

## **Scene of the Crime**

A pass-and-fold game by NeilFred Picciotto

A crime has been committed! In fact, many have been -- one for each sheet of paper. For each crime, you are going to collaboratively describe the evidence collected at the scene.

### **Step 1**

At the bottom of the page, write down either who was killed or what was stolen, and where it took place.

For example, "Colonel Mustard was murdered in the Conservatory", or "the cookies were stolen from the kitchen".

Do not specify details about how the crime may have been committed, only what the crime was, and where.

PASS.

### **Step 2**

Read the crime at the bottom of the page. At the top of the page, write down five objects that were found near the body, or near where the missing item was taken from. All five objects must start with the same letter.

DO NOT FOLD. PASS.

### **Step 3**

Read the crime and the objects. Write down a landmark within the scene (in the room or area). Perhaps it's a piece of furniture, or a work of art -- something that someone arriving on the scene can immediately see and identify based on your description. However, you must identify the landmark with a minimum of five words, and without using the letter E.

For example, "a painting of a child with a dog" or "a window from which you look southward".

FOLD back the page so that the first five objects are hidden, but the landmark and the crime are visible. PASS.

### **Step 4**

Write down five objects that were found near the given landmark, one starting with each of A,E,I,O,U.

FOLD back the page so that only these last five objects and the crime are visible. PASS.

## **Step 5**

Write down a key witness; describe the person using at least five words, perhaps including their name, occupation, or relationship to relevant parties (or anything else). The sequence of words you write must start with sequential letters.

For example, "Jane Krakowitz - Larry's Mother, Noted Ophthalmologist" or "Steve's teacher's uncle's veterinarian, William".

FOLD back the page so that only the witness and the crime are visible. PASS.

## **Step 6**

Write down five objects that the key witness was found to have on their person at the time of questioning immediately after the crime. Look at the (first) five words describing the key witness -- for each word, write down an object that starts with the LAST letter of that word. For possessives ending in apostrophe-S, use the letter before the apostrophe.

## **Step 7**

You are the detective on the case. Unfold the page, but don't read it out loud yet. Read to yourself all the details about the scene, and deduce with absolute certainty precisely what must have happened, how the crime was committed -- no matter how ridiculous it might sound (bearing in mind that not all of the evidence found at the scene was necessarily relevant to the case). Write down your explanation.