

Sorry about the delay. Whoops.

Anyways.

Congratulations to Casual Goblins for coming in first, and to runner-ups Weird Lex & the Karen Chickenshackers and ChrizzyDan!

Since the answer to the meta was "lost child," the murderer was Carson (Evelyn's husband's long lost child who had disappeared).

Here are the solutions...

1. **A Pair Is Two, Not One**
2. **Measured Mistakes**
3. **Shoe-doku**
4. **Cross-sections and Overlaps**
5. **Risk It All**
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7.  **Under the Mistletoe** 
8. **Commonalities**
9. **The Mall**
10. **The Box Of Ornaments Fell And This Is What Addison Ended Up With**

A Pair Is Two, Not One

Each of the answers to the other puzzles was a piece of clothing. Each piece of clothing that doubled as an answer was also pictured in one of the drawings in this puzzle.

Then, once you have counted up how many pieces of clothing are in each picture, you index that number into the corresponding puzzle answer. Together, those letters spell out "**LOSTCHILD**."

Letter	Name	Number	Backstory (simplified version)	Answer
L	Elaine	2	sister-in-law	SUNGLASSES
O	Aurora	4	employee prodigy	TWOGLOVES
S	Carson	4	long lost son	SWEATER
T	Violet	6	real daughter	DIAMONDS
C	Lucas	3	journalist	SWEATSHIRT
H	Charlotte	2	dj	JEANS
I	Benjamin	7	business rival	TRENCHCOAT
L	Orly	3	sibling of host	PEARLS
D	Addison	2	step-daughter	SEQUINS

Measured Mistakes

1. Use yogurt as the key for the simple substitution to get the cipher alphabet:

y o g u r t a b c d e f h i j k l m n p q s v w x z

2. Decrypt the scrambled ingredients and index using the number of the amount in the recipe to get the letters of the solution

1. Oqpprm → Butter
 - a. 2 tbsp
 - b. U
2. Vbcpr nqaym → White sugar
 - a. 5 cups
 - b. E
3. Omjvi nqaym → Brown sugar
 - a. 6 cups
 - b. S
4. Raan → Eggs
 - a. 3 eggs
 - b. G
5. Syicffy rxpmygp → Vanilla extract
 - a. 2 tsp
 - b. A
6. Oyecia njuy → Baking soda
 - a. 7 tsp
 - b. S
7. Bjp vyprm → Hot water
 - a. 2 tsps
 - b. O
8. Nyfp → Salt
 - a. 1 tsp
 - b. S
9. Tfjqm → Flour
 - a. 2 cups
 - b. L
10. Gbjgjfypr gbckn → Chocolate chips
 - a. 14 cups
 - b. S
11. Vyfiqpn → Walnuts
 - a. 4 cups
 - b. N

Then unscramble the letters, discarding the extra O, and you get "**SUNGLASSES**"

Shoe-doku

1. Solve the sudoku
2. Using the number list above the sudoku, number the alphabet, excluding numbers with a 0 or symmetrical numbers (22, etc)
3. Take the numbers from the highlighted sudoku squares and substitute them for letters
4. Anagram "**TWOGLOVES**"

Cross-sections and Overlaps

1. Layer the map of the maze of the estate over the map of streets to get to the house
2. Mark down the street wherever the christmas trees (blue squares) overlap
3. Take the first letter of all the streets, which spell out "**SWEATER**"

Risk It All

1. Each trivia question corresponds to a country on the map.
 - Contains largest lake in the world → **Siberia**
 - Celebrates Seward's Day → **Alaska**
 - Discovered by Vikings on accident → **Iceland**
 - Hosts The Naadam Festival → **Mongolia**
 - Contains largest national park in the world → **Greenland**
 - Has a different calendar that includes animals → **China**
 - Associated with matryoshka dolls → **Russia**
 - Located in Canada with the official gem of amethyst → **Ontario**
2. Count the number of troops on the map in each region and index the name using that number.

1. Greenland
 - a. 9 → D
2. Russia
 - a. 5 → I
3. Siberia
 - a. 7 → A
4. Mongolia
 - a. 1 → M
5. Ontario
 - a. 1 → O
6. China
 - a. 4 → N
7. Iceland
 - a. 7 → D
8. Alaska
 - a. 4 → S

Indexed letters -- "**DIAMONDS**"

Close Enough

Of Rodents and Humans -- Of Mice and Men -- John Steinbeck

Alice's Escapades Within Fairytown -- Alice's Adventures in Wonderland -- Lewis Carroll

Disdain and Bias -- Pride and Prejudice -- Jane Austen

The Hidden Past -- The Secret History -- Donna Tartt

The God of the Hoops -- The Lord of the Rings -- J. R. R. Tolkien

Battle and Harmony -- War and Peace -- Leo Tolstoy

The Confidential Greenhouse -- The Secret Garden -- Frances Hodgson Burnett

Considerable Hopes -- Great Expectations -- Charles Dickens

The Journey -- The Odyssey -- Homer

Miniature Girls -- Little Women -- Louisa May Alcott

The highlighted letters spell out "**SWEATSHIRT**"

🎄 Under the Mistletoe 🎄

Word	Song	Singer	Timestamp	Link	Views
Just	Baby It's Cold Outside	John Legend ft. Kelly Clarkson	2:28 (Kelly)	 John Leg...	2M
Even	All I Want For Christmas Is You	Mariah Carey	1:27	 Mariah C...	720M
Along	Merry Christmas	Elton John and Ed Sheeran	1:09	 Ed Sheer...	35M
Nothing	Mistletoe	Justin Bieber	1:40	 Justin Bie...	447M
Sweet	You Make It Feel Like Christmas	Gwen Stefani and Blake Shelton	1:32	 Gwen Ste...	19M

Acrostic Letters-- **JEANS**

Commonalities

w	e	f	a	w	v	b	q	t	v	s	a	v	w	x	a	q	n	m	s	a
v	e	y	u	i	m	d	g	t	k	j	y	x	s	w	e	s	c	h	x	s
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h	i	e	u	w	k	e	a	u	a	t	d	n	t	s	r	t	s	m	e	l
n	n	m	y	e	l	r	s	m	e	r	k	l	u	p	o	l	k	n	q	k

The red letters were supposed to spell out "**TRENCHCOAT**," but, uh, apparently I don't know how to spell... Uh, whoops. My bad.

The Mall

1. Eliminate all gifts that start with the word "three"
2. Erase the letter "e" from all gifts that haven't been eliminated and start with "e" (e.g. "extra" becomes "xtra")
3. Take the remaining first letters and put them in a caesar shift thing then shift by 5-- you'll end up with the letters "ujfwqx" becoming the word "**PEARLS**"

The Box Of Ornaments Fell And This Is What Addison Ended Up With

Count the number on each ornament, and put the ornaments in that order. Each ornament has a cursive letter written on it, and when put in order, the letters spell out "**SEQUINS**"