

Minute mysteries

Bob and Carol and Ted and Alice all live in the same house. Bob and Carol go out to a movie, and when they return, Alice is lying dead on the floor in a puddle of water and glass. It is obvious that Ted killed her but Ted is not prosecuted or severely punished.

Alice is a goldfish; Ted is a cat.

A man lives on the twelfth floor of an apartment building. Every morning he wakes up, gets dressed, eats, goes to the elevator, takes it down to the lobby, and leaves the building for work. In the evening, he goes through the lobby to the elevator, and, if there is someone else in the elevator (or if it was raining that day) he goes back to his floor directly. However, if there is nobody else in the elevator and it hasn't rained, he goes to the 10th floor and walks up two flights of stairs to his room.

The man is a midget. He can't reach the upper elevator buttons, but he can ask people to push them for him. He can also push them with his umbrella.

A man walks into a bar and asks for a drink. The bartender pulls out a gun and points it at him. The man says, "Thank you," and walks out.

The man has hiccups; the bartender scares them away by pulling a gun.

Two men, one big and burly and the other short and thin, enter a bar. They both order identical drinks. The big one gulps his down and leaves; the other sips his slowly, then dies.

The drinks contained poisoned ice cubes; the man who drank slowly gave them time to melt, while the other didn't.

A man marries twenty women in his village but isn't charged with polygamy

He's a priest; he is marrying them to other people, not to himself.

There are two people dead in a cabin in the woods.

It's the cabin of an airplane that's crashed there.

A man pushes a car up to a hotel and realizes he's bankrupt.

It's a game of Monopoly.

A man goes home, turns out the light, and goes to bed. He wakes up the next morning, reads the newspaper, and kills himself.

The man works in a lighthouse. By turning out the light he killed a couple hundred people. After reading about that the next morning, he killed himself.

Two children born in the same hospital, in the same hour, day, and year, have the same mother and father, but are not twins.

The children are two of a set of triplets.

A couple will build a square house. In each wall they'll have a window, and each window will face north.

The house is at the South Pole.

There is a pipe, a carrot and a pile of pebbles together in the middle of a field. Why?

It's the remains of a melted snowman.

Three heavy people try to crowd under one umbrella, and nobody gets wet.

It is sunny and hot. (It's not raining)

A black man dressed all in black, wearing a black mask, stands at a crossroads in a totally black-painted town. All of the streetlights in town are broken. There is no moon. A black-painted car without headlights drives straight toward him, but turns in time and doesn't hit him. How?

It's daytime; the sun is out.

An Arab sheik tells his two sons they are to race their camels to a distant city to see who will inherit his fortune. The one whose camel arrives last will win. The brothers, after wandering aimlessly for days, ask a wise man for advice. After hearing the advice they jump on the camels and race as fast as they can to their destination.

The wise man tells them to switch camels.

Joe wants to go home, but he can't go home, because the man in the mask is waiting for him.

A baseball game is going on. The base-runner sees the catcher waiting at home plate with the ball, and so decides to stay at third base to avoid being tagged out.

A man was going about his daily occupation when he noticed that his shirt was torn. 15 minutes later, he was dead.

The man was an astronaut out on a space walk.

A train pulls into a station, but none of the waiting passengers move.

It's a model train set.

In his own home a man watches as a woman dies, yet does nothing to save her.

He saw it happening on TV.

On an archaeological dig, the frozen remains of a man and woman are found. Immediately, the archaeologists realize that the remains are those of Adam and Eve.

The two bodies lacked what only Adam and Eve would lack --bellybuttons.

A horse jumps over a tower and lands on a man, who disappears.

A chess game; knight takes pawn.

A boy and his father are injured in a car accident. Both are taken to a hospital. The father dies at arrival, but the boy lives and is taken to surgery. A grey-haired, bespectacled surgeon looks at the boy and says, "I cannot operate on this boy -- he's my son." How is that?

The surgeon is the boy's mother.

She grabbed his ring, pulled on it, and dropped it, thereby saving his life.

They were skydiving. He broke his arm as he jumped from the plane by hitting it on the plane door, and he couldn't reach his ripcord with his other arm. She pulled the ripcord for him.

Beulah died in the Appalachians, while Craig died at sea. Everyone was much happier with Craig's death.

Beulah and Craig were hurricanes

A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the second is full of assassins with loaded guns, and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in 3 years. Being an astute observer, he picks one door and lives.

He picks the third door because the reason the lions haven't eaten in 3 years is because they are dead.

A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him under water for over 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But 5 minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How can this be?

The woman was a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it, and hung it up to dry.