

The Room That Never Opened



Hotel records show that Room 407 was never opened for seven days, yet its guest ordered dinner every night. On the eighth morning, a housekeeper found the room empty—and a letter whose ink was still wet.

Intermediate / 15–25 min / 16 Resolve

The briefing

The electronic lock logged no door opening for seven days.

A narrow service hatch connects the room to the floor pantry.

The guest had reported being followed before checking in.

People

ANSWERS BELOW / COVER THIS STRIP UNTIL YOU ASK

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

Choose your questions

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

- ☐ **01 Was the guest physically inside Room 407 during those seven days?**
Unlock: Available from the start
- ☐ **02 Were the daily meal orders placed by the missing guest?**
Unlock: (Q1 or Q19)
- ☐ **03 Did hotel staff enter through the main door during the week?**
Unlock: Available from the start
- ☐ **04 Was there a service hatch connecting the pantry to Room 407?**
Unlock: Available from the start
- ☐ **05 Could meals and small objects pass through that hatch without opening the door?**
Unlock: (Q4 or Q21)
- ☐ **06 Was the fresh letter written inside Room 407 that morning?**
Unlock: Available from the start
- ☐ **07 Was the letter passed into the room through the service hatch?**
Unlock: (Q5 or Q22) + (Q6 or Q13)
- ☐ **08 Was a hotel employee maintaining the illusion that the guest was still inside?**
Unlock: (Q2 or Q20) + (Q7 or Q14)

Resolve: _____ Conclusion: _____

Elias Vane / Night concierge

Controls the pantry and laundry corridor during the night shift.

Mara Bell / Housekeeper

Discovered the empty room and reported it immediately.

Jonas Reed / Private investigator

Was seen repeatedly in the lobby watching the lifts.

Places

Room 407 / Sealed room

The main door remained electronically sealed.

Floor Pantry / Service space

Contains the old meal-delivery hatch.

Laundry Exit / Unmonitored route

Leaves the hotel without crossing the lobby.

Objects

Fresh Letter / Signal

Wet ink, but no matching pen was found in the room.

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Q16 YES	Q15 YES	Q14 YES	Q13 NO
Q12 YES	Q11 YES	Q10 YES	Q9 NO

Choose your questions

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- ☐ 09 Was the employee trying to conceal the guest’s death?
Unlock: Available from the start
- ☐ 10 Had the guest secretly left to escape someone watching the lobby?
Unlock: Available from the start
- ☐ 11 Did the night concierge help the guest leave through the laundry exit?
Unlock: (Q8 or Q15) + (Q10 or Q16)
- ☐ 12 Was the letter a prearranged signal that the guest had reached safety?
Unlock: (Q11 or Q17) + (Q7 or Q14)
- ☐ 13 Was there any pen or ink in Room 407 that matched the fresh letter?
Unlock: Available from the start
- ☐ 14 Did the envelope carry pantry flour and fibres from the service hatch?
Unlock: (Q5 or Q22) + (Q6 or Q13)
- ☐ 15 Were the meal orders submitted from the night staff terminal?
Unlock: (Q2 or Q20) + (Q7 or Q14)
- ☐ 16 Did the lobby watcher remain in place throughout the week?
Unlock: Available from the start

Resolve: _____ Conclusion: _____

Dinner Trays / Routine evidence

Returned empty through the pantry each night.

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 16 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?

- Elias Vane
- Mara Bell
- Jonas Reed

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		Q22 YES	Q21 YES
Q20 YES	Q19 YES	Q18 YES	Q17 YES

Choose your questions

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

- ☐ 17 Did the laundry-exit log record the concierge’s staff badge on the first night?
Unlock: (Q8 or Q15) + (Q10 or Q16)
- ☐ 18 Did the letter contain the exact safety phrase registered with the concierge before check-in?
Unlock: (Q11 or Q17) + (Q7 or Q14)
- ☐ 19 Were the bed, shower, and bathroom supplies untouched for the entire week?
Unlock: Available from the start
- ☐ 20 Did the recorded meal-order voice differ from the guest’s check-in recording?
Unlock: (Q1 or Q19)
- ☐ 21 Did the sealed door record exclude the old pantry hatch?
Unlock: Available from the start
- ☐ 22 Were the trays narrow enough to pass through that hatch?
Unlock: (Q4 or Q21)

Resolve: _____ Conclusion: _____

How?

- Service hatch and laundry exit
- Copied electronic key
- Hidden balcony route

Why?

- Help the guest escape surveillance
- Conceal a murder
- Steal valuables

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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: Elias Vane

Method: Service hatch and laundry exit

Motive: Help the guest escape surveillance

The room was never occupied during the week. Night concierge Elias helped the guest leave through the laundry exit on the first night, then ordered meals and moved trays through the service hatch to preserve the illusion of occupancy. The fresh letter, delivered through the hatch, was their prearranged signal that the guest had reached safety.