

Supplies (These were absolutely necessary):

Copy of Walt Whitman's Leaves of Grass: \$3.25 (purchased from [Amazon](#))

Black light and black light markers set: \$9.25 (purchased from [Amazon](#))

Rug: borrowed, \$0

DIY scytale: \$0. Instructions at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iwf4rZXVXjw>

Hollowed out book: \$0. We used a treasury of Kipling stories that we'd hollowed out for another purpose, and we tied that in with the first clue (Rudyard Kipling). Any book will work; you'll just need to change the clue.

Paper puzzle: We made ours using our Ellison die cut machine, but you can make one easily.

"Atlas" with lock (borrowed from staff)

Extras:

Things to make the room look "homey", such as lamps, houseplants, small tables, coat rack, framed photos, etc., as well as random items to serve as red herrings.

Total cost: \$12.50

The Demise of the Manchester Magnate

Set Up

2 large Tables (one set up with the second clue and some red herrings, the other set up as an office desk)

1 meeting room chair (for desk)

2 chairs and a side table (for first clue)

Bookshelf with books and trinkets

Small area rug

Lamps

Vases, table decorations, etc.

Books

Red herrings:



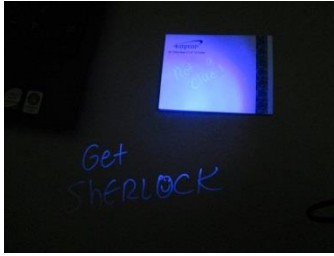
This is a zootrope. It's elaborate, so participants figured it had to mean something.



This nesting doll looks like it's hiding something.



This is a photo of one of our city's founding fathers, George Pfluger. He was mistaken for both Rudyard Kipling and Walt Whitman.



The black light photo is of random writing that was not supposed to be a red herring, but people thought "Get Sherlock" was a clue.

Reset

Make sure scytale is placed back in its spot on the side table.

Place the black light keychain back in the Rudyard Kipling book and place the book on the table by the wall.

Fold clue #3 back up (paper with descriptions of suspects) and place back in envelope with puzzle. Place it on the desk among the other papers.

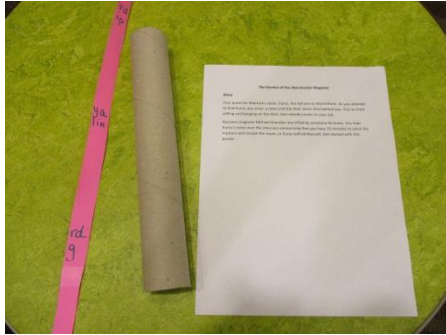
Place *Leaves of Grass* back on the bookshelf.

Place picture of Atlas under the rug.

Place "mason" photo back in "Atlas" lockbox and lock it.

Clues:

Clue #1:



Note reads: Your quest for Sherlock's sister, Eurus, has led you to Sherrinford. As you attempt to find Eurus, you enter a room and the door slams shut behind you. You've tried yelling and banging on the door, but nobody comes to your aid.

Business magnate Michael Sheridan was killed by someone he knew. You hear Eurus's voice over the intercom announcing that you have 15 minutes to solve the mystery and escape the room, or Eurus will kill Mycroft. Get started with this puzzle.

Solution: The scytale's solution is "Rudyard Kipling".

Clue #2: Use the black light keychain in the hollowed-out Rudyard Kipling book to find the next clue.



Solution: Take blacklight keychain and look around room for the envelope containing the suspects' names and the puzzle. It will be placed on the "office desk".



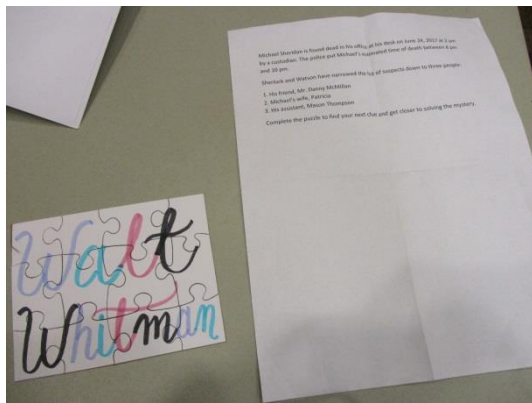
Clue #3: Inside, you'll find the following note, along with a puzzle that must be completed. The note will state the following:

Michael Sheridan is found dead in his office at his desk on June 24, 2017 at 2 am by a custodian. The police put Michael's estimated time of death between 8 pm and 10 pm.

Police have narrowed the list of suspects down to three people:

1. His friend, Mr. Danny McMillan
2. Michael's wife, Patricia
3. His assistant, Mason Thompson

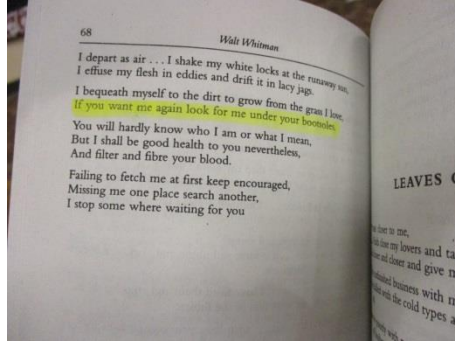
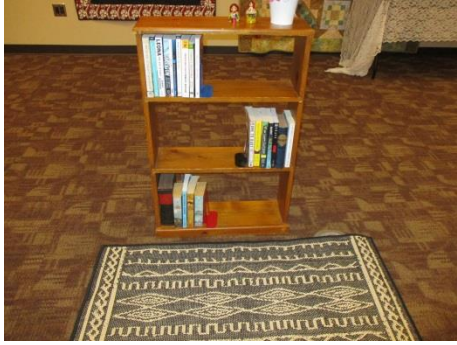
Complete the puzzle to find your next clue and get closer to solving the mystery.



Solution: Find the Walt Whitman book on shelf.

Clue #4: This highlighted line from “Song of Myself VII”:

The spotted hawk swoops by and accuses me, he complains of my gab and my loitering.
I too am not a bit tamed, I too am untranslatable,
I sound my barbaric yawp over the roofs of the world.
The last scud of day holds back for me,
It flings my likeness after the rest and true as any on the shadow'd wilds,
It coaxes me to the vapor and the dusk.
I depart as air, I shake my white locks at the runaway sun,
I effuse my flesh in eddies, and drift it in lacy jags.
I bequeath myself to the dirt to grow from the grass I love,
If you want me again look for me under your boot-soles.
You will hardly know who I am or what I mean,
But I shall be good health to you nevertheless,
And filter and fibre your blood.
Failing to fetch me at first keep encouraged,
Missing me one place search another,
I stop somewhere waiting for you.



Solution: This picture will be placed under the rug.



Clue #5: Find the locked “Atlas” (book) and the Atlas figurine (3D printed from [thingiverse](https://www.thingiverse.com)).



Solution: The “atlas” and Atlas figuring are on the office desk. The figure has “912” written on the underside of it. This is the code to open the locked “atlas”.

Clue #6: The Atlas lockbox contains this photo and note:



Sherlock wastes no time in announcing the killer. Who murdered Michael Sheridan?

Solution: The photo pictures a mason. The killer is Mason Thompson.