

READER CASE FILE / 001

THE LOCKED MORGUE

A spoiler-free deduction worksheet inspired by the central premise of *Hidden in the Drizzle*.

THE IMPOSSIBLE STATEMENT

A suspect dies in police custody. Later, the morgue is still locked - but the body is gone.

Your task is not to guess the novel's answer. Build a rational investigation plan using only four neutral evidence categories.

B / BOUNDARY

Define the seal

What was truly sealed, watched, measured, or assumed?

T / TIME

Separate the clocks

Separate death, discovery, last sighting, and each verified movement.

W / WITNESS

Record the witness

Record what each person directly observed before interpreting it.

A / ABSENCE

Measure the absence

List what is missing, what remains, and who first noticed the gap.

GROUND RULE

No supernatural shortcut. Treat every impossibility as a conflict between a fact and an assumption.

STEP 01

AUDIT THE IMPOSSIBILITY

Write observations in ink. Keep interpretations in pencil.

B / BOUNDARY

Which doors, windows, keys, cameras, logs, or lines of sight were actually checked?

T / TIME

Which times are verified, estimated, reported later, or inferred from another event?

W / WITNESS

For each claim, ask: what was seen, what was heard, and what was merely concluded?

A / ABSENCE

What exactly vanished? Which ordinary traces should a removal have created?

THE LOCK IS A FACT ONLY AFTER YOU DEFINE WHAT 'LOCKED' MEANS.

STEP 02

BUILD - THEN BREAK - A THEORY

A useful theory explains the room, the timeline, the witnesses, and the absence at once.

HYPOTHESIS 01

HYPOTHESIS 02

HYPOTHESIS 03

FAIR-PLAY CHECK

- ☐ Explains every fixed fact without adding an invisible event.
- ☐ Separates direct observation from later interpretation.
- ☐ Fits the verified timeline rather than the convenient timeline.
- ☐ Accounts for ordinary physical traces and cleanup.
- ☐ Requires no supernatural mechanism or impossible technology.
- ☐ Becomes simpler, not more complicated, when challenged.



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CONTINUE THE INVESTIGATION

Hidden in the Drizzle follows Detective Arthur Crow through two locked rooms, seven diary voices, and a corpse missing from a locked morgue.

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