

Traitor Hint File

*one puzzle per page

Accessing the Safe:

Password to safe: 2384 (gained by using the numbers mentioned in each journal entry about mythical creatures in the order they appear)

Puzzle Found in the Safe

Puzzle answer: 36 (gained by multiplying 4×10 and subtracting 4)

Kraken Casino

Password: blackjack

Sea Dragon Lounge/Pirate Skeleton

Code: 5867

Siren/Mermaid

Correct name: perryyoung

Leviathan/Circular Puzzle

Code: 6802

Cryptex

Code: 714 (sevenonefour)

Anonymous Tip

Location: tortuga

Room Numbers (Day 1 & 2):

Day 1:

- 36: Edward Davis
- 37: Sloane Smith
- 38: Matthew Ferguson
- 39: Brian McGrath
- 40: Alexander Gorman (victim)
- 41: Henry Kidd
- 42: empty
- 43: Shanna Davis

Day 2:

- 36: Edward Davis
- 37: Empty
- 38: Sloane Smith
- 39: Matthew Ferguson
- 40: Alexander Gorman (victim)
- 41: Henry Kidd
- 42: Shanna Davis
- 43: Brian McGrath

How To Eliminate Each Suspect

Edward Davis: The message in the bottle identifies the target of Armstead and Gorman's plot and says that the room number of the target can be determined by opening the safe in Gorman's room and solving what's inside. Armstead says that the inhabitant of that cabin is scheduled to be a guest at The Sea Dragon Lounge mixer from 6-8 pm on the 2nd night. Solving the puzzle inside the safe results in the number 36 which corresponds to Edward Davis' cabin and thus puts him at the mixer at the time of the murder.

Henry Kidd: In a text message, Armstead tells Gorman that he has an accomplice to help throw Edward Davis overboard. He also says that the accomplice will be with him at the time of the mixer, preparing for the crime. We found out after solving the treasure hunt that the accomplice is Dr. Kidd. Kidd further confirms this once we unlock the anonymous tip.

Sloane Smith: In the case notes, the bartender says that the occupant of cabin 38 and the target of Armstead and Gorman's Man Overboard plan are arguing during the entire mixer. The bartender also says they share a joint bar tab. We can conclude the reason for this comes from the following excerpt from the notes: "As a side note: the ones that I thought were married are not. Having the same last name isn't always an indicator. Sometimes, it's just coincidence. Also, not everyone who gets married believes in changing names." After the room changes on Day 2, Sloane Smith is in cabin 38. Given that Dr. Edward Davis is reportedly going through a divorce at the time of the cruise, Davis and the occupant of 36 argue throughout the mixer, and the fact that they share a joint bar tab, we can assume that they are married. However, Sloane Smith isn't the killer given that the bartender alibis her at the time of the murder.

Brian McGrath: The steward checks his app to determine when certain cabin doors were open. He also draws a clock that is set to 4:15 and says "This person's door opened at 6:45. Prior to that, it hadn't been opened in hours." Because the hands on the clock point to 4 and 3 to represent 4:15 we can equate the steward's message to the passenger in cabin 43 (Brian McGrath). In another piece of information gained by talking to the steward a second time, we learn that Gorman opened his door at 6:42 (most likely for the killer). Gorman was found at dead at approximately 6:45. If Gorman opened the door

for his killer at 6:42 then it couldn't have possibly been McGrath since he didn't open his door until 6:45 and hadn't for hours prior to that.

Matthew Ferguson: Matthew Ferguson claims he was in the casino at the time of the murder. However, no one can confirm that. What can be confirmed is that a drunken guest caused a scene at the Sirens of Emerald Key Spa which was going on at the same time as the Sea Dragon Lounge mixer. The guest rambled on about assassins throughout history. Ferguson, incidentally, had written a book on assassins. Based on what the Spa employees were told, Ferguson enjoyed the spa but didn't want to be seen there because of the anticipated ridicule it would bring upon him. Thus, he lied about where he really was out of a sense of male ego and pride.

Thus, we are left with Shanna Davis.

Final Solution

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