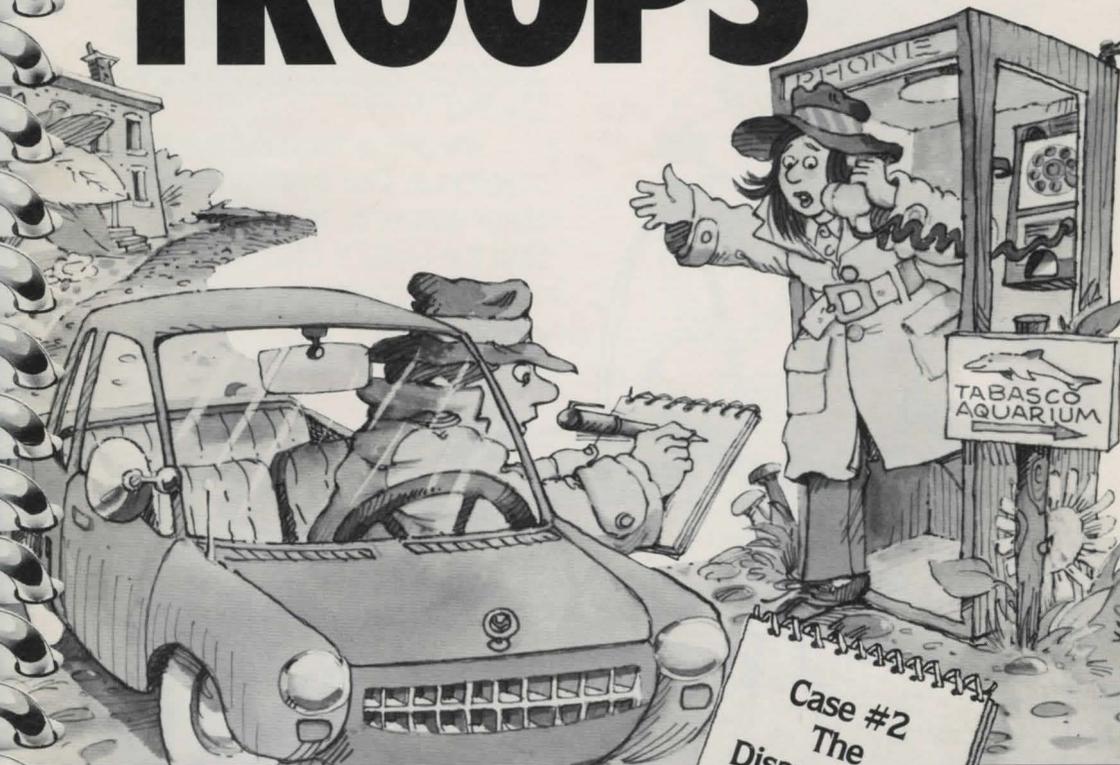


# SNOOPER TROOPS™



Case #2  
The  
Disappearing  
Dolphin  
by Tom Snyder

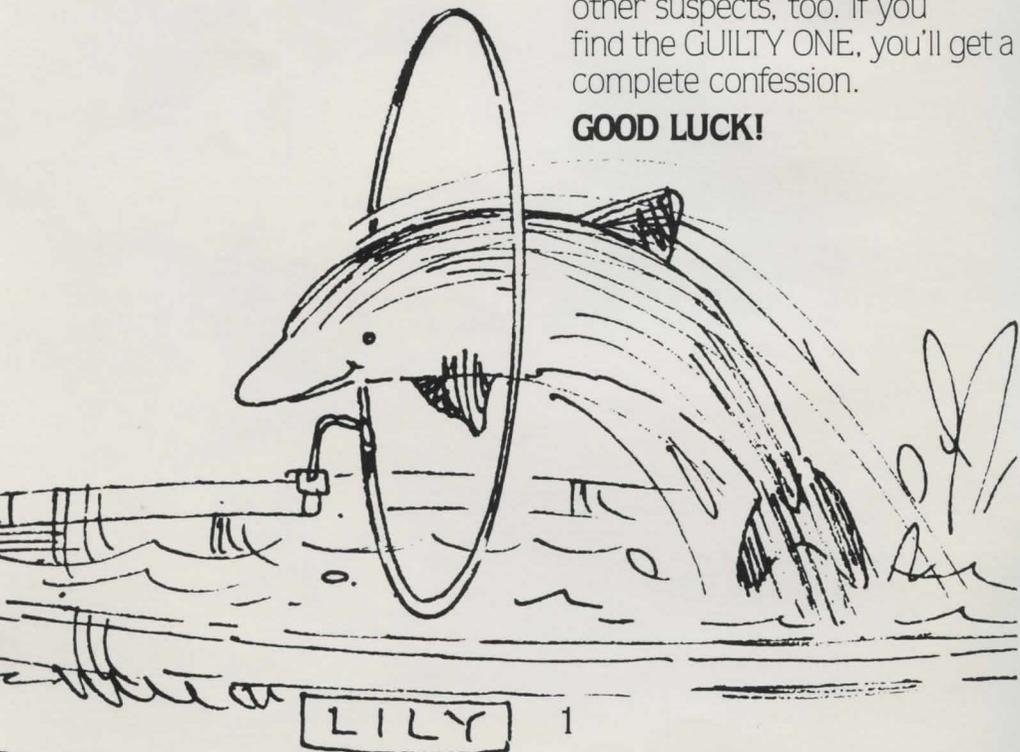
## WHERE IS LILY THE PERFORMING DOLPHIN?

The police don't know, but on May 11 SOMEONE tied up Pete and Mike Tabasco and then stole Lily right out of her pool.

So now, you're on the case. How many weeks will YOU need to find out WHAT happened to Lily and WHY?

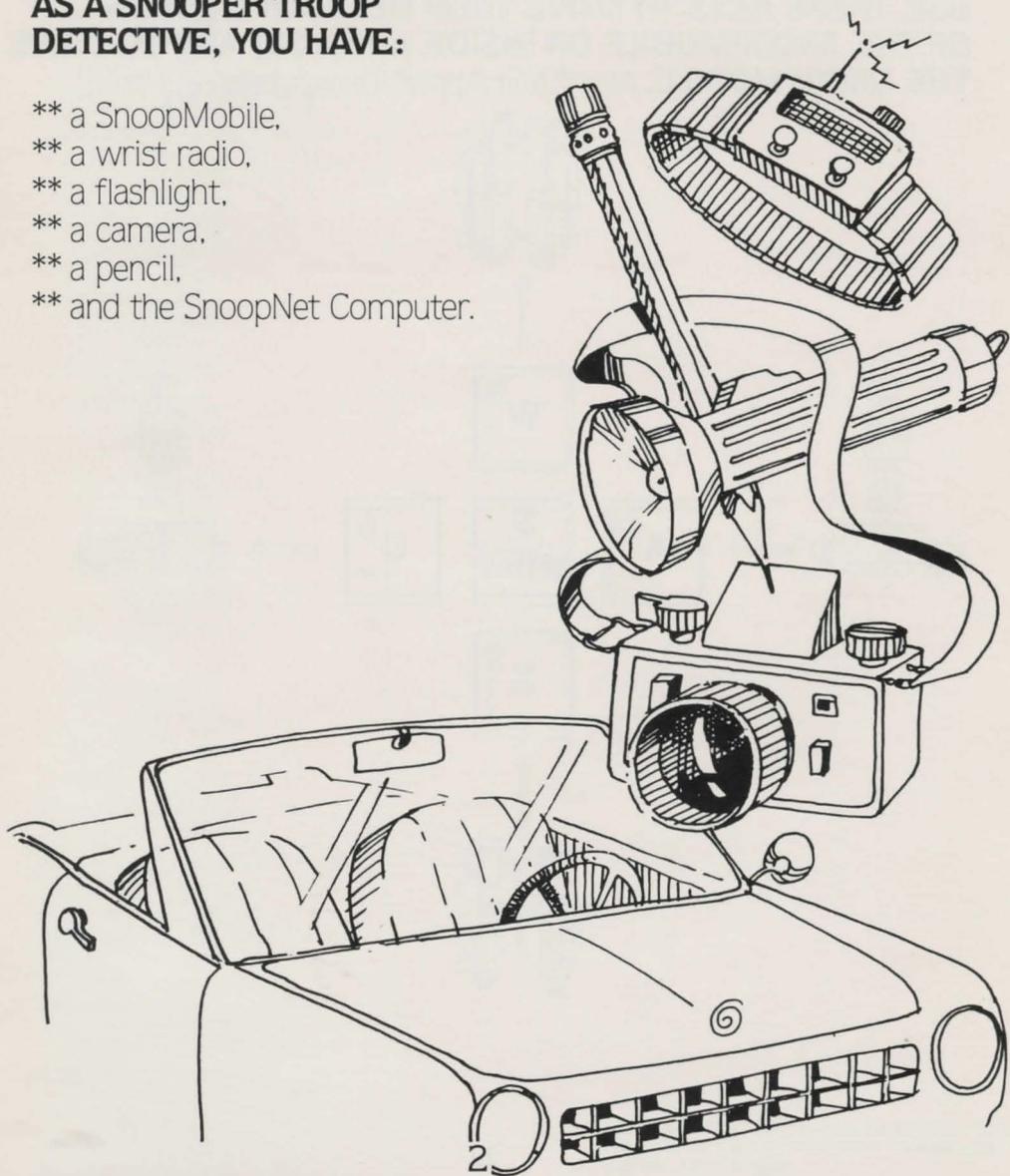
The police think Fisheye looks suspicious. But there are seven other suspects, too. If you find the GUILTY ONE, you'll get a complete confession.

**GOOD LUCK!**

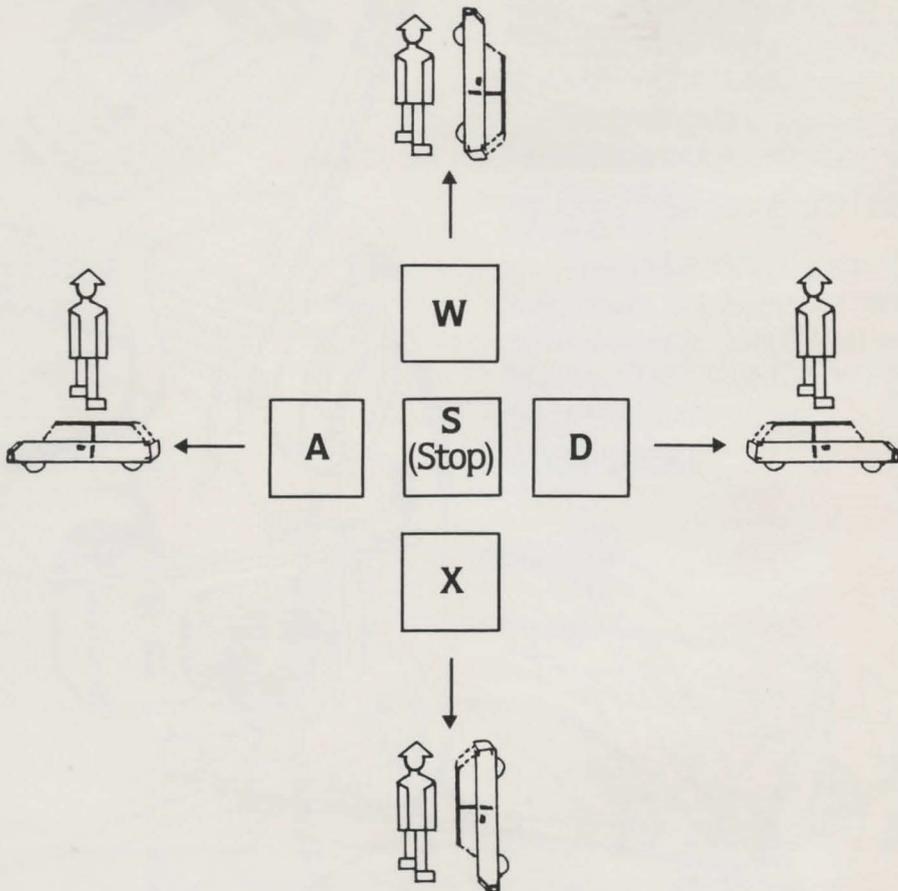


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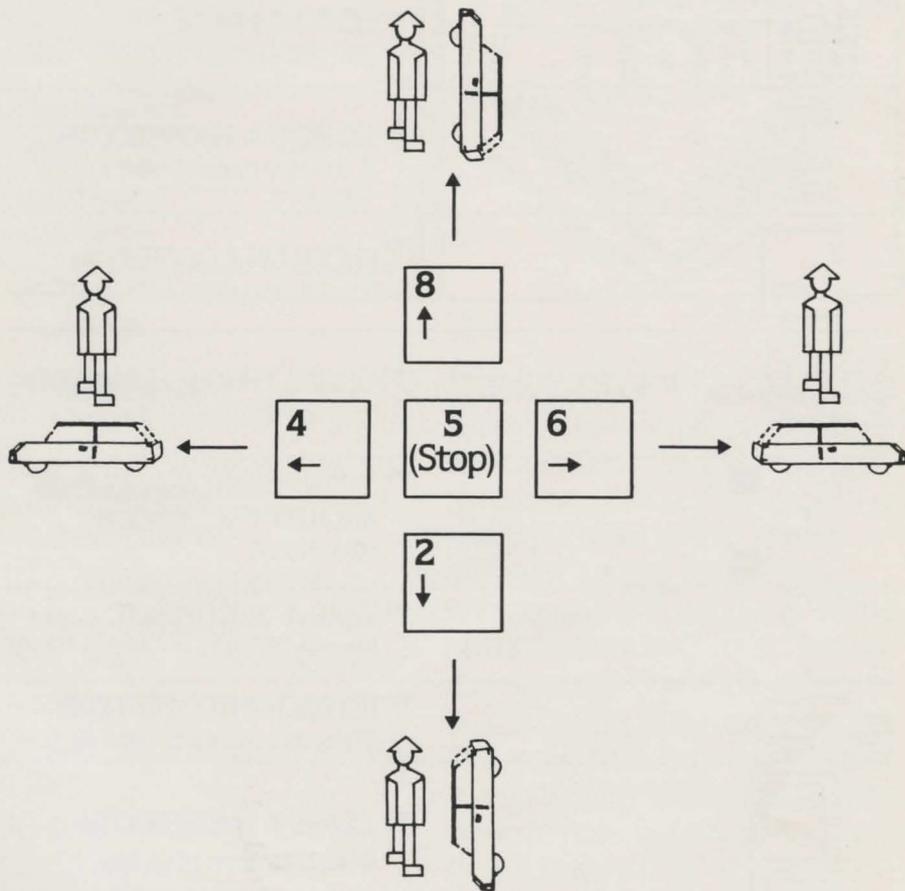
- \*\* a SnoopMobile,
- \*\* a wrist radio,
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- \*\* a camera,
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- \*\* and the SnoopNet Computer.



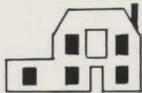
**USE THESE KEYS TO MOVE YOUR DETECTIVE (WHEN OUT OF THE SNOOPMOBILE OR INSIDE A HOUSE) AND TO DRIVE THE SNOOPMOBILE.** Atari® and Apple® Computers



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## THE SPACEBAR WILL ALLOW YOU TO:



**\*\* GO INTO SNOOP HEAD-QUARTERS** if you are parked in front.



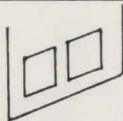
**\*\* GO TO A HOUSE** if you are parked in front.



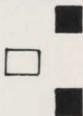
**\*\* GO INTO A PHONEBOOTH** if you are parked next to one.



**\*\* KNOCK ON A DOOR** if you are standing right in front of one.



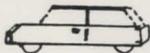
**\*\* CRAWL THROUGH A WINDOW** if you are standing right next to one.



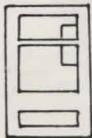
**\*\* TURN YOUR FLASHLIGHT ON AND OFF** if you are in a dark house.



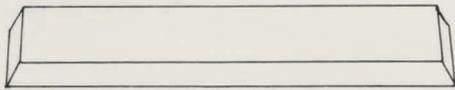
**\*\* TAKE A "SNOOPSHOT"** if you are next to a clue (?) in a house.



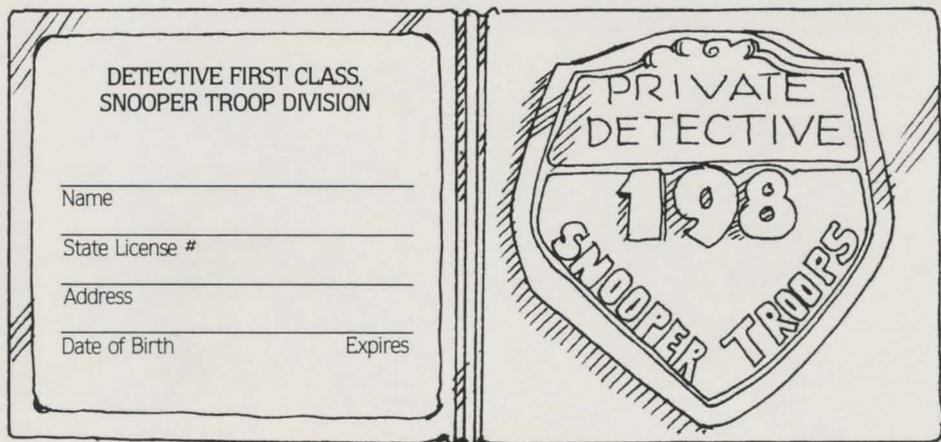
**\*\* GO BACK INTO YOUR CAR** if you are standing next to it.



**\*\* LEAVE A PHONEBOOTH** and put you in your car.



In other words, if you are looking for a button to push, the spacebar will usually help you out.



Tuesday, May 11

**3:00 p.m.** Drove into Costa Villa, Sleepy little place. More palm trees than people.

**3:10 p.m.** Gassed up the car.

**3:22 p.m.** Arrived at Snoop Headquarters. Picked up my files and got the key to my room.

**3:55 p.m.** Sat in the park to read the files.

**4:30 p.m.** Rode out to the Tabasco Aquarium to look around and do a little fast thinking.

**THE FACTS OF THE CASE:** This family runs a small aquarium with a dolphin as the main act. For some reason this dolphin is really popular. Lately lots of different people have been hanging around the place. Some of them have even tried to buy the dolphin! Then one night, a bunch of people tie up the owner and steal the dolphin right out of the pool. Now a dolphin is a hard thing to hide, but the police can't find a trace of her anywhere! And there's something about a missing diamond a few towns away. It all sounds pretty fishy to me.

# WHAT HAPPENED ON MONDAY, MAY 10 AT THE TABASCO AQUARIUM.



**7:30** Tabascos finish dinner. Sandra goes to teach at the University. Pete and Mike wash dishes.



**8:00** People barge in. They tie up and blindfold Pete and Mike.



**8:10** Pete and Mike are taken to pool. They are told to sit by the old pump that drains the pool.

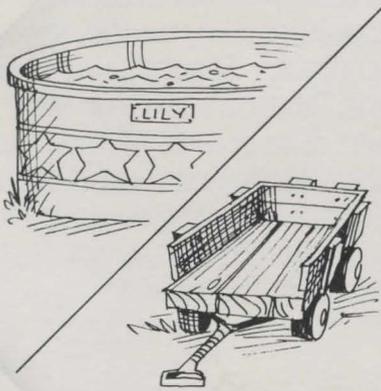


**8:15** Someone bangs metal bar to call Lily. Hoist for lifting Lily starts working. Noisy pump is turned on.



8:45 Pump shuts itself off. Thieves are gone. Jungle flower smell is in the air.

10:00 Sandra gets home and unties family.



10:05 Tabascos see that Lily is gone. Big wooden cart is outside.

10:15 Police called in on case.

# Background Notes:

## The Tabascos



### PETE, MIKE AND SANDRA TABASCO

The Tabasco family has lived in Costa Villa for ten years. Dr. Sandra Tabasco is a marine biologist and expert on sea mammals. Sandra is almost finished with a research project on dolphin intelligence, but she also lectures part-time at Costa Villa University. Pete, Sandra's husband, runs the business side of the Tabasco Aquarium. He knows that the proceeds from the aquarium are the only way to pay for Sandra's work. Mike, the Tabasco's thirteen year old son, is in charge of the dolphin show at the Aquarium. He helped Sandra train Lily to do tricks. Mike considers Lily his best friend in the world.

# Background Notes:

## Lily

### THE DOLPHIN

Lily is a female bottlenose dolphin who has been a happy, loving member of the Tabasco family for nine years. When Lily was young, she was caught in a net by fishermen and the Tabascos took her in. The first thing that Lily learned was to come when a metal bar was hit by the side of the pool. Now she gives daily shows at the Tabasco Aquarium. Some of her fancy tricks include tossing a basketball into a net, jumping through hoops, grabbing a hat from a high pole, and giving Mike Tabasco rides on her back. Dr. Sandra Tabasco also uses Lily for her research on dolphin intelligence. The proceeds from the performances pay for both Lily's room and board and for Sandra's research.



## Percy Vonshemp

### THE RICH KID

Eleven year old Percy and his family live in the elegant Sudsland mansion. The Vonshemp fortune came from the profits of their family business—Costa Villa Suds Factory. A chauffeur drives Percy everywhere, including daily trips to the Tabasco Aquarium. Percy loves Lily. He spends hours at a time at the aquarium, cutting up fish and hosing down the pool area. Sometimes he just watches the training sessions. Lily likes Percy, too. She often tosses a ball to him or comes up to be patted. All his life, Percy has gotten everything he wanted. Now he wants Lily.



Did Percy do it?

Suspect:

*Percy Vonshemp*

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## Dr. Boris Oshkov



Did Oshkov do it?

### THE RIVAL

Dr. Oshkov has ten dolphins and a fine aquarium, but his research is going very badly. "Dolphins don't seem to like me very much," he once admitted. Sandra felt a bit sorry for him. She told Boris that he was welcome at the Tabasco Aquarium any time. So he came to visit twice a week. Just last week, he finally tempted Lily to swim over to him. It was real progress. Unfortunately, two days later Sandra found Boris peeking at her research findings. She warned him that he'd have to stay away if it happened again.

Suspect:

*Dr. Boris Oshkov*

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Did McBean do it?

## Fisheye McBean

### THE FISH MERCHANT

Fisheye supplies all the local restaurants with fresh fish. He also delivers to the aquariums. He has a large fishing boat and a crew to help him now that his eyesight is bad. Nine years ago, when Fisheye was deep sea fishing, a baby dolphin got caught up in his lines. When he couldn't find the mother, Fisheye brought the dolphin to Dr. Tabasco who was just beginning her research on dolphin intelligence. Once in a while Fisheye jokes that Lily is really his dolphin and that someday he might take her back. The Tabascos never laugh at the joke.

Suspect:

*Fisheye McBean*

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Did Rentwick do it?

## Cleo Rentwick

THE HOLLYWOOD DIRECTOR

Cleo has been in town with her film crew since May 4. She's planning to make an adventure movie called "Lily My Love" which will be about a tame dolphin that becomes a hero. She loves dolphins and has spent many hours at the Tabasco Aquarium. The Tabascos have helped her improve her training methods and she is a natural dolphin trainer. A few days ago Cleo said that she would like to rent Lily for the movie. The Tabascos refused and Cleo was furious. Big movie directors are used to getting their way.

Suspect:

*Cleo Rentwick*

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Did Lozier do it?

## Verna Lozier

### THE COMPETITION

Verna runs Lozierland, an amusement park that includes a refreshment stand, rides, a wax museum, and an aquarium full of sharks and grampus whales. Since Lily started doing shows at the Tabasco Aquarium three years ago, fewer people have been coming to Lozierland. At first Verna was angry, but then she visited Lily's pool to see what was so great about dolphins. Right away Verna fell in love with Lily and now she wants a dolphin of her own. Verna's husband Ed would do anything that Verna asks, but right now he says they can't afford a dolphin. On May 2 he gave her a diamond ring for their anniversary and so money is very tight.

Suspect:

*Verna Lozier*

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Did Collier do it?

## Flash Collier

### THE PHOTOGRAPHER

Flash has had a photography studio in Costa Villa for five years. He mostly takes family portraits, but he also does a little work in his spare time for the Villa Voice, the local paper. But Flash's big dream has always been to become a nature photographer. He has decided to start by making animal posters because they are so popular right now. The Tabascos have been letting Flash take pictures of Lily, and he is now good friends with her. But he keeps talking about how much better the pictures would be if he could photograph Lily in the ocean. The Tabascos refuse to consider the idea at all.

Suspect:

*Flash Collier*

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Did Flagg do it?

## Kate Flagg

THE GOVERNMENT AGENT Kate is a former dolphin trainer who now works for a special branch of the Border Patrol. She takes her job very seriously and will never reveal any details about her newest assignment—PROJECT SEA-CODE. She is looking for a young, smart dolphin who can be trained to carry messages on special missions. Kate and her aide have watched Lily's show often, and the Tabascos have even let Kate put Lily through her tricks. Last week, Kate told Sandra that Lily is the perfect dolphin for her agency's work, but the Tabascos won't part with Lily at any price.

Suspect:

*Kate Flagg*

Address:

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## Greta Greenly

### THE CONSERVATIONIST

Greta recently made national headlines when she was asked to step down as the president of an important ecology group. When she resigned, she publicly announced her plan to return all captive animals to their natural habitats. She believes that it is criminal to take dolphins from the ocean. Greta came just once to see Lily perform, but as soon as the Tabascos recognized her, Pete insisted that she and her small group of followers leave. They made such a fuss that the performance was cancelled and the police had to be called in to take them away. However, Sandra Tabasco insists that Lily might not survive in the wild, because she has never known any life other than in the Tabasco's pool.



Did Greenly do it?

Suspect:

*Greta Greenly*

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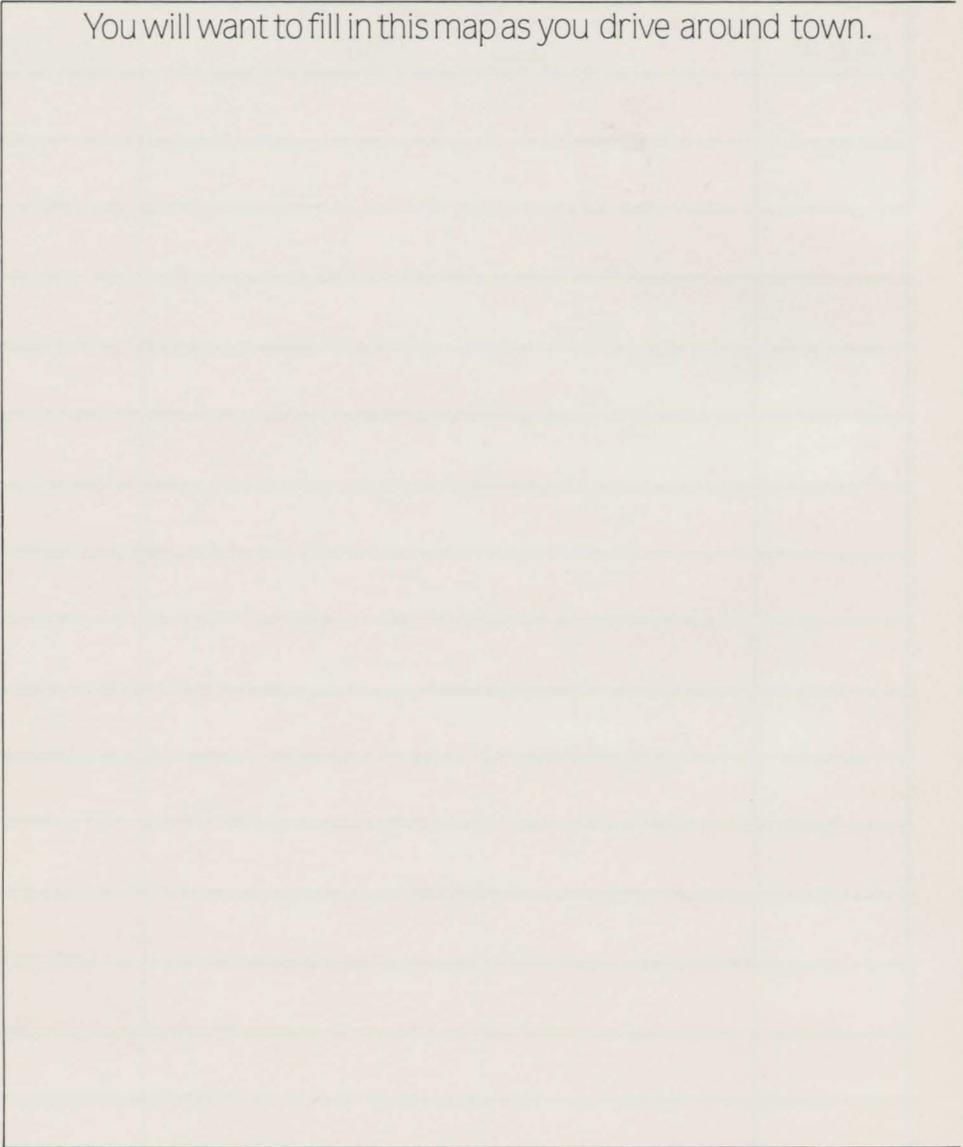


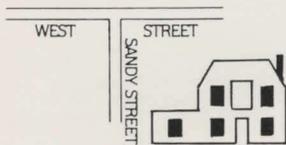




# Map of Costa Villa

You will want to fill in this map as you drive around town.





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