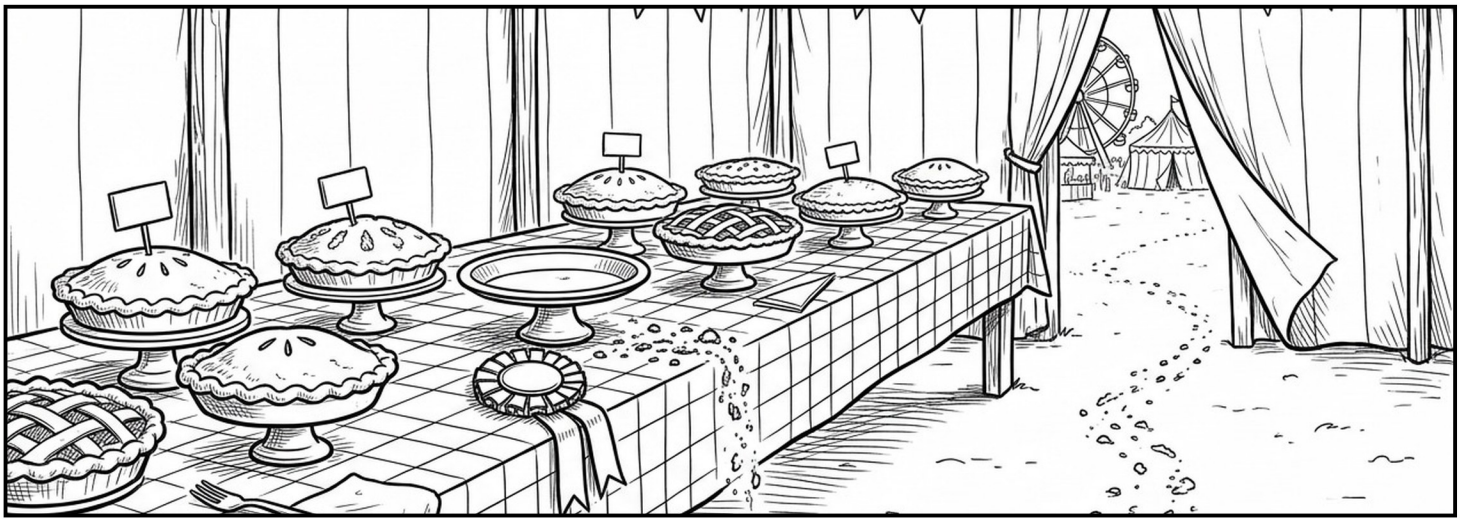
CASE No. 1

The Great Pie Mystery

Detective _____ Date _____



It was the last afternoon of the Maple County Fair. At 3 o'clock the judges came back to the Pie Tent to hand out the blue ribbon, and the winning blueberry pie was gone! Only the empty dish was left on its stand, and a trail of blue crumbs led out of the tent. Later, the same blue crumbs turned up in the bottom of a picnic basket.

Three people were at the fair near the Pie Tent. Each was in a different place and carried a different thing. Find out who had the picnic basket, and you will know who took the pie.

The Suspects



Farmer Hollis

brings his goats every year

Height 6' 2"
Hand right-handed
Look straw hat



Rosa Bell

the baker who made the pie

Height 5' 6"
Hand right-handed
Look chef hat



Mayor Quill

judges the pie contest

Height 5' 0"
Hand left-handed
Look round glasses

The Places

Bake Stall	Cakes and cookies for sale.
Petting Barn	Goats, sheep and one grumpy llama.
Duck Pond	Benches, willows and hungry ducks.

The Things

Picnic basket	Big enough to hide a pie.
Toolbox	Heavy and full of tools.
Butterfly net	Long handle, soft net.

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Clues

1. The tallest suspect spent the afternoon feeding the goats.
2. The baker spent the whole afternoon selling cakes.
3. The toolbox was in the Petting Barn.
4. The left-handed suspect did not have the butterfly net.

		Place			Thing		
		Bake Stall	Petting Barn	Duck Pond	picnic basket	toolbox	butterfly net
Suspect	Farmer Hollis						
	Rosa Bell						
	Mayor Quill						
Thing	picnic basket						
	toolbox						
	butterfly net						

Mark X for "no" and a dot for "yes".

Case Closed

Who had the picnic basket?

Where did they take the pie?

Which clues cracked the case?

New detective? Start here

- Take one clue at a time. If a clue says someone was NOT somewhere, put an X in that box.
- When a clue says yes, put a dot. Then X out every other box in that row and that column.
- A row with only one empty box left must be a dot.
- Check the suspect cards: "tallest" or "left-handed" points to exactly one person.

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ANSWER KEY

		Place			Thing		
		Bake Stall	Petting Barn	Duck Pond	picnic basket	toolbox	butterfly net
Suspect	Farmer Hollis	×	●	×	×	●	×
	Rosa Bell	●	×	×	×	×	●
	Mayor Quill	×	×	●	●	×	×
Thing	picnic basket	×	×	●			
	toolbox	×	●	×			
	butterfly net	●	×	×			

Who had the picnic basket?

Mayor Quill

Where did they take the pie?

Duck Pond

Everyone:

Farmer Hollis: Petting Barn, toolbox
Rosa Bell: Bake Stall, butterfly net
Mayor Quill: Duck Pond, picnic basket