

## 1. INTRO

### FADE IN:

Grimoire sits on the back of a camel, hat down, talking to no one. A vast stretch of lifeless desert extends behind him.

### GRIMOIRE

I don't get it.

Why would anyone travel through the desert by choice?  
I know the towns between the one I am going to are very popular,  
but there are helicopters and other services to get between  
them.

So why would anyone travel by camelback in the desert between  
the two?

I mean, there is literally nothing here but endless miles of  
sand.

Maybe that's part of the fun?

Although I don't see any fun about it.

Well, whatever the reason, somehow, someone has gone missing..

In a tiny town...

In the middle of nowhere..

Man, how do I always seem to find myself in these remote  
locations that have no explanation for why and or how they  
exist?

Ugh. Let me go over the case again...

Lester Beaumont, male, age 42, has been reported as missing in  
the small town of Dead Camel...

Dead Camel is the name of the town?!

No wonder the population is so small. I would never want to live  
in a place called Dead Camel...

Grimoire gestures to the camel he is riding on.

### GRIMOIRE (CONT'D)

Sorry buddy...

Pull up the case file on the screen.

### GRIMOIRE (CONT'D)

The murder victim was in charge of the rest stop in the town.

"Rest Stop" huh...  
"Lester's Shelter" hmm...?  
Wow, this town is ridden with bad names.

## 2. OUTSIDE THE REST STOP

### GRIMOIRE

I can switch to walk mode by clicking on that button in the  
bottom right corner

Grimore can either talk to Sally or Colby Stevens:

### IF SALLY:

#### GRIMOIRE

Sorry to interrupt, I can see that you're...  
Uhh.. Hard at work.

#### SALLY

You weren't here yesterday.

#### GRIMOIRE (CHOICE)

1. Oh, no...I...well, I only just arrived.
2. I know...I was in my office yesterday.
3. Did you miss me?

#### SALLY

You're the Detective, right?

#### GRIMOIRE

I'm "a" detective..

#### SALLY

So that was you I spotted coming here on camelback.

#### GRIMOIRE

So you noticed it too.

#### SALLY

If you are good at your job you may have noticed it's kinda..  
Dead around here.

So I generally notice when someone new comes.  
Although this time you are missing your hat.  
Don't worry, you look better without it anyway.

**GRIMOIRE**

What makes you say that?

**SALLY**

Oh.. I... I uh..  
Have a good imagination.

**IF "YOUR JOB":**

**GRIMOIRE**

I didn't expect to see someone your age working in a place like  
this.

But then again, I didn't expect there to be a place like this  
in... a place like this..

**SALLY**

I only started working here this year anyway... **[Sally Clue]**

**{RS\_S\_1}**

It's temporary.  
Just running the Rest Stop to earn a little extra money..  
Don't ask how I ended up here.

**GRIMOIRE**

I'll save that question for a different day.  
You don't seem at home here, exactly..?

**SALLY**

I hate it.  
This place is so boring.

**GRIMOIRE**

Come on. You don't think it's... kinda beautiful?

**SALLY**

You would say that.

You only just got here.  
You'll get sick of it.

**GRIMOIRE**

If I wasn't here... I'd be at my office stuck doing paperwork.

**SALLY**

At least at your office, you don't have to bring spare clothes  
every day.

It's impossible to leave this place without being covered in  
sand and sweating to death.

**GRIMOIRE**

Challenge accepted!

**IF "LESTER BEAUMONT":**

**GRIMOIRE**

When you have a moment free from your... Busy schedule...  
I need to ask you about Lester Beaumont.

**SALLY**

I know...  
But it won't help...  
I came here in the morning to start work. When I got here Lester  
was missing.  
I waited the whole day while no one came.  
By the end of my shift, he still was not back.  
So I called him... no answer...  
I went to his house but no one was there...  
So I called the police... you...  
And reported that he was missing.

**GRIMOIRE**

Why did you report him as missing so fast?

**SALLY**

As you can see, there is almost no one in this town.  
If someone doesn't show up to their job, there are only two  
places they can be...

1. At home or 2. They are missing.

So he was missing.

**GRIMOIRE**

That seems like a terrible process of elimination...

**SALLY**

It's the truth.

No one comes here and no one stays other than me, Lester, the Old Lady, the Researcher, and that one Tourist who has been here.

**IF COLBY:**

**GRIMOIRE**

No no no, let me guess. You are... Researching something!  
Tell me, tell me, did I get it right?

**COLBY**

You're incorrect, Detective.  
I am no mere researcher.

**GRIMOIRE**

How... did you know I was a detective?  
Was it my stylish trenchcoat, my stylish and inquisitive manner?  
For all you know, I could have been a magician!

**COLBY**

It was the clueless expression on your face.

**GRIMOIRE**

What are you talking about?

**COLBY**

Yeah, that's the one.

**GRIMOIRE**

Right. That's it.  
You've done it now.  
What's your name?

**COLBY**

I go by Colby.  
Colby Stevens.  
...What are you doing?

**GRIMOIRE**

1. I'm putting bad things about you in my notebook.
2. I'm drawing your beautiful face.
3. I'm writing in my diary. It's been a long day.

**IF "YOUR JOB":**

**GRIMOIRE**

Sooo... what are you researching about?

**COLBY**

I never said I was just a researcher!  
I am a scholar! An academic!  
I'm here to research the past and uncover the future!

**GRIMOIRE**

The future of what?

**COLBY**

Of life obviously!  
I research rare and exotic animals native only to this land!

**GRIMOIRE**

For... Fun...?

**COLBY**

Fun?  
Ha.  
There's nothing so simple as fun to be had here  
I live here full time to study the land's secrets...

**GRIMOIRE**

What kind of secrets?  
I mean this is just an ordinary desert, right?

**COLBY**

This desert is ridden with abnormal and exotic animals! **[General Clue] {RS\_C\_1}**

They are unlike anything most people have seen before and they only exist here in this specific desert.

**GRIMOIRE**

You know... I have been wondering what makes this town and desert so special...

**COLBY**

My knowledge far exceeds anyone else you might have met so far.

**GRIMOIRE**

So... You'll help me?

**COLBY**

Well, I didn't say all that.

**IF "LESTER BEAUMONT":**

**GRIMOIRE**

So Mr.Stevens, what can you tell me about Lester Beaumont?

**COLBY**

Well, I was in my research area all night.  
Going over my animals, my findings, my files.  
Before disappearing into the night!

**GRIMOIRE**

Disappearing to where exactly?

**COLBY**

To my home so I could watch the night cameras for any animals!  
Not everything runs on a diurnal schedule, Detective.

**GRIMOIRE**

Yeah... Of course..  
So, do you interact with Lester Beaumont often?

**COLBY**

What makes you say that?

**GRIMOIRE**

Well, there seem to only be a few of you in this town, and you are outside his rest stop right now...

**COLBY**

I never cared for others' schedules.

**GRIMOIRE**

Uh ok. So are you saying you don't interact-

**COLBY**

No are you stupid?  
Once again the clueless expression!  
Of course, I interact with him.  
There are only so many people you can talk to here.

**GRIMOIRE**

Ok so... What can you tell me about him?

**COLBY**

He sucks!  
Always going and trying to ruin my research area.  
You know the other day I found him snooping around and he scared away a Canis Falsifatus! [General Clue] {RS\_C\_2}

**GRIMOIRE**

A... a what?

**COLBY**

Nevermind. Your feeble mind would never understand.  
Anyways, I don't like him.

**3. INSIDE REST STOP**

**IF BERT:**

**BERT**

...Yes?  
...Do you have a message for me?

**GRIMOIRE**

Uhh... no. I don't think so.

**BERT**

Then why are you here? I am incredibly busy.

**GRIMOIRE**

You don't look it.

**BERT**

What a question!  
You're serious?  
I am Bert Ernest!

**GRIMOIRE**

The famous actor?

**BERT**

The artist! The visionary! The auteur!  
I'm a man of many talents.

**GRIMOIRE**

1. Let's hope you have a talent for answering my questions.
2. That is a very talented beard you've got, at least
3. I heard your work was going downhill lately...

**BERT**

You're in my light. Could you take a few steps back, please?

**GRIMOIRE**

But... Then I'll be too far away to talk to you.

**BERT**

I know.

**IF "YOUR JOB":**

**GRIMOIRE**

So... what is a famous actor doing all the way out here in the  
middle of the desert?

**BERT**

As I said, I am a visionary! I am here to capture the life of the desert!

**GRIMOIRE**

Does that mean you are starring in a role that is based in the desert soon?

**BERT**

No.

**GRIMOIRE**

You are planning to make a movie in the desert?

**BERT**

No.

**GRIMOIRE**

Ah! You are going to build a mansion out here!

**BERT**

No.

**GRIMOIRE**

Okay... you got me. So why are you here then?

**BERT**

Of course, the likes of you would never understand the ways of a true artist.

**GRIMOIRE**

Well, they do say that being a detective is sort of like being an artist.

**BERT**

In what way could it possibly be the same...

**GRIMOIRE**

Well... in the art of... solving crime...

**BERT**

...

**GRIMOIRE**

...

**BERT**

Are we done here?

**IF "LESTER BEAUMONT":**

**GRIMOIRE**

So, how familiar are you with the people here?

**BERT**

What do you mean?

**GRIMOIRE**

Well, you said that you are here doing uh...

**BERT**

Art!

**GRIMOIRE**

Yes, art.

So how long have you been here doing that?

**BERT**

Well, only for a day of course!

**GRIMOIRE**

What do you mean by "of course"?

**BERT**

I would never stay in this town for an extended period willingly! I am Bert Earnest! This is not where the likes of me should be staying. I mean this rest stop is a dump!

**GRIMOIRE**

Okay, so why haven't you left yet?

**BERT**

Well because my camel has gone missing. [Bert Clue] {IRS\_B\_1}

**GRIMOIRE**

Why don't you just call a helicopter or something, you are Bert Earnest after all.

**BERT**

Ugh, I knew you would never understand true art. I am experiencing!

**GRIMOIRE**

But you just said..

**BERT**

Enough! I need to get back to finding my camel. Shoo shoo.

**GRIMOIRE**

But do you know anything about Lester Beaumont?

**BERT**

I said shoo!

#### **4. INSIDE OLD LADY HOUSE (rita weber)**

**IF RITA:**

**RITA**

You just walked straight into my house did you?

**GRIMOIRE**

1. Not exactly. I had to get here first.
2. I'm paid to walk into people's houses...
3. Sorry. I would have rung the bell...

**RITA**

Normally I have methods for dealing with unwanted attention...  
But... I can make exceptions for harmless idiots.

**GRIMOIRE**

Do you get any attention out here?

**RITA**

Most of the time people like to leave me alone.  
But... I don't think you are going to, are you?

**GRIMOIRE**

No. I could make an excuse and say it's my job to ask you about  
Lester Beaumont, but...  
To be honest it is really hot outside and I need to cool down.

**RITA**

Well, if you insist on staying, I'll tell you.  
I'm Rita Weber...  
-and I think you might not be suited for the desert.

**GRIMOIRE**

I'm Detective Grimoire and I think I might agree with you.

**IF "YOUR JOB":**

**GRIMOIRE**

What do you do here? Do you work for Lester Beaumont?

**RITA**

I was living here before that man was even born...  
...and have absolutely nothing to do with him...  
... or his little "rest stop."

**GRIMOIRE**

You're exaggerating... how long have you been here?  
Just in this house...?  
What do you do out here?

**RITA**

I've been here longer than anyone. Even longer than... well...  
anyone.

**GRIMOIRE**

I... like numbers.

**RITA**

Sixty years. Something like that. [Rita Clue] {H\_R\_1}

**GRIMOIRE**

What have you been doing for that time?  
If you don't mind me asking...

**RITA**

I have many reasons to be here...  
But I won't bore you with the details of my life.

**GRIMOIRE**

I'm sure there's one detail worth writing down...

**RITA**

I like to study the animals in this area.  
I've learned many things from them.

**GRIMOIRE**

Oh so like that researcher!

**RITA**

No. I am nothing like that man. He is...  
Wrong...

**GRIMOIRE**

Wrong?

**RITA**

He is not who he says he is. [Colby Clue] {H\_C\_3}

**GRIMOIRE**

What do you mean?

**RITA**

That is something I can not tell you, Detective.  
But, I'll give you something to help you.

[Unlock animal drawings] [Rita Clue] {H\_R\_2}

[unlock Colby logic puzzle]

**IF "LESTER BEAUMONT":**

**RITA**

Your job is to ask me about Lester Beaumont.

**GRIMOIRE**

Yes, well what can you tell me about him?

**RITA**

I know more than you might imagine..

**GRIMOIRE**

Oh, that sounds useful! Can you tell me about yesterday?

**RITA**

I was in my house. I have been in my house, here, by myself all day.

**GRIMOIRE**

Mhm.  
What else?

**RITA**

That's it.

**GRIMOIRE**

...Thanks. Just give me a minute to write this all down...

**RITA**

Oh, what I can tell you about is that he has always been annoying. Ever since he built that stupid rest stop, people have been coming here.

**GRIMOIRE**

Well, this town is in the middle of two larger ones. It makes a good rest stop place.

**RITA**

Yes, but once in a blue moon you get someone who isn't just here for the rest stop.

**GRIMOIRE**

Oh? What do you mean?

**RITA**

Someone comes here trying to solve some mystery.

**GRIMOIRE**

Other Detectives have been here?

**RITA**

Not the ones you think. Self-proclaimed Detectives.

**GRIMOIRE**

Uh... ok... what are they trying to solve?

**RITA**

The desert is a magical place, in more ways than one. **[General Clue] {H\_R\_3}**

**[Unlock "Town Secrets" talking point]**

**GRIMOIRE**

What do you mean?

**RITA**

That's all I can say.

## **5. OUTSIDE REST STOP**

**IF SALLY "TOWN SECRETS":**

**GRIMOIRE**

I've uncovered it.

**SALLY**

Oh yeah?

**GRIMOIRE**

Yes!

**SALLY**

...

**GRIMOIRE**

...

**SALLY**

Well, are you going to say what you "uncovered"?

**GRIMOIRE**

Yes, of course...

"It".

**SALLY**

"It"?

**GRIMOIRE**

Yup.

**SALLY**

\*sigh\* you want me to tell you what "it" is, don't you?

**GRIMOIRE**

Well if you would be so kind.

**SALLY**

I assume you are referring to the mysteries surrounding this area and town?

**GRIMOIRE**

Yes! Of course! That is "it".

So what can you tell me?

**SALLY**

Nothing that useful. I heard about it before I came here and of course that researcher has been here for a while.

**GRIMOIRE**

Yes, Colby. Anything weird about him?

**SALLY**

Other than everything about him?

**GRIMOIRE**

Well... Yes.

**SALLY**

I don't know. He always struck me as, suspicious. No one has actually seen his "research" or the animals he says are here. But he insists that he be here. He even blocked off an area behind the town for his research. [Colby clue] {RS\_C\_4}

**GRIMOIRE**

Really?

**SALLY**

I'm not even sure he is a real researcher. He is probably also just trying to find that temple or whatever.

**GRIMOIRE**

Temple?

**SALLY**

Wow, you really didn't do your research before coming here. Isn't that your job as a detective?

**GRIMOIRE**

I'm a different kind of detective...

**SALLY**

Sure...

Anyways, there are a ton of conspiracy theories that there is some ancient magical temple somewhere in the desert near here. [General Clue] {RS\_S\_2} That's why people think this town was built in the first place.

[unlock temple question]

**GRIMOIRE**

Do you believe it?

**SALLY**

Whatever keeps the rest stop in business so I get paid.

**IF SALLY "TEMPLE":**

**GRIMOIRE**

So why don't you believe in the temple?

**SALLY**

A secret ancient magical temple that is hidden somewhere underground?

**GRIMOIRE**

I see what you mean.

**SALLY**

Yeah... Anything else?

**GRIMOIRE**

Nope.

**IF COLBY "TOWN SECRETS":**

**COLBY**

Look who came back...

**GRIMOIRE**

It is I! The Great Detective Grimoire!

**COLBY**

Oh great...

What do you want?

**GRIMOIRE**

To ask you more questions and hopefully get more answers!  
Or at least, write them down.

**COLBY**

Fine.

**GRIMOIRE**

Okay...

So...

What can you tell me about this town... Other than the animals.

**COLBY**

Well, this dessert has many interesting qualities, none the likes of you would ever understand.

**GRIMOIRE**

Like what?

**COLBY**

Like I said before, nothing that you would understand.

**IF COLBY CHALLENGE TOPIC:**

**GRIMOIRE**

I have a bone to pick with you!

**COLBY**

Are you setting yourself up for a joke? Something related to animal bones?

**GRIMOIRE**

Maybe. Who knows.

Stop distracting me. I'm trying to interrogate you!

**COLBY**

My apologies. Go ahead.

**GRIMOIRE**

So. What can you tell me about these animal drawings?

**COLBY**

I don't know. They are drawings of animals?

Why does this concern me?

**GRIMOIRE**

1. You said you love animals and I should show you my art.
2. I am not sure.
3. These are exotic native animals to this area...

These are exotic native animals to this area... but you have never talked about them. And in fact, you did not seem to recognize them when I just showed them to you. Meaning you are not actually researching exotic native animals in this area! Be honest!

**COLBY**

Luckily for me, Detective, I was honest with you. I believe I have already explained that I study abnormal exotic animals.

**GRIMOIRE**

1. You're right, I was wrong..
2. Are you sure...?
3. I know you are lying...

I know you are lying because these are the real exotic animals that are native to this area that are mysterious. You have never seen them before because you are not actually researching anything of the sort. You instead are trying to uncover the mysteries surrounding the town and the desert and are posing as a researcher in order to do whatever you want.

**COLBY**

It seems like you have already made up your mind detective, so I have nothing else I can say to you.

**[Challenge End]**

**[Unlock Rita Challenge]**

**IF COLBY "TEMPLE":**

**GRIMOIRE**

So what's this I hear about some ancient temple?

**COLBY**

I have no idea what you are talking about.

**GRIMOIRE**

Oh really? Because I am pretty sure you do.

**COLBY**

Incorrect detective. And even if I did, I shouldn't be the one you're asking.

**GRIMOIRE**

Well, who is then?

**COLBY**

That actor or whatever.

**GRIMOIRE**

Why do you say that?

**COLBY**

I heard him the other day on the phone with someone. I of course did not care for what he was talking about other than the fact that he said he was going to **destroy my research area to search for some temple. [Bert Clue] {RS\_B\_2}**

**[Unlock Bert challenge]**

**IF BERT "TOWN SECRETS":**

**GRIMOIRE**

What can you tell me about the mysteries surrounding this town?

**BERT**

What mysteries?

**GRIMOIRE**

I don't know, that's why I'm asking you.

**BERT**

Well, I don't know what you are talking about.

**GRIMOIRE**

Are you sure?

**BERT**

Yes.

**GRIMOIRE**

Really?

**BERT**

Yes.

**GRIMOIRE**

I don't believe you.

**BERT**

I don't need you to.

**IF BERT "TEMPLE":**

**BERT**

What do you want now?

**GRIMOIRE**

Do you believe in magic?

**BERT**

What the hell do you mean?

**GRIMOIRE**

I, for one, think that magic could be real. I mean who can explain the pyramids?

**BERT**

Have you gone insane?

**GRIMOIRE**

I wonder if they were secret temples at one point.

**BERT**

Get out of my light.

**GRIMOIRE**

So you don't know anything about a secret temple?

**BERT**

Goodbye.

**IF BERT CHALLENGE:**

**GRIMOIRE**

I'm surprised you have cell service out here.

**BERT**

Someone of the likes of me can never be without cell service.

**GRIMOIRE**

I'm jealous. I can't even make a phone call.

**BERT**

Remind me why you are talking to me.

**GRIMOIRE**

1. I wanted to see if I could make a phone call...
2. I wanted to ask you about your phone...
3. I know you made a phone call recently...

I know you made a phone call recently that caused some great concern.

**BERT**

I call people all the time about my work. They probably heard me say something about an upcoming movie. Not anything related to this town or the temple or whatever.

**GRIMOIRE**

I never said anything about a temple...

**BERT**

Of course you did!

**GRIMOIRE**

When?

**BERT**

Well... uhhh... just now of course!

**GRIMOIRE**

Nope. Got you red-handed.

**BERT**

Blasphemy! You have nothing! I am just here to... to work on my art! Now leave me alone!

**6. INSIDE OLD LADY HOUSE (Rita Weber)**

**IF RITA "TOWN SECRETS":**

**GRIMOIRE**

What do you mean by town secrets?

**RITA**

You're the detective. Isn't that your job to figure out the mystery?

**GRIMOIRE**

Yes but, it is also my job to interview people for more information.

**RITA**

...

**GRIMOIRE**

Mhm. Ok got it all written down here in my notebook. Anything else?

**RITA**

You're missing a cool hat.

**GRIMOIRE**

It's too hot.

**IF RITA "TEMPLE":**

**GRIMOIRE**

So what's this I heard about some secret ancient temple?

**RITA**

...

**GRIMOIRE**

Wow. You really aren't a talker, are you?

**RITA**

You're the one who came into my house to ask me questions. I have no need to answer them.

**GRIMOIRE**

Yes, but if you want me to leave you alone, then you might as well answer some of them.

**RITA**

...

**GRIMOIRE**

Please?

**RITA**

...

**GRIMOIRE**

Gah. Fine.

**RITA**

Looks like my job here is done.

**GRIMOIRE**

Yeah yeah...

**IF RITA CHALLENGE:**

**GRIMOIRE**

I see what you meant about Colby.

**RITA**

Who?

**GRIMOIRE**

The "researcher"

**RITA**

Oh, I see.

**GRIMOIRE**

...

**RITA**

... What do you want me to say?

**GRIMOIRE**

Well, uhh... I don't know. I didn't think I would get this far.

1. I guess I wanted to ask you about the animals...

2. I guess I am done here...

3. I guess I am done being a detective...

I guess I wanted to ask you about the animals... Because you seem to know about exotic animals native to this area since you gave me this drawing.

**RITA**

I do. But I do not think asking me that will help your investigation.

**GRIMOIRE**

1. You're right, what I want to know about is your hair...

2. You're right, what I want to know about is this "temple"...

3. You're right, what I want to know about is how old you are...

You're right, what I want to know about is this "temple" that everyone keeps talking about because it seems like you know about it...

**RITA**

Actually, your two questions can be answered by one answer. The temple and the animals are related.

That researcher is right that the animals native to this area are special, but not because they are "rare" they are special because...

**GRIMOIRE**

Do you mean...?

**RITA**

Well, you are the detective, you tell me.

**GRIMOIRE**

1. The animals are magical

2. The animals are born in the temple

3. The animals live in the temple

The animals are magical. They have gained whatever magic originated in that temple all those years ago.

**RITA**

Correct. The animals here possess a certain magic that allows them to survive in the harsh conditions of the desert and essentially never age.

They have been preserved since the day the magic of the temple touched them.

**GRIMOIRE**

So why are you here? How and why do you know this?

**RITA**

I think you can answer that one yourself. [Rita Clue] {H\_R\_4}

**GRIMOIRE**

Thank you.

**RITA**

I only ask one thing of you: to not reveal the true secrets of the temple to anyone.

**GRIMOIRE**

You have my word. But I must ask one thing of you: where is the temple?

**RITA**

The area the researcher has blocked off. Follow the animals and you will find the entrance.

[Unlock research area]

[Bert and Colby are now gone]

**7. RESEARCH AREA**

[if find Sally's glove, then unlock Sally's logic puzzle]

[unlock Sally's challenge]

**8. OUTSIDE REST STOP**

[Bert and Colby are gone]

**IF SALLY CHALLENGE:**

**GRIMOIRE**

I found a pair of your gloves.

**SALLY**

Oh thanks, I was missing a pair.

**GRIMOIRE**

You're not going to ask where I found them?

**SALLY**

I really couldn't care less, Detective.

**GRIMOIRE**

Ok, well, I found them by the area marked off for Colby's research.

**SALLY**

What's your angle, Grimoire?

**GRIMOIRE**

1. I have proof you were wearing them when Lester went missing
2. Nothing else was out there
3. Why were you over there if it is restricted

Why were you over there if it is restricted to only Colby?

**SALLY**

Why were you?

**GRIMOIRE**

I... Uh... Good point... Regardless, your glove was out there in the restricted area. Why?

**SALLY**

I don't know why it is there. It probably got blown away in the sand.

**GRIMOIRE**

No, it is because you were out there, trying to find the temple.

**SALLY**

Fine. You got me. But I have nothing to do with Lester being missing. I went to check over there a few days ago because I was getting suspicious of the researcher.

He kept talking about how close he was to finding it, and I wanted to see if it was real.

**GRIMOIRE**

Why didn't you say anything earlier?

**SALLY**

Because you were never going to believe me that there is some secret ancient underground magic temple that is connected to this town.

**GRIMOIRE**

...You're right... Although, now I'm not going to rule anything out going forward.

[challenge end]

## 9. RESEARCH AREA

IF CLICK ON ANYONE:

**GRIMOIRE**

WOAH! STOP!

**COLBY**

OH GREAT! Look who came! The fated detective. Here to solve the damn case!

**GRIMOIRE**

Woah, calm down Colby.

**COLBY**

NO! Just shut up! I'm done with everyone meddling with my work! Now just turn your little head around while I clean up the mess.

**GRIMOIRE**

Killing Bert won't do you any good, neither will not cooperating with me.

**COLBY**

Not if I kill you along with him.

**GRIMOIRE**

And then what? How will you play off all of us being missing? They will just send another detective to come and arrest you.

**COLBY**

Not if I get away first.

**BERT**

Would both of you shut up and untie me?!

**COLBY**

SHUT UP.

**BERT**

No, because this is not how you should treat me. I am famous you know!

**COLBY**

I could really care less.

**GRIMOIRE**

Why are you even trying to kill Bert in the first place?

**COLBY**

You tell me, Detective. Or have you not put it together yet?

**GRIMOIRE**

1. Bert is the one who killed Lester
2. Colby is crazy
3. I am the murderer... somehow...

Bert is the one who killed Lester...

**BERT**

Preposterous!

**COLBY**

Finally, you got something right.

**GRIMOIRE**

1. He was annoyed with Lester, that is why
2. It was an accident...
3. He is secretly a serial killer

It was an accident. You came down here searching for the temple, and you ended up finding it. But...

1. Something was wrong
2. Lester was in the way
3. It wasn't what you expected

Something was wrong. There was something blocking the entrance. So you broke it, but what you didn't know at the time was...

1. I was watching you
2. You unleashed the magic
3. Lester was down there

Lester was down there already. The broken piece hit him in the head, killing him instantly. You panicked. You're a famous actor, you don't know what to do with a dead body. That is when you called someone. But it was too late, because...

1. Your lawyer said it was over for you...
2. Colby heard you on the phone...
3. You had never killed someone before.

Colby heard you on the phone, in his precious research area. So he hid, listening to you panic over Lester's dead body and your murder of him. Colby quickly got to work. He stole your camel, preventing you from leaving, because he...

1. He wanted to bribe you
2. He was in love with Lester
3. Couldn't have anyone else know about his fake research

He couldn't have anyone else learn about his fake research. He was so close to uncovering the secrets of this temple and no one could get in his way. So he stole your camel and hid him down here, preventing you from leaving. He knew you wouldn't come back down here unless you were absolutely desperate. And when I was coming close to solving everything, that's when you came down here Bert, only to have Colby following you close behind, ready for the kill.

**COLBY**

Wow. Color me impressed. You solved the case! You did your job! Yay! Now leave before any of this becomes messy.

**GRIMOIRE**

I'm afraid I can't do that Colby. You're under arrest for attempted murder.

**COLBY**

Not if I get away first!

**NARRATOR (we have no way of doing a cutscene)**

Colby makes a run for it, but luckily Detective Grimoire was already one step ahead. He grabs the camel and runs after Colby. On the way the animals that were watching everything unfold end up blocking Colby's path, threatening to attack if he were to run any farther.

Grimoire handcuffs both Colby and Bert, as both are under arrest, Colby for attempted murder, and Bert for involuntary manslaughter. After other police come to collect both of them, and Lester's body, Sally and Grimoire leave the town, as Sally no longer has a job. Rita is left in the town alone, just like she wanted in the first place. Before he leaves, Grimoire thanks her for her help and tells her to also thank the animals. She bids him farewell.

**GRIMOIRE**

Onto the next murder, or whatever detectives are supposed to say.

**SALLY**

I'm not sure that is the right phrase...

**THE END**