



It's a Five-Minute Mystery!

Can You Solve It?

Did you get the answer to the second mystery, **Alibi in Red**? Here's the solution.

Instead of going to the garage, Paolo opened and slammed the door to make Antonella believe he had gone to the garage. Then, he went back into the room and shot Zia Ada. Antonella couldn't have fired the shot because, as the reporter said, Antonella's fingers had a very nice polish job. Every man knows that a woman sits around for at least 5 minutes waving her hands in the air so her polish will dry. Paolo admitted seeing Antonella putting her polish on less than 3 minutes before the shot was fired. Antonella couldn't have grabbed the gun out of the dresser and fired. If she had, her polish would be smeared.

The reporter's comment, "Well, that's what I call having an alibi at the tip of your fingers!"

Let's try another one.

Lincoln Hideaway



“Good morning, Commissario Fucalini.”

“Good morning, Detective Graziani.”

“Detective Ricci just called in to say he would be late. The Lincoln bus from Sacramento broke down outside of Sacramento and won’t be in until noon.”

“Well, I guess you and I can handle what little business we get here in Lincoln.”

Just then the phone rings and the Commissario answers, “Commissario Fucalini here.....What? Giacomo Conti was shot!?! I’ll be right there.”



Later... at the crime scene

After inspecting the body, which is slumped in a chair with a newspaper in his lap, Detective Graziani reports his findings to the Commissario, “The bullet entered his right temple just over his eye, passed through the head, and made its exit through the back of the neck.”

“I knew this would happen to Giacomo.”

“You knew this would happen, Miss Martino?” questions Fucalini.

“Yes. You see, Commissario, some man in Sacramento had attempted to blackmail Giacomo because of an earlier romance. And Giacomo threatened to turn the blackmailer over to the police. Because of that, his life was threatened. He came here to Lincoln to hide out for a while.”

The Commissario turns to Detective Graziani and asks, “Have any strange men been reported in town the last few days or have you seen any suspicious characters that might have been trying to locate Giacomo Conti?”

“No,” replies the detective. “Haven’t heard of a soul except some bum that may have jumped off a passing freight train. He was a short squatting-looking guy, as I recall.”

Instantly, Miss Martino exclaims, "That sounds just like the man Giacomo described to me one day!"

"I don't recall anyone saying he inquired about Giacomo Conti," the detective continues.

"Hmm..." Commissario Fucalini muses. "Giacomo always seemed like a pretty upright guy to me."

"Well, Giacomo was a very quiet man, Commissario," chimes in Miss Martino. "He was just unfortunate enough to be tied up with this affair from several years ago. And then this, this gangster had to try a shake-down and ruin all our happiness."

Beginning to cry, she continues, "We...we were to be married. We were going to be married tomorrow in Reno and stay there to live. Giacomo had a job offered to him there."

"I'm sorry," Fucalini sympathizes. "This has been a shock to you then."

"Yes, yes it has, Commissario. Giacomo called me last week. He asked me to come to Lincoln on the 8:30 bus this morning and then we were going to drive from here to Reno later today. Oh, I was so happy! I packed all my things and left Sacramento on the bus early this morning. I rushed right out here only to.....to find him....dead." Miss Martino collapses in a nearby chair and begins to sob. "Oh, if only he had gone to Reno months ago as I begged him!"

"It would have been just the same, Miss Martino," the Commissario says cynically.

"It couldn't have been!" Miss Martino protests. "He would have been safe there."

"No. No. You would have tracked him there and murdered him, just like you did here. I'm arresting you for the murder of Giacomo Conti."

Do you know why Commissario Fucalini accused and arrested Miss Martino for the murder of Giacomo Conti?

Here's How to Submit Your Guess

You must respond to Karen Zimmerman **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 6 PM**. If you're among the first 5 correct guesses, you'll receive a \$5 coupon towards the cost of any event we do in the future. It's that simple! But, remember, you can only submit one guess per mystery and you can only win two coupons, total. You can continue to guess for future mysteries after you've won twice but we won't be able to give you any more than two coupons.

You just need to do three things:

1. Prepare an email to bobzkarenz@att.net
2. In the subject line, put "Murder," and,
3. Add your name.

If you've done it right, the Subject line should look like this:

Subject: Murder - Mary Smith

In the body of your message, explain your guess. You will receive an email confirming that your guess was received and if you were right or wrong. Easy!

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