

Kevin's Puzzle of the Week

Clue Conundrum



Mr. Boddy has been found dead in his palatial estate, but how did it happen?

Each suspect and weapon starts the game in the alphabetically first room with the same number of letters as that suspect's last name or that weapon. Any weapons or suspects who cannot be placed this way begin in the conservatory. At the end of each turn, any armed suspect in a room with an unarmed suspect will knock that suspect unconscious, removing both the victim and the weapon from the game.

If two suspects attempt to arm themselves with the same weapon, the suspect whose last name is first alphabetically will get it. If multiple suspects are in a room with two weapons, the first suspect alphabetically will get the first weapon alphabetically, and so on down the line.

Each man who is able takes a secret passage. Each woman who is able picks up a weapon, then each woman travels one room clockwise. *If there is a crime committed, write the penultimate letter of the used weapon in that room.*

Everybody without a weapon attempts to arm themselves. If there is no weapon in their current room, they move counterclockwise through the mansion until they find one, then take it. *If a crime is committed, write the first letter of the victim's last name in that room.*

Any suspect in a room with a secret passage takes it. *If a crime is committed, write the second letter of the weapon in that room.*

Each pair of two suspects in the same room travels three rooms clockwise, then swaps weapons. *Write the second letter of the room the swap happens in.*

There is exactly one room with no suspects or weapons in it, nor in either adjacent room. Each remaining suspect moves two rooms closer to that room, except for Scarlet, who moves three. *If a crime occurs, write the third letter of the weapon. If two suspects meet peaceably, write the third letter of the room.*

Anybody in a room of more than nine letters drops their weapon, then moves clockwise to the nearest room which includes "Room" in its name. *If a crime occurs, write the third letter of the victim's last name.*

All suspects with seven-letter names move one room clockwise, then take a secret passage if able. *If a crime occurs, write the final letter of the weapon. If no crime occurs, write the final letter of each room that a suspect took a secret passage to this turn.*

Each suspect moves one room away from the nearest room which has an unconscious body. Anybody already in a room with a body rotates clockwise one room. *If a crime occurs, write the penultimate letter of the weapon.*

Everybody who is in a room with a weapon that they aren't holding moves one room clockwise, leaving that weapon behind. *If a crime occurs, write the third letter of the weapon.*

There is now one remaining room with no letter that also contains a weapon. All remaining suspects move one room at a time toward that room until one of them reaches it and grabs the weapon. *Write the second letter of that room.*

The remaining unarmed suspect flees and hides in the only remaining room without a letter, but the newly-armed suspect tracks them down and knocks them unconscious. *Write the last letter of the victim's name.*