

Room52 A Treasure Hunt Solution Guide





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 - Cyndia
 - Matthew

- Runners up – selected by random drawing:
 - Treasure Pack
 - Lucas Family



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Thank you!!

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- One Clue Short of A Treasure podcast
- Froggy
- Treasure Hunt With Us
- George Ward
- Cowlazars
- Our friends and family
- You!!!



Thank you for
your support -
for purchasing
our book and
spreading the
word about it.

Overall structure

1. Discover the initial poem that leads to the city
 2. Then follow the directions in the last 4 puzzles to the final location
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Please see the Rules section at the end of the book for all terms & conditions related to the hunt.

Here are a few important highlights:



Register for the hunt:

QuillCompassAdventures@gmail.com

(Limit one email address per book purchase.)



Check our website for updates:

<https://QuillCompassAdventures.com>



Submit your solutions after January 15, 2026, to:

QuillCompassAdventures@gmail.com

(Limit one solution submission email per person or team every 24 hours.)

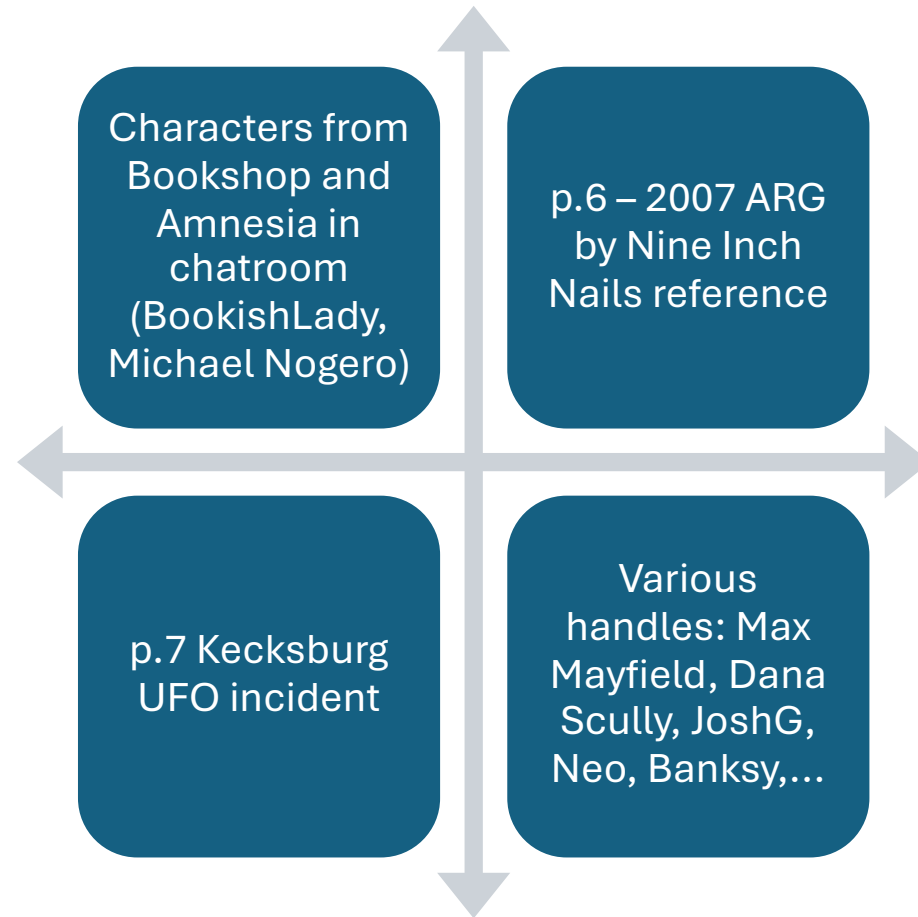
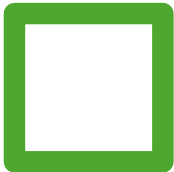


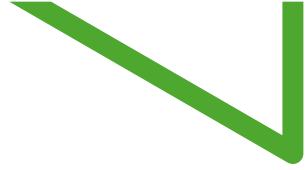
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A brief explanation of your answers as described in the Rules section.

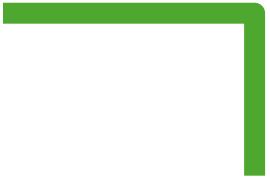
Easter Eggs!!

Chris' jacket pattern on book cover hints at the center of the world





Step 1:
Find the poem across
8 puzzles



1. Man cave puzzle

- Futurama substitution cipher reveals text:

Room52 Hidden Webpage



Man cave puzzle

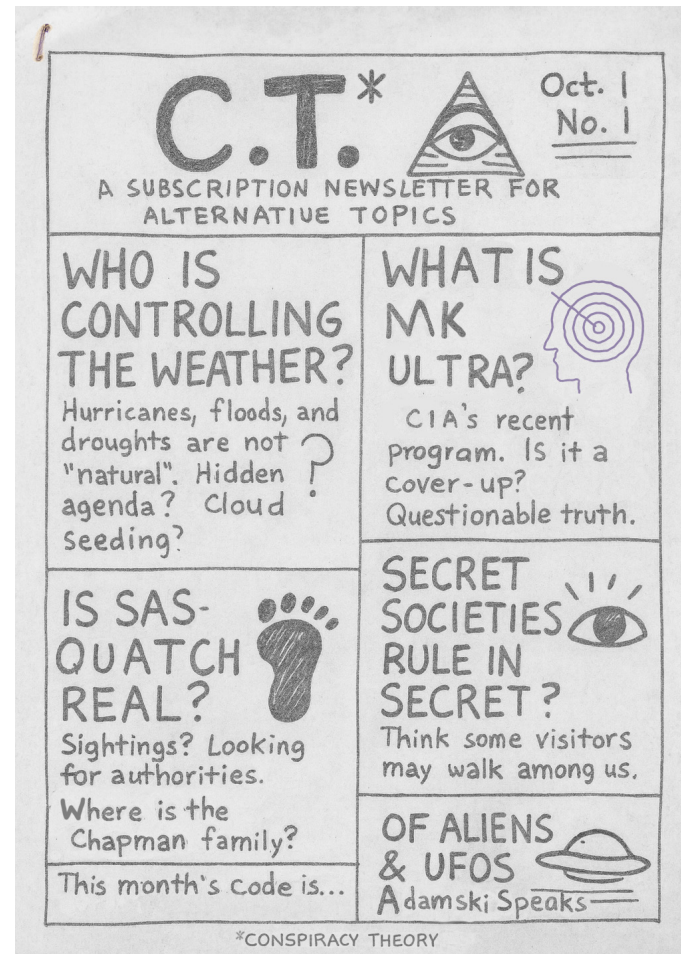
Find password in the CT
Newsletter

(it tells you...)

This month's code is...

OFALIENS&UFOS

(the only article title without a ?)



Man cave puzzle

- "Room52HiddenWebpage" on the Q&C together leads to the hidden webpage, www.quillcompassadventures.com/Room52HiddenWebPage
- Apply the password, to access the page image with the text:

Mvb qlwp zkbtarm sgf grxbz vi
xavr uasekrw af i sptte



Bonus nudge Golden Sands = desert location

2. Golden Sands Travel Agency puzzle

- Image contains morse code password "fly me 2 the stars"
- Chris tells you what to look for on page 11: "...if you hovered in the lower right corner of the page."
- Find hidden button on www.quillcompassadventures.com lower right in contact area that leads to the same Golden Sands Travel Agency flyer image on a webpage.
- Click "Book Now" on the image to get a download of it.



Golden Sands Travel Agency puzzle

- Downloaded image contains metadata with the next instructions: contact us, gmail.
- Email GoldenSandsTravelAgency@gmail.com
- Receive reply :

George Adamski <goldensandstravelagency@gmail.com>
to quillcompassadventures ▾

Hello,
Thank you for contacting us to book your next interstellar travel. The next tour will be leaving soon!

Here is your confirmation code:
XLEJXMVRTAGGMGKWLMPLEUKVWQOLJWMZTRXAFOKMLISDY

Thank you for emailing us,
Safe Travels where ever your journey may take you



3. Emoji puzzle

- Emojis are used as a substitution cipher
- Acrostic in handles tell you what to use "Unicode emoticons" (3rd letter of each name)
- 1F600 is the start of the emoticons to use in Unicode. The italicized words in the chat between X and Max ('one', 'from', and 'DC'. DC in roman numerals is 600 – there is a nudge to Rome on the following line.
- Emoticons provide a1 (1f600) Z26 (1f61c) solution to find this solution:
TTIBMXRWWOCPTEQYRPPXAORWN
HLAUWHUSWAYEHO

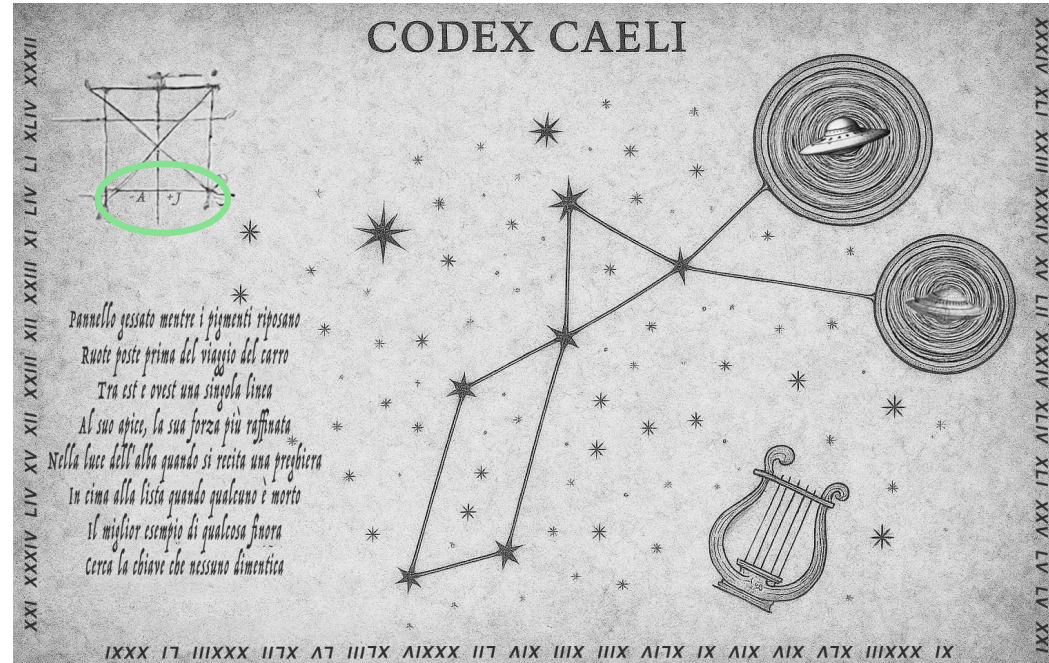


4. Codex puzzle

- The riddle translated from latin to english solves the keyword: PRIME
- Convert the roman numerals to digits. Number pattern shows no digits over 5, so that tells you to try a 5x5 grid.
- There is a hint in the image "-A +J", which means when applying the keyword PRIME, you must also take out the A and add back in the J in order to get the correct solution:

\	1	2	3	4	5
1	P	R	I	M	E
2	B	C	D	F	G
3	H	J	K	L	N
4	O	Q	S	T	U
5	V	W	X	Y	Z

**LODLEWLTGZZBPKUMMPTIIMWLSZQKV
HBLYERDRDPYVTJ**

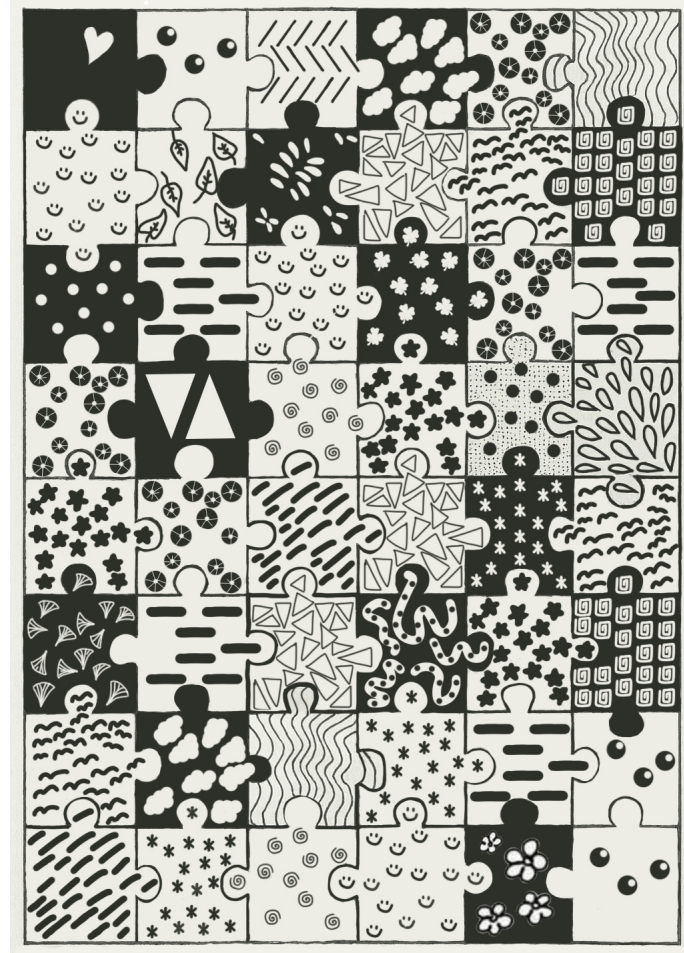


- 34 XXXIV
- 41 XLI
- 23 XXIII
- 34 XXXIV
- 15 XV
- 52 LII
- 34 XXXIV
- 44 XLIV
- 41 XLI
- 25 XXV
- 55 LV
- 55 LV
- 21 XXI
- 11 XI
- 33 XXXIII
- 45 XLV
- 14 XIV
- 14 XIV
- 11 XI
- 44 XLIV
- 13 XIII
- 13 XIII
- 14 XIV
- 52 LII
- 34 XXXIV
- 43 XLIII
- 55 LV
- 42 XLII
- 33 XXXIII
- 51 LI
- 31 XXXI
- 21 XXI
- 34 XXXIV
- 54 LIV
- 15 XV
- 12 XII
- 23 XXIII
- 12 XII
- 23 XXIII
- 11 XI
- 54 LIV
- 51 LI
- 44 XLIV
- 32 XXXII

5. Zentangle puzzle

Within each puzzle piece
count and use A1Z26 to
derive the Text solution:

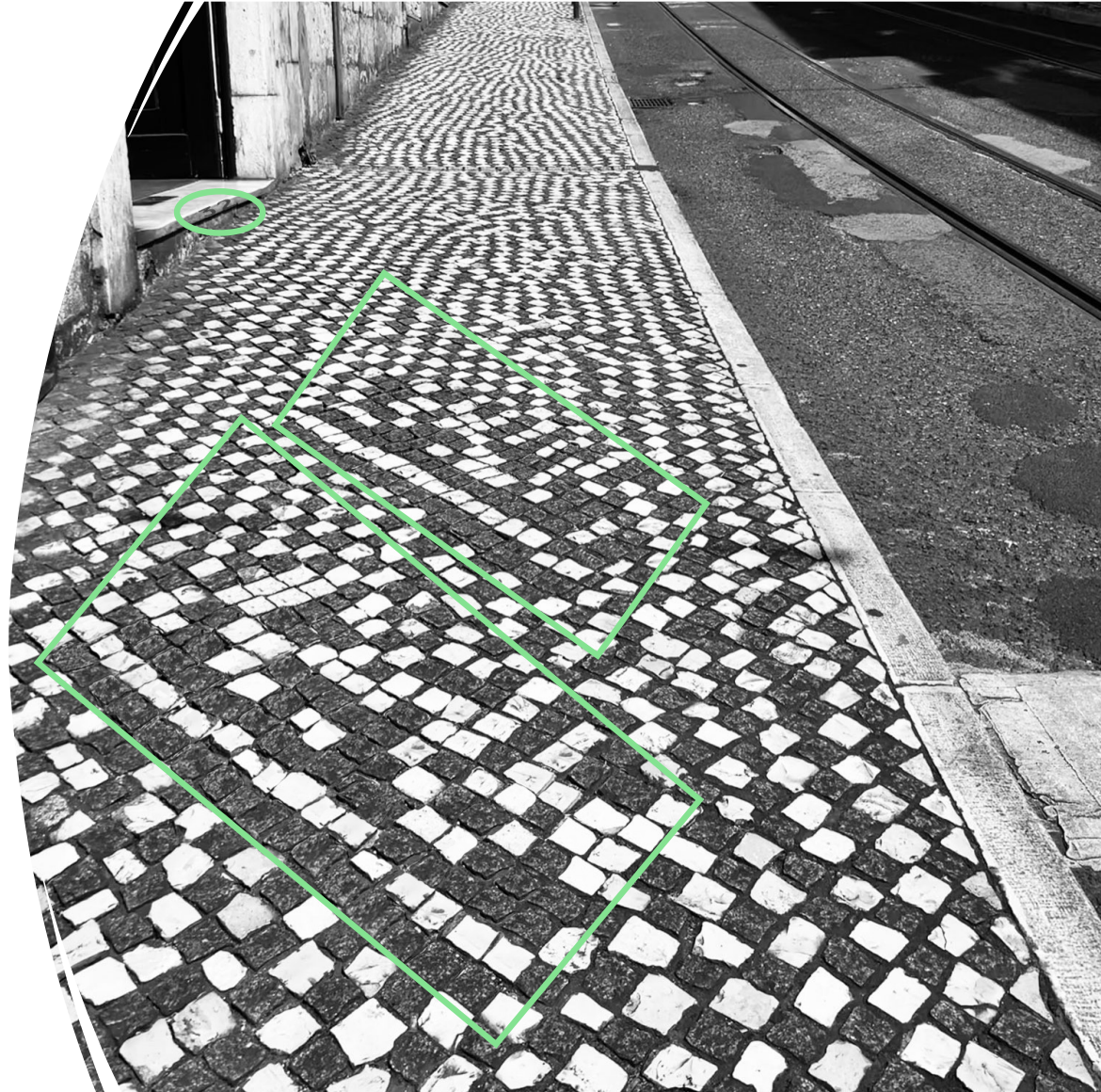
ACOHLMPFTVYWIGPKLGLBJ
RIXRLZVSWNGVERWYHMSG
CZSJPCD



6. Sidewalk puzzle

- Find the 8-digit binary sequences (black = 0, white = 1)
- The order is from the top of the picture down.
- 32 on the doorway hints at how many letters you need to find
- Examples:
 - BWBW BBBW = Q
 - BWBB WWWW=O

QVIFGTKXSPNSDBZDWGHHYUFUVBN
WTWJFO



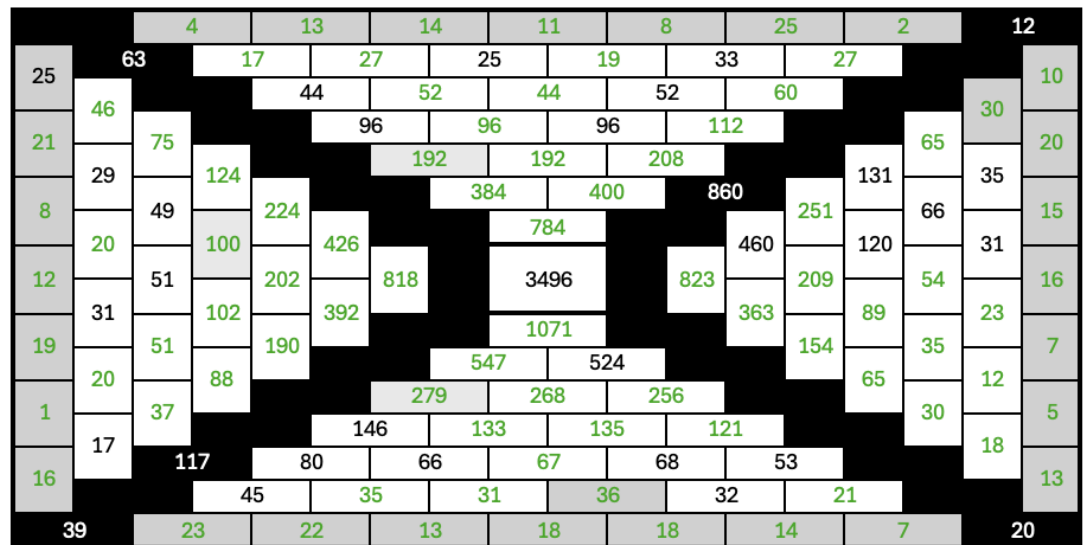
7. Pyramid puzzle

Solve the number pyramid. The two adjacent numbers sum to the box above it (e.g. $4+13=17$)

Apply A1Z26 to the numbers in the gray boxes, in a clockwise (clock hint in the image), spiral order from outside in (for the 5 numbers over 26, simplify down):

4-13-14-11-8-25-2-10-20-15-16-7-5-13-7-14-18-18-13-22-23-16-1-19-12-8-21-25-**30-36-100-192-279** (red numbers simplify to = 4-10-22-10-19-21)

DMNKHYBJTOPGEMGNRRMVWPASLHUYDJVJ
SU

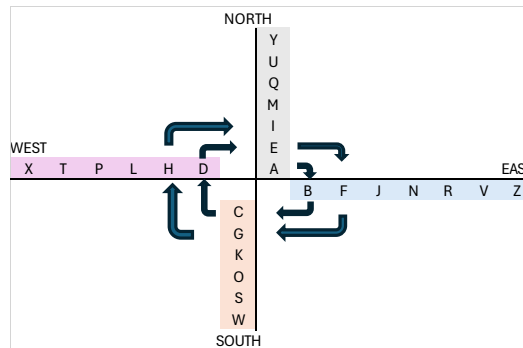


8. News (compass) puzzle

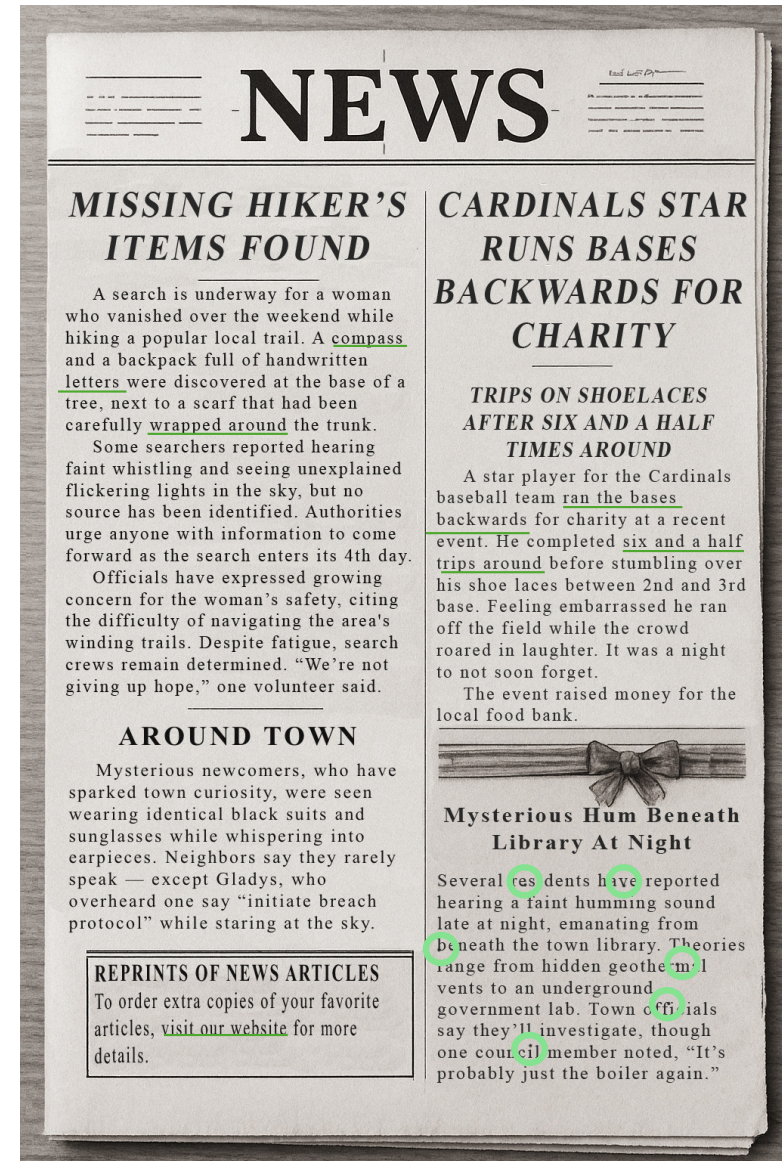
The newspaper holds stories about conspiracy theories and a hiker abduction, which contain clues for how to setup the compass cipher.

Top stories: Compass, letters, wrapped around bases backwards 6 1/2 times:

Then place the letter groups in the correct order - NEWS (see subtle compass dashes to highlight order). You needed to figure out the order of each segment (outside in).



ALPHABET	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
KEY: NEWS	Y	U	Q	M	I	E	A	Z	V	R	N	J	F	B	X	T	P	L	H	D	W	S	O	K	G	C



News (compass) puzzle

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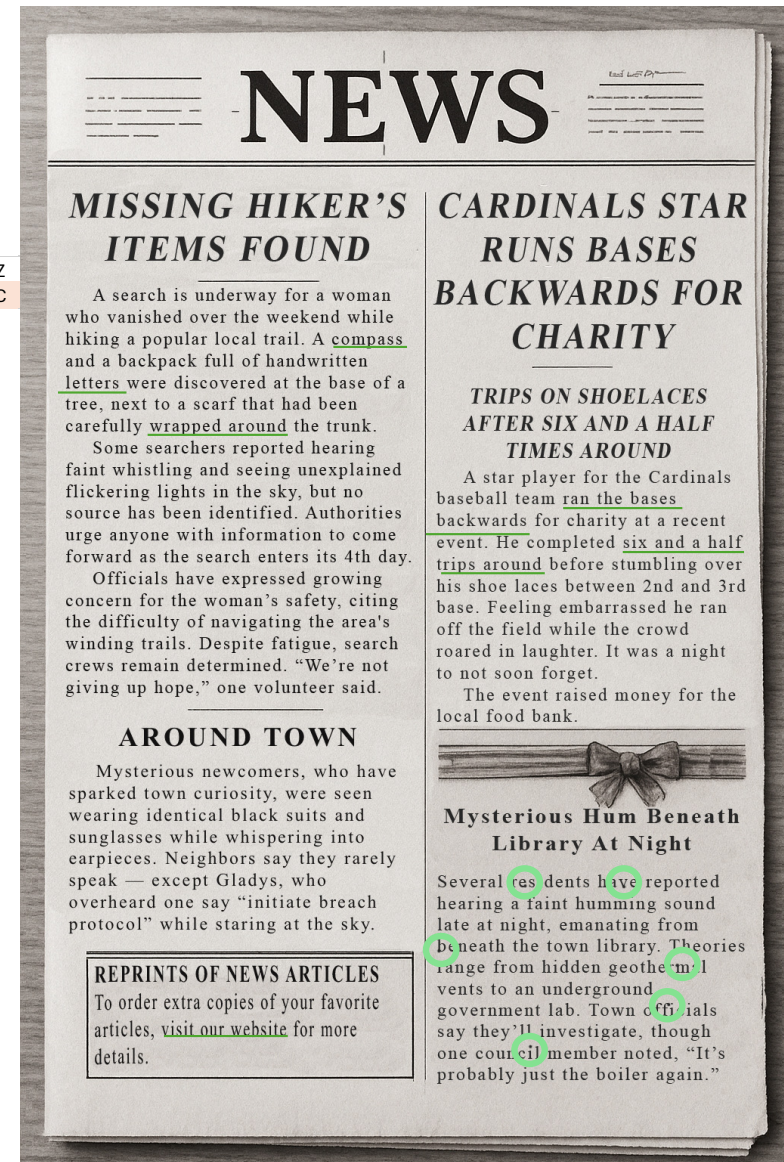
Bottom stories provide letters to decipher, password and where to go.

Letters with dot marks in Mysterious Hum story:
EVBMFI decode to FINDME

Using 'visit our website' (from reprints of news articles), go to
QuillCompassAdventures.com/FindMe.

You are prompted for a password. To find that look at the *Around Town* article which nudges to Men In Black. Searching MIB 'initiate breach protocol' will lead you to the film clip or MIB wiki for "Code 101 Lockdown" which is the password.

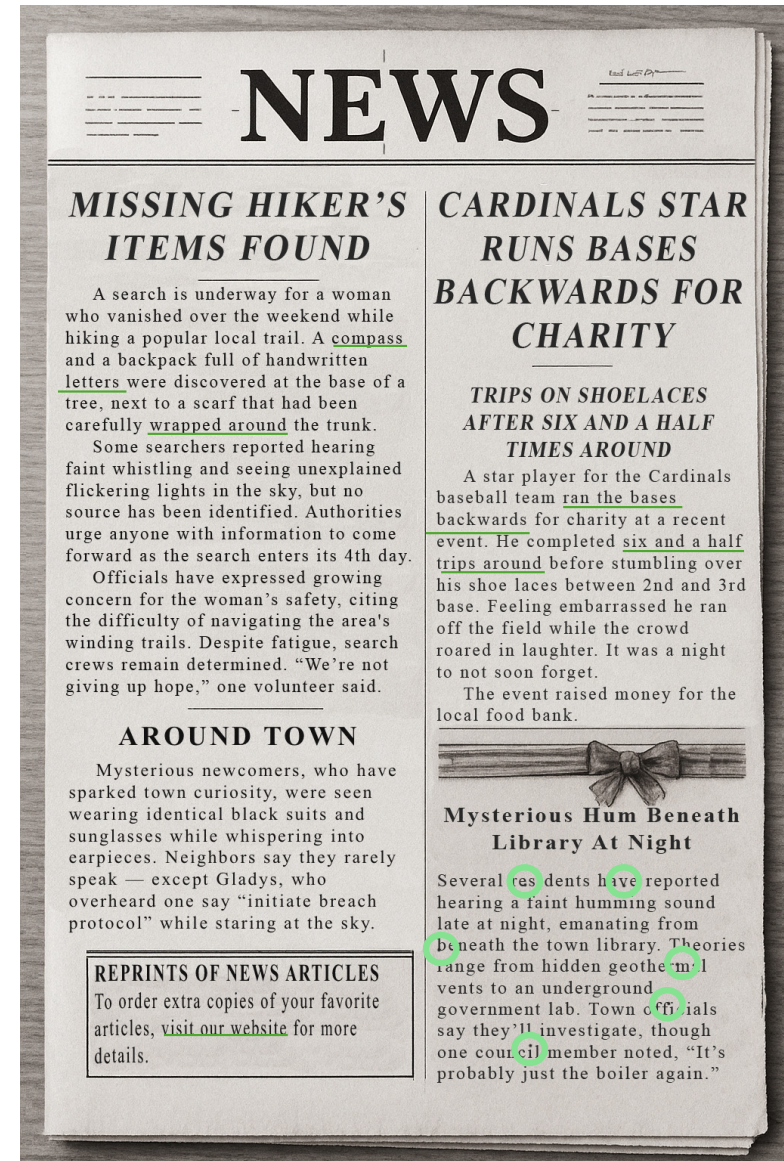
Hyq srprwz eay jxieedooge vhtb'g nly zc cly src.



News (compass) puzzle

Once in the webpage, a video will play that gives you the last puzzle piece:

Hyq srprwz eay jxieedooge vhtb'g nly zc cly src.



Poem solution via One time pad

Cicada 3301 used text as shared keys

- What to do with the 8 puzzle solutions?
- Match them up with the 8 segments of text in **BOLD** throughout the story and run them through a One Time Pad decoder

	Puzzle solutions - Text	Key – Bolded lines in chat forums	Result
1	Mvb qlwp zkbarm sgf grxbz vi xavr uasekrw af i sptte	OH, HERE WE GO AGAIN. GOOD DISCUSSIONS ALWAYS SIDETRACKED BY A STUPID CIPHER	You must venture far south to find history in a place
2	XLEJXMVRTAGGMGKWLMPLEUKVWQOLJW MZTRXAFOKMLISDY	BEAST? MORE LIKE THE PIRATES. THEY'VE BEEN EATING PITTSBURGH ALIVE FOR YEARS	Where a happy wind sweeps across this impressive space
3	TTIBMXRWWOCPTQYRPPXAORWNHLAUWH USWAYEHO	THIS. IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE TOPIC, WHY BOTHER. I KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A UFO AND A BIRD	A majestic location with a collection of sorts
4	LODLEWLTGZZBPKUMMPTIIMWLSZQKVHBL YERDRDPYVTJ	SO THE ALIENS INVENTED PHOTOSHOP? GOT IT. KINDA LIKE A RENAISSANCE-ERA VERSION OF DEEP FAKE, RIGHT? HAS IT EVEN BEEN TESTED FOR AUTHENTICITY?	Take a walk-through time, but it'll be hot so wear shorts
5	ACOHLMPTVYWGPKLGLBJRXLZVSWNGV ERWYHMSGCZSJPCD	COULD BE A LIVE PSYCHOLOGY EXPERIMENT — SEE WHO ENGAGES, WHO DECODES, WHO WARNS OTHERS	You will find stories and teachings, and an artifact or two
6	QVIFGTKXSPNSDBZDWGHYUFUVBNWTWJFO	I CAN'T FRELL BELIEVE YOU'RE ACTUALLY CALLING ME GREEN.	It is not the most visited, but it will do
7	DMNKHYBJTOPGEMGNRRMVWPASLHUYDJVJ SU	YEAH, OR TRIANGLES ARE JUST WHAT HAPPENS WHEN PEOPLE CAN'T READ A MAP	Find this location and be well on your way
8	Hyq srprwz eay jxieedooge vhtb'g nly zc cly src.	OR MAYBE SHE JUST WENT ON VACATION AND Y'ALL ARE LOSING IT. METAL MAP, REALLY?	The stones are remarkable that's all we can say.



Step 2: Interpreting the poem

Understanding the poem

- Where does it take you?
- Felicity, CA
 - Southern California desert town in Imperial county
 - History etched into iconic granite stones
 - Famed for calling itself the “Center of the World”

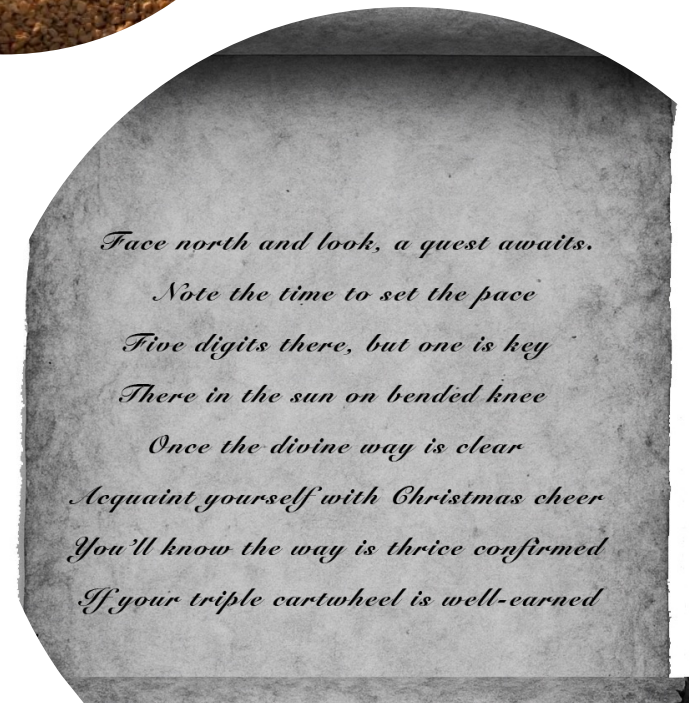
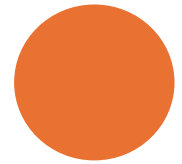




Step 3: Following the directions

Where do I go in Felicity?

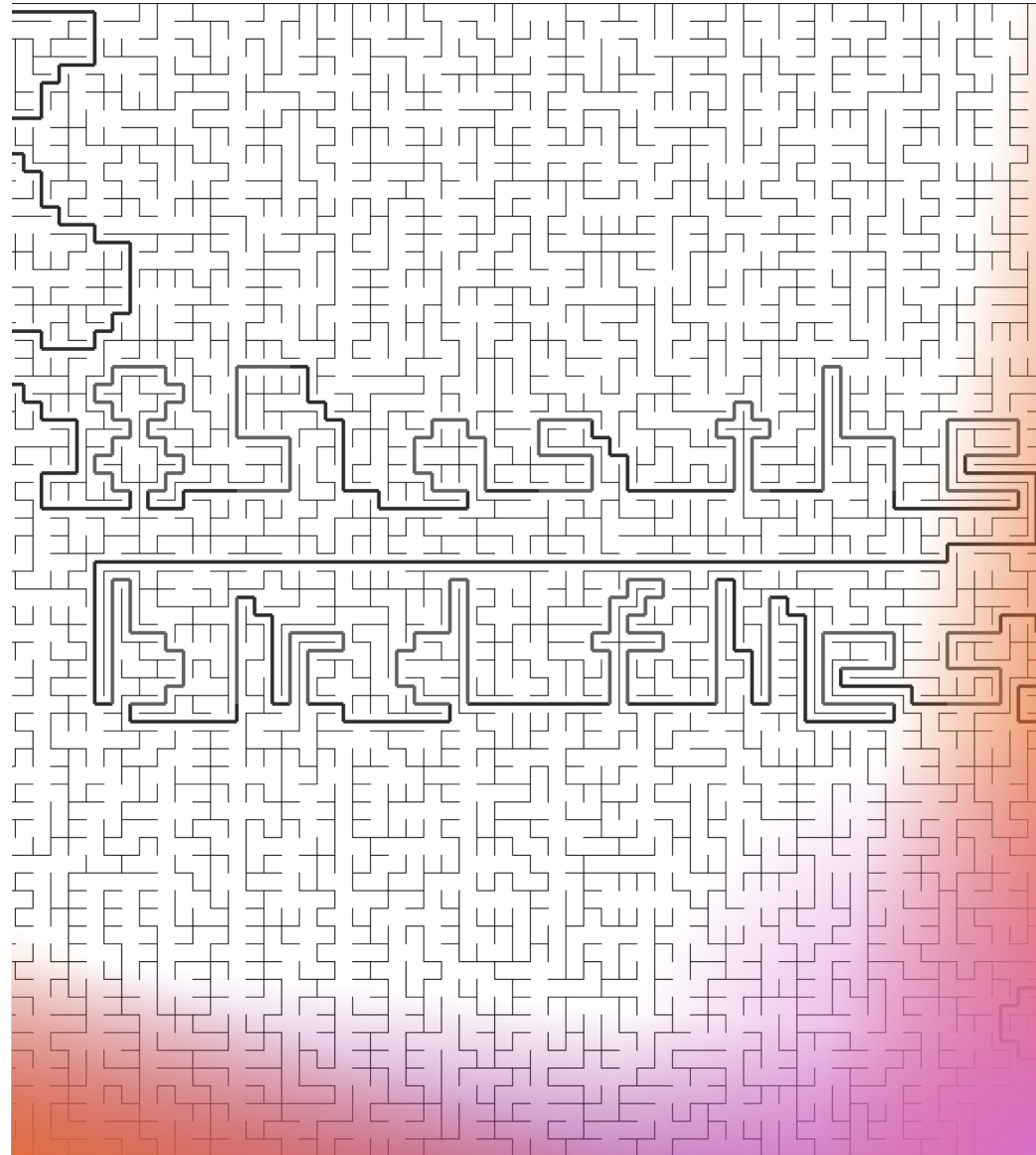
- The Scroll
- At the entrance is where your final step of the journey begins
- The sundial featuring a 15-foot bronze sculpture of Michelangelo's "Arm of God" (from the Sistine Chapel) serves as the gnomon, pointing towards the "Church on the Hill" and marking the time for the "Official Center of the World" complex
- thrice, triple cartwheel, well-earned...What3Words location marker...
feature.gymnastics.compensation



*Face north and look, a quest awaits.
Note the time to set the pace
Five digits there, but one is key
There in the sun on bended knee
Once the divine way is clear
Acquaint yourself with Christmas cheer
You'll know the way is thrice confirmed
If your triple cartwheel is well-earned*

Maze

- Solve the maze and read
**85 as the
bird flies**
- If you are in W3W, go north 85 squares to the next spot...
- The Rosetta Stone –
homerun.peanuts.blackbird



Classroom whiteboard

Solve the word problems by converting letters to numbers.

The sequence of numbers in the top right corner are directions found by using a book cipher applied to the word problems. Example:

- 111 = 1st problem, 1st row, 1st letter – B
- 122 = 1st problem, 2nd row, 2nd letter – A
- 643 = 6th problem, 4th row, 3rd letter – C
- 644 = 6th problem, 4th row, 4th letter – K

Underlined letters indicate the number of spaces to move: AL=45, E=5, E=2, TH=21

Looking at the W3W map, go: 45 back, 5 left, 2 up, 21 left to end up at the maze entrance, on the square:

crayons.approaching.spaceship

BASE	FORTY	HES	111,122,643,644,634,232,211,321,642,433,124,411,631,535
B <u>ALL</u>	TEN	THE	
GAMES	<u>T</u> EN	BEST	
	SIXTY		
EAT	OOOH	DO	
<u>TH</u> AT	FOOD	YOU	
APPLE	FIGHT	FEEL	
		LUCKY	

1		2	
BASE	7483	FORTY	29786
+ B <u>ALL</u>	7 <u>4</u> 55	TEN	850
=====	=====	+ T <u>EN</u>	850
GAMES	14938	=====	=====
		SIXTY	31486
3		4	
HES	426	EAT	819
+THE	842	+ <u>TH</u> AT	9219
=====	=====	=====	=====
BEST	1268	APPLE	10038
5		6	
OOOH	8886	DO	57
+FOOD	1883	YOU	870
=====	=====	+FEEL	9441
FIGHT	10769	=====	=====
		LUCKY	10368
111,122,643,644 (BACK)			
634,232,211,321 (LEFT)			
642,433 (UP)			
124,411,631,535 (LEFT)			

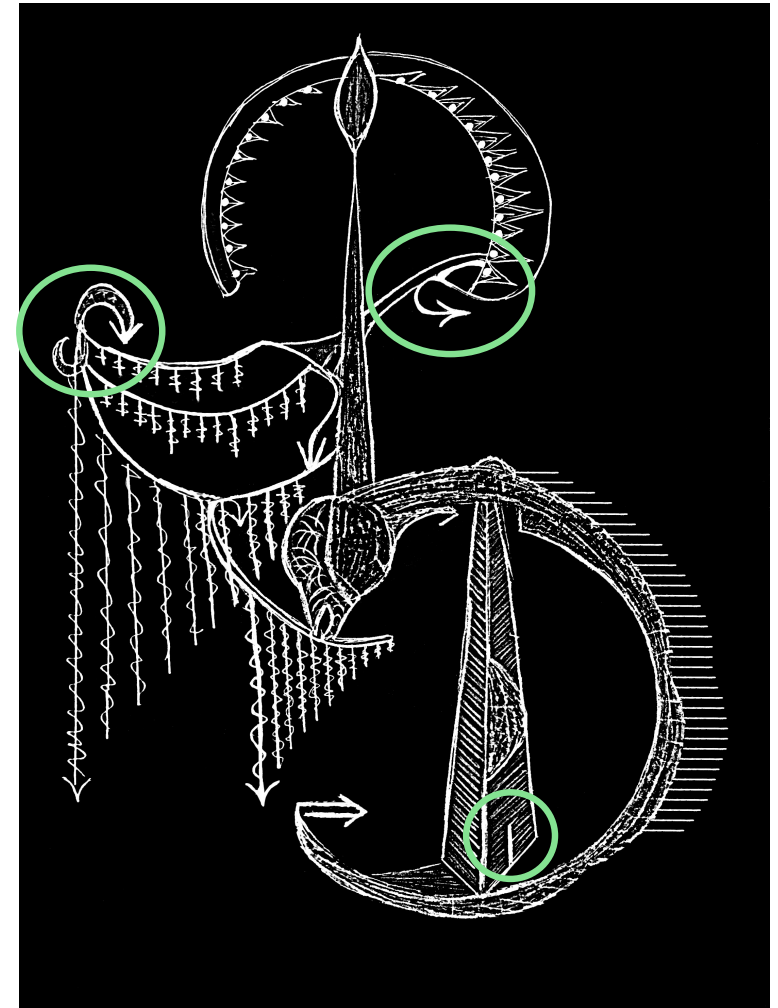
Helio drawing – final direction

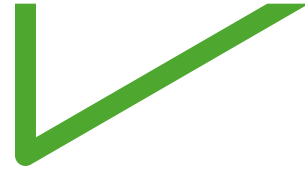
Hidden in the helio image are directions to the final location

36 east, 43 south, 22 east

Count each of the marks (lines with squiggles, V shape with dots, and vertical lines) and pair them with the directional letter (E, S, E).

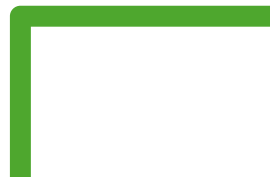
You end up at the **Eiffel Tower steps**,
and
promising.bright.portrays





Clues

Released on 3 month-iversary
Then each month-iversary after



February:

Emoji puzzle - a nudge to find the acrostic hidden in the names (3rd letter of each handle - spells 'unicode emoticons')

Caps added to our protagonists to hint at ALL CAPS

Also, the 3 dots to hint at the 3rd letters

- "Why bother", since that's part of the all caps text key.
- The spiral in the diamond, as a directional hint for the pyramid puzzle
- The compass for the compass puzzle



March:

Keys!! 8 of them with the alien face

One time pad hints:

- 1 and X on two keys and two key holes on clock
- missing "1" from the clock

Other nudges:

- Pyramid rotation
- MIB
- Compass
- UFO & Bird (part of the all-caps text)



April:

Men In Black password

Hints for the correct MIB film and scene to find “Code 101 Lockdown

- Serleena takes over
- Headquarters repair needed
- Hotdog vendor sues agency
- Breach protocol



May:

Deciphering the poem

- Upper images translate lines in the poem
- Imperial, history, teachings...
- Map narrows location to 3 states
- Alice's head covers the location
- Desert images
- Parachutes for town's founder Jacques-Andre Istel
- Felicity has a population of 2



THANK YOU!!!!!!

