

ACCUSATION – SOLUTION

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The answer to Locked Room Murder, **IT IS A MISTAKE TO CONFOUND STRANGENESS WITH MYSTERY**, is a quote from the Sherlock Holmes story *A Study in Scarlet*. The puzzle Accusation calls for a new twist on *A Study in Scarlet* and then asks “Who killed Mr. Boddy, and where?” The supplied enumeration 7 2 1 5 suggests our answer, **SCARLET IN A STUDY**.

CONSTRUCTION NOTES

The current two-part meta structure came about after one of our test-solvers called in A STUDY IN SCARLET for Locked Room Murder based solely on their solution to the testimony logic puzzle. Since we didn’t want teams to short-circuit the letter-drop mechanic in the meta, we split the meta in two parts and locked the second part behind the first.

The new version is a little less elegant, but it serves its purpose and gives teams a little victory lap at the end of the hunt.