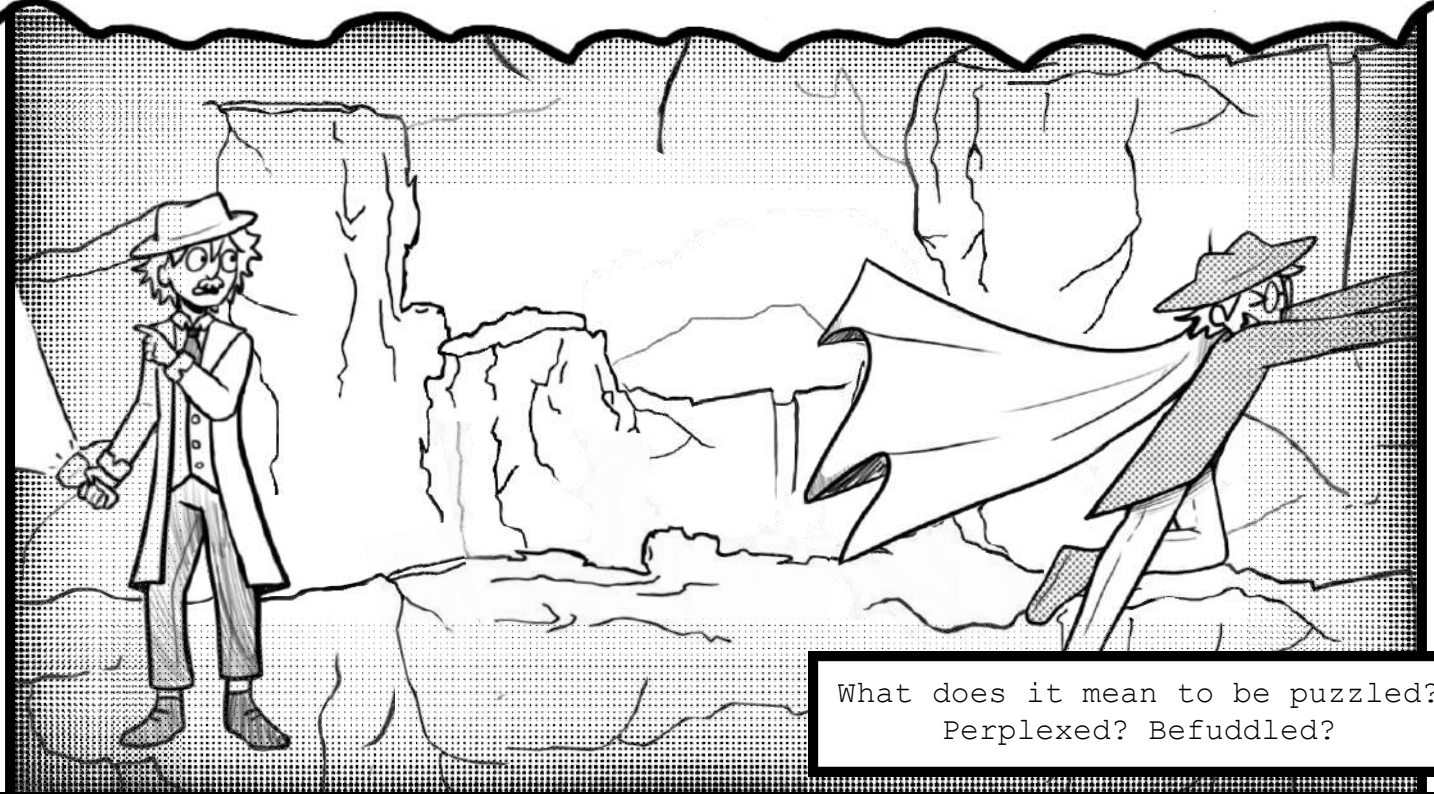


What are some antonyms for rapidity, speed and velocity?

Mach speed is going so fast you move faster than sound. Why did the Detective compare the figure to a spider monkey in a mach speed fighter jet?



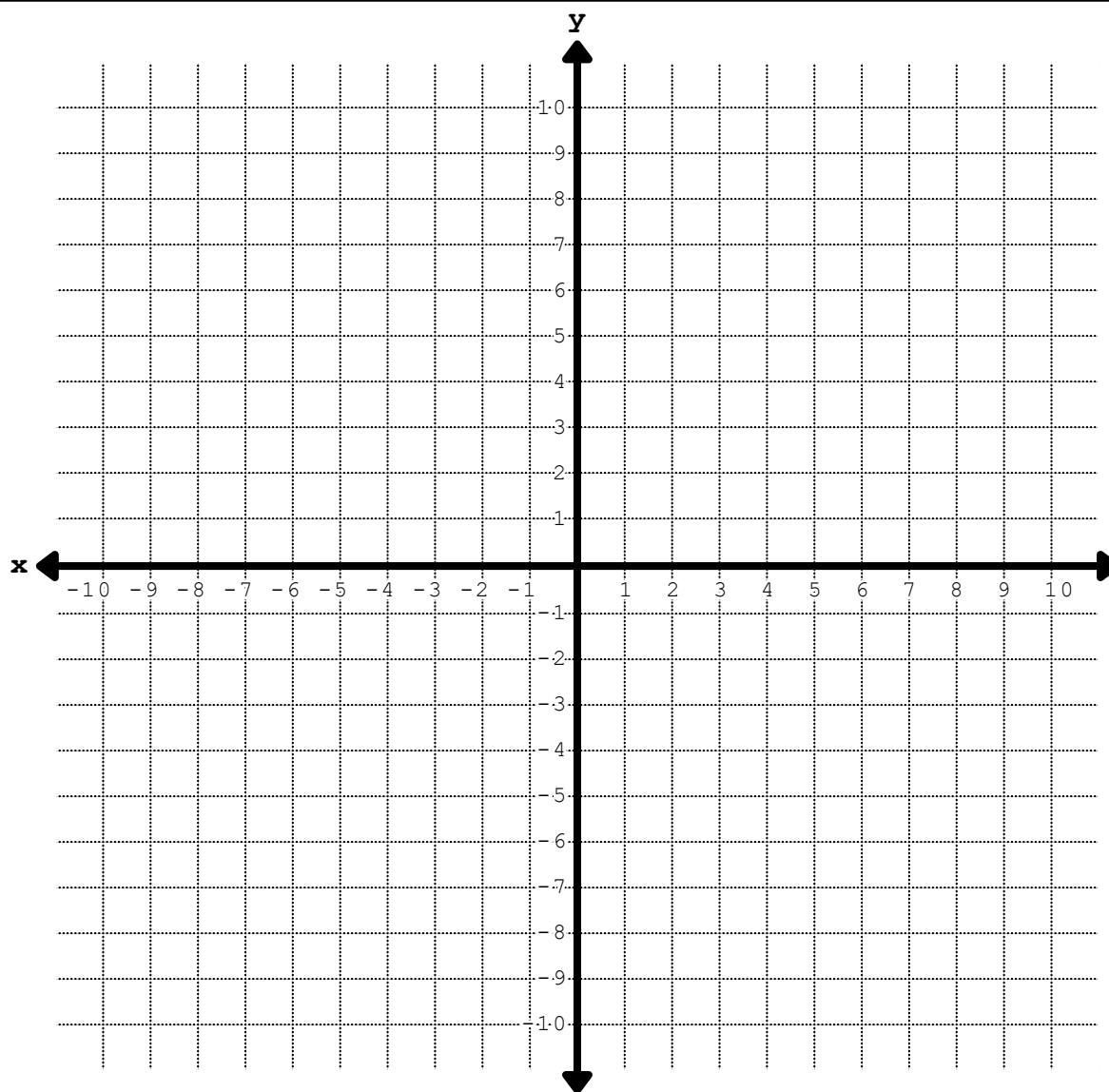
I... uh... oh! Well, hey wait! Huh?! I'm confused, but get back here! I'll stick to you like puzzled velcro! I'll chase you like a perplexed Detective! Because that's what I am...?! You've got me so befuddled that I'm not even making similes right!



What does it mean to be puzzled?
Perplexed? Befuddled?

Circle the similes that the Detective made.

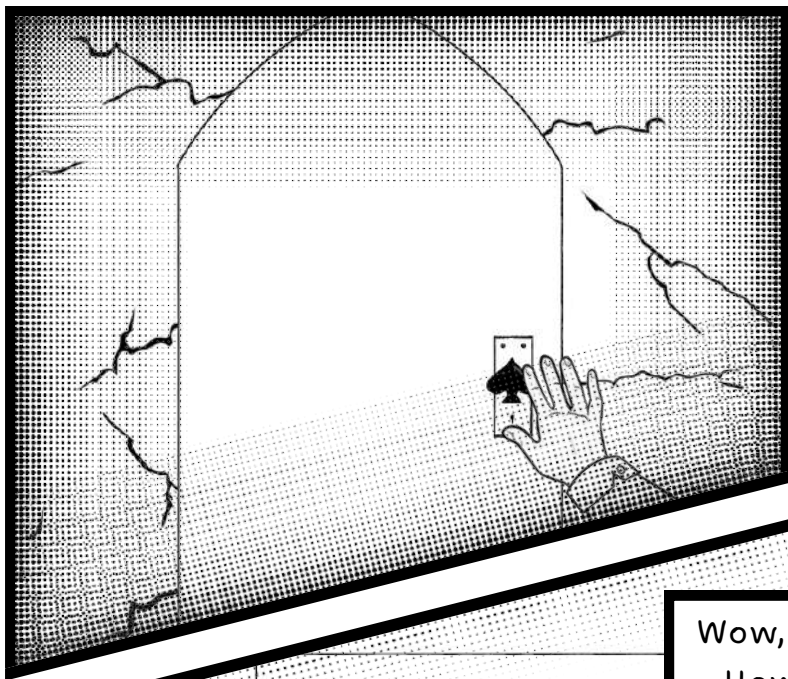
The Ace is on the run! Quick, we gotta catch him before he gets away! Mark and trace the given coordinates on the map to track and chase him down!



1. $(3, 1)$
2. $(-2, 4)$
3. $(5, 7)$
4. $(8, -3)$
5. $(2, -9)$
6. $(-5, -7)$
7. $(-8, -2)$
8. $(-7, 5)$
9. $(3, 9)$
10. $(9, 9)$

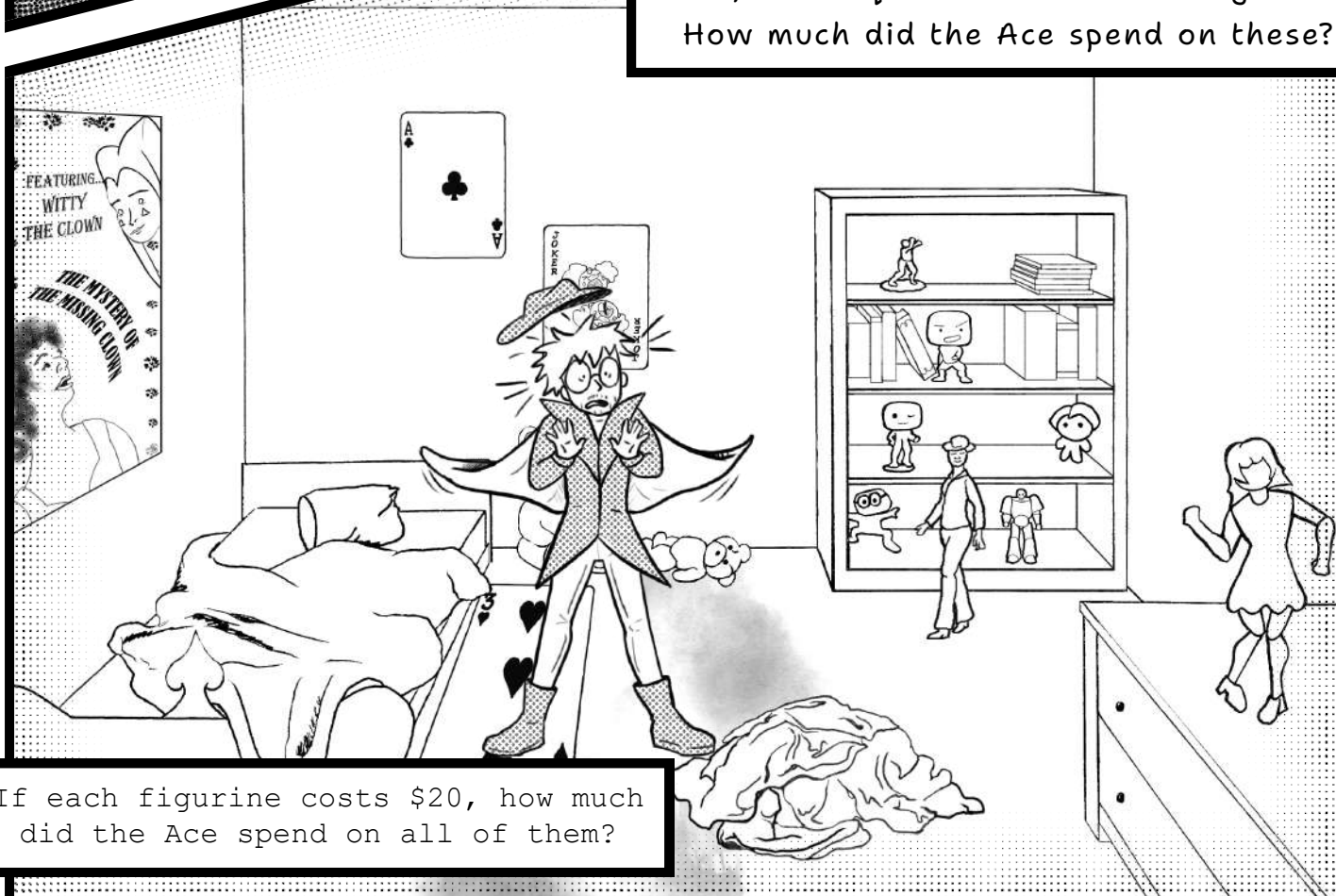


Finally! We've almost made it to his hideout! I wonder what the Ace is hiding in his lair...



Ah...

Wow, that's quite the number of figurines.
How much did the Ace spend on these?



If each figurine costs \$20, how much
did the Ace spend on all of them?

$$\text{\$20} \times (\# \text{ of figurines}) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

The Testimony

huff puff I never took anything from that clown! I may be a legendary thief, but you know as well as I do that I always leave a calling card when I steal something! I left one with the eggs; there wasn't any card left behind when those jokes were stolen! It wasn't me! I stole those eggs because I... *huff* spent all my money on the latest figure set! I needed breakfast! Listen, I'll even give you some of the eggs; just leave!



Wait, what? I- How did you know who we were investigating for?

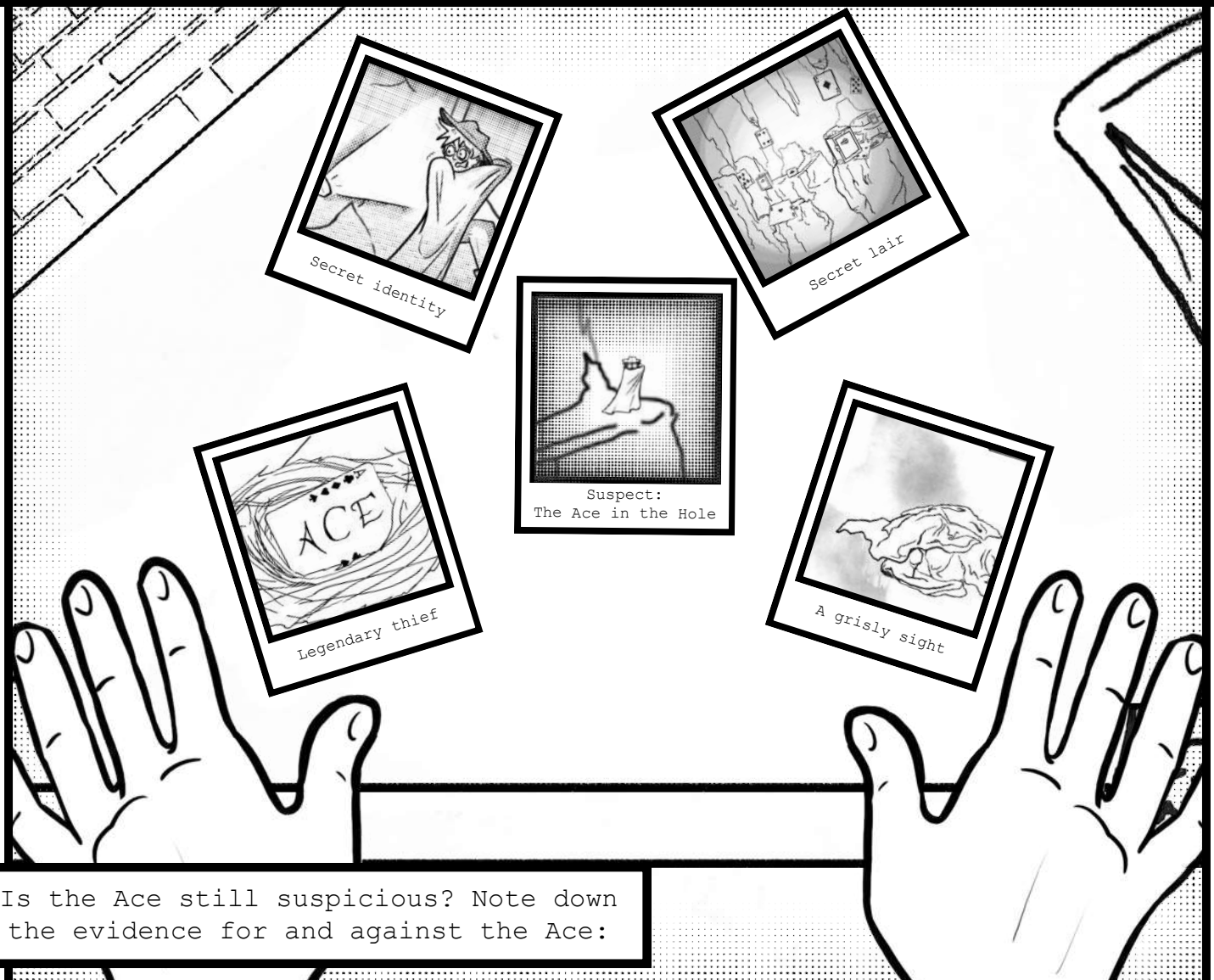
Doesn't matter. It couldn't have been me. Now get out of my house!

He does always leaves a playing card behind, right. I wonder how many there are...

Go back through the lair and bedroom and count the playing cards. Input them here as c and solve for x .

$$(7 \times c) + x = 147$$

He wasn't quite what I was expecting, but the Ace did have some decent evidence in his favor. The lack of a playing card is pretty important. It's weird that he knew about Bozeau and our investigation, though. Was he tailing us? Why? I reckon he might still be suspicious. What do you think?



Well, it's been a long journey so far, Partner, and you've done great. I think we're finally ready to blow this case wide open like a bull in a dynamite factory.

We've got enough evidence to point the finger at just about anyone. Look back at the previous pages with what you know now.

Witty...



Suspect:
Witty the Clown

Mr. Komedee...

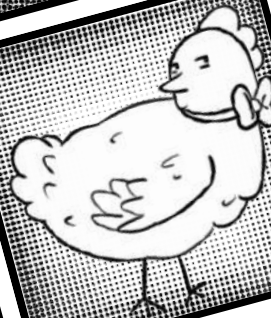


Suspect:
Bozeau Komedee Sr.

The Little Big Boss...



Suspect:
Little Big Boss



Suspect:
Betsy

...that chicken I guess...

And The Ace...



Suspect:
The Ace in the Hole

Who do you think stole Bozeau's jokes?!
How and why do you think they did it?
Look back at previous pages to construct
your argument.

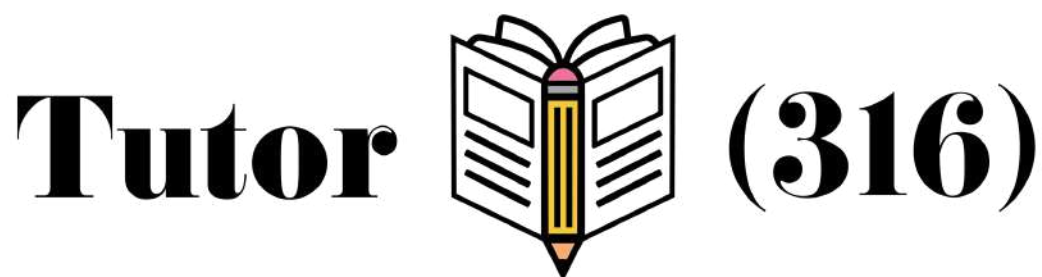
SUSPECT:

Really? You think it was them? Wow, I never would have suspected that, but you're right! Nice work, Partner, couldn't have done it without you. You might end up becoming the second investigator of the Gumshoe Detective Agency if you keep this up. We should go tell Bozeau and get those jokes back!



Did you like the story? Who was your favorite character?

Did you learn anything new?



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