

The Last Train Without Passengers



The final train arrived on time. Cameras showed nobody leaving at any station, yet all six passengers had vanished. On their seats lay six tickets that were still warm.

Advanced / 20–30 min / 15 Resolve

The briefing

Six named passengers boarded and were visible when the train departed.

Platform cameras recorded no passenger exit.

The north line passes through an old maintenance tunnel under the river.

ANSWERS BELOW / COVER THIS STRIP UNTIL YOU ASK

Q8 YES	Q7 YES	Q6 YES	Q5 YES
Q4 YES	Q3 NO	Q2 NO	Q1 YES

Choose your questions

Mark each question once. Unlock groups: + = all / or = either.

- ☐ 01 Did six passengers board the final train?
Unlock: Available from the start
- ☐ 02 Did any passenger leave through a platform door before the terminus?
Unlock: Available from the start
- ☐ 03 Was the train in continuous motion between the final two stations?
Unlock: Available from the start
- ☐ 04 Did it stop inside the river maintenance tunnel?
Unlock: (Q3 or Q203)
- ☐ 05 Was there a maintenance walkway beside the train?
Unlock: (Q4 or Q204)
- ☐ 06 Could the carriage’s emergency side panel open onto that walkway?
Unlock: (Q5 or Q205)
- ☐ 07 Did the passengers leave voluntarily through the side panel?
Unlock: (Q6 or Q206)
- ☐ 08 Were the warm tickets deliberately left to make the disappearance seem recent?
Unlock: Available from the start

Resolve: _____ Conclusion: _____

People

Mara Kess / Train driver

Can halt the train in maintenance zones and unlock emergency panels.

Adrian Vale / Transit safety chief

Controls tunnel emergency drills and confidential route notices.

Noah Flint / Police inspector

Was searching stations for the six passengers.

Places

Carriage Six / Apparent scene

Arrived locked, empty, and otherwise undamaged.

River Tunnel / Hidden stop

Contains a narrow staff walkway invisible to station cameras.

Objects

Six Warm Tickets / Misdirection

Placed on fabric seats that retain heat after contact.

Emergency Side Panel / Maintenance exit

Opens only with a driver or safety override.

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Q204 YES	Q203 YES	Q202 YES	Q201 YES
Q12 YES	Q11 YES	Q10 NO	Q9 YES

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- ☐ 09 Was the driver part of the plan?
Unlock: (Q4 or Q204)
- ☐ 10 Were the six people escaping police custody?
Unlock: Available from the start
- ☐ 11 Were they witnesses being moved away from a threatened station?
Unlock: Available from the start
- ☐ 12 Was the empty train a covert evacuation arranged by the transit safety chief?
Unlock: (Q9 or Q208) + (Q11 or Q209)
- ☐ 201 Do the boarding records account for all six people later missing from the train?
Unlock: Available from the start
- ☐ 202 Do the station recordings exclude a platform exit for the six passengers?
Unlock: Available from the start
- ☐ 203 Does the journey record contain a halt between the final two stations?
Unlock: Available from the start
- ☐ 204 Does the recorded halt fall within the river maintenance tunnel?
Unlock: (Q3 or Q203)

Resolve: _____ Conclusion: _____

How to play

Play solo or together. Choose a printed question, mark it as asked, then turn the sheet to read only that numbered answer. Start with 15 Resolve. Each new inquiry costs 1; No costs 1 more. At zero, the investigation ends. Reading, notes and rereading answers are free.

Question prerequisites refer to questions already asked, regardless of their Yes/No answer. “or” means either question; “+” means all groups are needed. Questions may unlock across sheets. Cover the answer strips with another piece of paper to avoid seeing neighbouring answers.

Write one complete conclusion while Resolve remains: who, how and why. Compare it with the final sealed solution sheet only when you are ready to end the case. This self-check edition ends on that one conclusion; it does not reproduce the browser rating or repeated verdict checking.

Choose your conclusion

Who?

- Mara Kess
- Adrian Vale
- Noah Flint

How?

- Tunnel stop and emergency side panel
- Disguised platform exit

ANSWERS BELOW / COVER THIS STRIP UNTIL YOU ASK

		Q210 YES	Q209 YES
Q208 YES	Q207 YES	Q206 YES	Q205 YES

Choose your questions

Mark each question once. Unlock groups: + = all / or = either.

- ☐ 205 Does the tunnel service plan show a foot route beside the track?
Unlock: (Q4 or Q204)
- ☐ 206 Does the emergency panel align with the tunnel’s maintenance walkway?
Unlock: (Q5 or Q205)
- ☐ 207 Does the evacuation account describe the six people leaving without a struggle?
Unlock: (Q6 or Q206)
- ☐ 208 Did the driver’s controls enable the hidden stop and exit?
Unlock: (Q4 or Q204)
- ☐ 209 Were the six passengers named in the threatened-witness transfer arrangement?
Unlock: Available from the start
- ☐ 210 Did the transit safety chief authorize the concealed transfer through the tunnel?
Unlock: (Q9 or Q208) + (Q11 or Q209)

Resolve: _____ Conclusion: _____

ASK THE TRUTH / PRINT & PLAY

- Hidden compartment in the carriage

Why?

- Covertly evacuate threatened witnesses

- Aid a criminal escape

- Stage a publicity stunt

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Investigation record

Mark each question once. Unlock groups: + = all / or = either.

Resolve: _____ Conclusion: _____

SEALED SOLUTION / STOP HERE UNTIL YOUR CONCLUSION IS WRITTEN

Fold this sheet with the text inside before playing. Turn it only after the investigation ends.

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Culprit: Adrian Vale

Method: Tunnel stop and emergency side panel

Motive: Covertly evacuate threatened witnesses

Transit safety chief Adrian Vale arranged a covert witness evacuation. Driver Mara stopped in the river tunnel and unlocked the emergency side panel. The six witnesses crossed the maintenance walkway to a protected exit. Their warm tickets were left on heat-retaining seats to make the disappearance appear to have happened at the terminus.