

A MURDER MYSTERY LOGIC CHALLENGE

THE KILLER ISN'T ALICE

An Impossible-Case Murder Mystery Logic Challenge for
Adults with 21,000 Suspects, 20 Clues, and One True Killer

21,000 SUSPECTS | 20 CLUES | ONE TRUE KILLER

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FAIR-PLAY PROMISE

Every clue is literal, independently true of the killer, and based only on information printed in this book. No outside knowledge, guessing, hidden story facts, or trick wording is required. Apply the clues exactly as written and one suspect remains.

PUZZLE INTEGRITY

This edition has been checked against all 21,000 suspect entries. The clue sequence resolves uniquely to the published solution. The suspect register is preserved in its original order because neighboring-name and page-position clues depend on that sequence.

This is a work of fiction. Names in the suspect register are used fictitiously; resemblance to real persons is coincidental. First edition, 2026.

The Case

Twenty-one thousand names have entered the investigation. One of them belongs to the killer. Nothing about the answer is hidden outside the register: the evidence is encoded in spelling, letter patterns, name length, register position, and the suspects printed immediately before and after the killer. Your job is to narrow the field until only one name survives.

How to Play

1. Start with the full suspect register. Each printed occurrence of a name is one suspect, even when the same spelling appears more than once.
2. Read Clue 1 and eliminate every suspect who does not satisfy it. Then apply Clue 2 only to the suspects still in play.
3. Continue in order. Some clues describe the killer's name; others depend on the killer's location in the register or the names directly beside it.
4. When a clue refers to the name immediately before or after a suspect, use the continuous register order: left to right across each line, then down the page, continuing across page breaks.
5. After Clue 20, exactly one suspect should remain. Do not turn to the solution section until you are ready to close the case.

Rules & Investigator Checkpoints

CORE RULES

- Vowels are A, E, I, O, and U only. Y is not treated as a vowel.
- Letters are matched without regard to capitalization.
- If a name appears more than once, every printed occurrence is a separate suspect.
- When a clue refers to a register page, count the page labels inside the suspect register, not the book's overall PDF page number.
- Alphabet values use A=1, B=2, ... Z=26.
- For repeated-letter clues, count distinct letters that occur more than once, not the total number of repeated positions.

WORKED EXAMPLE

If a clue says the killer does NOT contain E, eliminate every suspect whose printed name contains E. If the register contains two suspects named Mary, both remain because MARY has no E. A location clue can later distinguish between those two occurrences.

VERIFIED CHECKPOINTS

After Clue 5	2,343 suspects remain
After Clue 10	161 suspects remain
After Clue 15	17 suspects remain
After Clue 18	3 suspects remain
After Clue 19	2 suspects remain
After Clue 20	1 suspect remains

The 20 Clues

- 1.** The killer's initial is NOT one of the four most common starting letters in the register: A, M, K, or J.
- 2.** The name immediately after the killer begins with a consonant.
- 3.** The killer's name uses at least one letter more than once.
- 4.** The killer's name ends with a vowel.
- 5.** The killer's name contains the letter E.
- 6.** The name immediately before the killer is shorter than the killer's name.
- 7.** The killer's name has an odd number of vowels.
- 8.** Exactly one different letter appears more than once in the killer's name.
- 9.** The killer's name does NOT contain the letter L.
- 10.** Somewhere in the killer's name, the same vowel appears at least twice.
- 11.** The killer's name has an odd number of letters.
- 12.** The killer's first letter comes after its last letter in the alphabet.
- 13.** The first and last letters of the killer's name add up to at least 20 (A=1 through Z=26).
- 14.** The killer is NOT within the final 16 pages of the 97-page suspect register.
- 15.** The killer's name contains the letter R.
- 16.** The last two letters of the killer's name add up to at least 19 (A=1 through Z=26).
- 17.** The gap between the earliest and latest letters in the killer's name is less than 18 alphabet positions.
- 18.** The killer's name length is NOT one of the two most common lengths in the entire register: 6 or 7 letters.
- 19.** The killer's name is fewer than 6 letters long.
- 20.** The name immediately after the killer is longer than the killer's name.

THE SUSPECT REGISTER

21,000 names. One surviving suspect.

Read left to right, line by line, and continue across page breaks.

Suspect Register — Page 1

Janae Camari Florie Anetra Bert Dvante Hunter Reighlyn
Nathali Cate Cadance Carlo Gladi Donnajean Belia
Shontelle Mikaylee Nelda Latausha Armonie Tashema
Adelyne Wynne Cynitha Alexsa Jayleigh Jennette Harnoor
Naidelyn Delmi Delphina Mel Cortie Jasper Janot Chenita
Arayah Jceon Maragret Robin Noura Manvir Illiana Marki
Shaterra Sharman Marqueta Bethany Trevia Gracey Saoirse
Sheresa Jakyrie Terrel Shakia Kendle Thomson Melane
Ahmir Silvestre Ahkeem Ailish Kamaria Raygen Raizel
Marcellus Anysa Peaches Miyoko Aissa Renezmae Kevia
Adalei Germana Quinlyn Genesis Veronique Huntleigh
Jillane Melyssa Calisha Kalief Royall Morrisa Quantavious
Kainoa Tryone Concepcion Idalia Sylena Denyce Kortnie
Deziyah Brees Odey Jouri Tiyonna Liela Emerick Para
Vernette Emmah Latoria Arissa Aneri Kinnie Leilanni
Avnoor Winsley Tyrik Forbes Tallia Salmon Rumaisa
Mackayla Shalise Nyzier Hiedi Tashon Braxtin Dory
Adelise Scottie Tonja Olamide Serenity Emmajane Gordon
Mustapha Calix Abdulla Avriana Rutha Reco Alverda Jarryd
Tabari Mehki Madonna Fredick Hazem Dali Page Bridgid
Christoforo Yong Taria Kaitlin Tilley Lacrishia Giavonni
Toussaint Locke Kirsten Nita Jaeliana Kumar Terez Ayden
Fynn Milfred Bao Stevin Analicia Keesha Summar Skip
Rondale Arianelly Jaiveon Sanaia Maylie Vinton Lateesha
Aamari Dontrel Dosi Kenosha Jacek Karilynn Jyl Kamiri
Ramiyah Emmelyn Inaaya Mikey Celes Rosabel Rylann
Marisela Mechele Robi Keyandra Yahmir Yolanda Timm
Lira Benett Packston Sashenka Kerwinn Ezrahy Lyric Lurleen
Kani Toney Salvatore Tanija Jeovany Suriyah Zalmen Avea

Suspect Register — Page 2

Damesha Perley Vishnu Ajit Emmey Haylo Berlinda Mikeal
Kamon Mariaisabel Shana Fenella Lillian Dejour Salvatrice
Oliwia Elen Amyia Jeffory Geana Nadira Verlon Braylee
Jamaiya Laekyn Alliana Gerda Seneca Tanyla Deundre
Corinne Emillia Malinde Murielle Irha Noemi Quintez Kayori
Mathieu Mehdi Cinde Doral Rumi Annahi Tianna Darya
Taber Nik Tatyanna Evaluna Leyanna Alberik Justus
Rebeckah Ardyth Zuri Nichola Reinhard Boruch Zaleigh
Xianna Eilah Leigha Dinorah Mckinnley Mikaya Georgeanna
Geoffrey Evangelin Camie Zendaya Myrtis Mikela Cydne
Haruto Junius Anecia Lillyanna Dulcemaria Jamilla Tylia
Kennie Chrisandra Ameilia Endrick Marlise Willaim Carisma
Kennady Pinkey Melvin Janyce Carollynn Ebon Bentzion
Noach Ziaire Haniya Shyler Jerrika Angelise Paisyn
Veatrice Lavone Trevone Meya Kalyna Ontario Lan Nayara
Brent Tashira Alegandro Dawnielle Anniya Taeler Linden
Odessia Izadora Joyce Zorah Jaelynn Aveline Douglas
Mirian Orry Jaleen Arasely Colbert Biron Lempi Tryston
Lynnda Manolo Jan Isidora Tacey Risha Jehlani Destanee
Sharity Ily Synia Ryenne Marshawn Natalia Taysia Malcolm
Mireille Shayla Daralyn Magaline Melana Clarnce Nandi
Ayumi Kayn Neils Braylen Yaffa Daneen Claretta Garren
Novia Amandi Marquesha Melissia Ladawn Nakayla
Maleek Sincere Lindsy Wanids Corda Patterson Valentijn
Bennet Yuritzzy Ginelle Lonny Ohana Amirra Decklyn Latona
Shivansh Shenandoah Sherrita Guthrie Vinny Sung Aerilyn
Jahira Shizuko Audric Izaac Cailynn Vanya Tajuan Denton
Erskine Irving Lanea Quynh Satchel Kaizer Diego Esteven
Ace Maurisa Shawnetta Harriot Kaly Afia Rashana Darilyn

Suspect Register — Page 3

Izzah Henri Hyacinth Sherlin Kamoni Mitra Hibah Ludvig
Avyan Avanelle Chayne Rosalva Daffney Levey Hilari Tari
Tonya Claudie Yadira Arnold Holly Johan Memory Lilliana
Khalea Ziair Mehgan Siarra Demondre Karna Francis Edric
Blessed Clenton Royal Amenda Khalessi Zykira Zebulen
Nour Davyon Lejend Jovita Jannetta Roderich Aira Fahima
Arvel Tressia Ellenore Raghad Chevalier Corri Peyson
Kaleah Meiling Rihaan Torry Celena Lauritz Raphael Olav
Larina Danyal Aleksei Tanny Hilarius Bibby Victorine Hilmer
Lyliana Oliver Avielle Candice Brittan Ortensia Nada Myriam
Topanga Diamon Sruthi Ayinde Jannely Indya Celene
Rahn Laquesha Ashlea Rosalinda Ziomara Zaydrian Anaid
Tiaraoluwa Jorgen Alissa Zaahir Maja Faithann Inza
Prudi Agastya Vir Prisilla Talicia Marita Courtland Liesl
Hammond Iban Jillana Yer Nerissa Benno Blade Septimus
Addalee Guilford Alinah Brevan Adain Karlee Faren Ravan
Amalie Severin Endia Antwain Lauro Tinley Horacio
Chenille Erica Bevelyn Ayomide Matisse Juel Cincere
Monique Trace Sherida Heiress Yasmina Madelle Lorna
Jacklin Lizmarie Tona Barnie Less Chlo Ahmari Laughton
Layloni Sarabi Ryley Austine Eleya Dal Yorker Venisha Inge
Aviannah Valisa Thad Keren Lilliemae Philo Kata Magdaline
Charlotte Nelli Aubrei Tran Rhodia Janathan Lilja Jaquis
Eugen Brayley Karri Kassidy Hanan Vienna Ansley Sujey
Krystal Lydon Marlena Cherese Lehua Ellanore Tykesha
Brenda Bogey Jia Ilya Rhianna Juliza Andruw Dillen
Cassady Keno Prashant Rhetta Ninnetta Joanne Jessa
Dahlia Duwan Cordey Green Rory Kasee Francenia Camelia
Teia Alysse Everlene Marijean Ernie Baden Captain Via

Suspect Register – Page 4

Jemari Jenicka Wilbern Kalem Anaika Concha Mehul Cicily
Srinidhi Kimberleigh Jozlynn Genisis Major Keyshawn
Kaysin Kerie Irita Nichalas Willamina Ruhani Viridiana
Raedyn Aubreyanna Amarion Kamorah Elisea Tajh Jacson
Jeselle Tatem Cyanne Klarrisa Ameliyah Baylin Sherell
Dagoberto Ezri Everley Dahmir Anatole Lourene Brok
Rehanna Salomon Ayani Brennyh Hennie Aimie Camrie
Yashika Amberly Deshone Kesia Katelynne Aubryanna
Melinna Rayce Long Jamica Jennipher Patra Jerran Bradey
Bilal Bard Jermie Shalin Kathren Zylén Alilah Nika Labria
Ahnaf Marquavius Jacintha Sakani Chung Maksymilian
Aviya Aniketh Izaya Yulonda Maeby Gadiel Mackenzi
Larnce Mikelle Mattia Nayelly Kevontae Lynelle Spurgeon
Juliany Ayako Larna Briceyda Mufi Brendalee Nyliyah Desree
Malaiyah Samael Yulisa Knowledge Gracyn Lennon Sergio
Champion Zymere Momina Krissy Chinyere Mikail Horton
Mynor Aubriella Jana Oluwanifemi Langsdon Fonsie
Abelino Gloriann Aily Junie Jamill Angely Aesha Jacquetta
Lavar Aundrey Drayson Emsley Morley Delorse Kathreen
Lorenzo Crystel Lavena Hadeel Saleh Braley Amanuel
Adam Kamyiah Evanna Cru Rondell Karlen Caldonia
Kamera Romona Callum Jarion Dharma Kristain Leotis
Jalen Destin Ezell Merrin Juwon Sulamita Ellis Anabelle
Varnell Towny Moussa Jobina Armin Reagyn Lockie
Kathalina Zonnya Felishia Spirit Darely Narciso Elicia
Claudetta Marquies Heidi Gabbriella Sissie Jireh Varian
Calista Cairistiona Caylah Francesca Patsey Maitland
Olivie Hughey Navy Avon Lavada Shann Donovyn Gershom
Annalynn Dalin Catherina Pinchus Cloteal Sophya

Suspect Register — Page 5

Jamicheal Joas Marquell Lavaughn Adalay Azion Elder
Dorthey Mayleigh Reet Lauree Karianne Cleo Gibran Cleora
Leverne Omero Ivianna Joao Dewane Jeramey Lorri
Acquanetta Ciani Margarita Errica Morgana Tvisha Boden
Christelle Junell Latara Sirron Maleea Marylynn Genecis
Keziah Maritza Kenni Robinson Snigdha Gerri Raekwon
Darius Caileigh Aluna Hether Pierrette America Corinn
Kyzier Koralynn Navaeh Josselin Asako Karel Theodoro
Mayetta Ludovic Bettye Makale Airl Aariz Rynleigh Natilee
Charmine Sade Chelsa Philly Kishawn Elyanna Essence
Kayra Dalaya Lilliann Lamees Sofi Benedict Dwyane Lilton
Marzella Freddie Kyanna Joselynn Dale Sanjeev Hali Baer
Fabienne Kaipo Leveon Kaio Reymundo Torrey Torion
Mallary Alegend Latrese Maalik Curcio Baraa Tenika Toy
Solomia Daniah Nathaly Iker Allisson Avyukth Kiannah
Tawna Evelia Cuca Derreck Benancio Imara Shanyah
Vaeda Leonidas Trishia Gare Jaylanni Ellia Jeny Celine Ariz
Amylah Mazikeen Fatuma Jazzelle Maxim Zaire Celina
Ladarion Idriss Quadir Jeriel Shalom Ludivina Susie Makell
Joshau Suzette Patin Anayeli Chanell Parklynn Daniela
Miyoshi Zakariah Siward Jourden Vyom Jovonni Chantale
Azalee Chase Shakeira Zakry Vonna Ericka Jessica Jaia
Leilah Lawson Bre Jazzlin Tulip Sonnet Sharia Avani Bobina
Artavious Gretel Oluwatosin Owens Yosselin Jemie Maecy
Theodore Birda Porsha Betti Abubakar Brandt Nayelli
Larose Azriel Jamileth Bow Adis Tiarah Samanth Kaydince
Arlisa Janielle Tiffiany Roman Sachiko Rusty Boluwatife
Rhone Finn Atalie Humaira Riad Jolena Dedra Kaia Cordell
Zyeir Brantlee Hussein Wylma Alira Pattin Refujio Marjorie