

# 1. Dial/Hunt Movie

As told to Ucaomhu  
using intertitles

My movie *Safety Last* (showing at the Somerville Theatre 2PM Sunday) was just a prequel to my adventure four T stops away, at the MIT Mystery Hunt! Each Hunt round had three clues, whose answers go in order into that round's shaded path. One answer won't fit without alteration, and the other two clues each must have one word deleted before solving; from this you can derive a letter (since it's a Mystery Hunt I won't say how). In round order, the letters you get will say whose penny we were looking for (explaining why it's worth about \$1000); in case that is confusing, in the filled grid the columns of letters centered in hexagons will say more exactly who the coin comes from.

In the Hunt's final "runaround" we climbed up a building exactly resembling the grid. I used the slightly wobbly paths where answers from i–iv are entered (upwards, in order); on each of my first 18 attempts (all within ten hours, with a lunch break) I lost my footing near a clock (a hexagon entirely surrounded by squares and triangles), grabbed the little hand pointed at me, jumped to the big hand, crawled straight up or down to its point to reach the top or bottom edge of the clock, and dangled there. (Each clock was dangled from once.)

My solving partner, in turn, used the straight vertical paths holding answers from  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$ , and rescued me wherever I dangled. Each of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  is really three successive clues joined together (with all tags moved to the end). When you enter the answers (upwards, in order), some letters must be placed on lines; specifically, each line I was rescued from will receive one letter — the same letter I was on when I slipped. If a clue's answer incorporates  $n$  such letters, circle the  $n$ th letter from the start and from the end of the clue. All the "start" circled letters will say what I am; the "end" circled letters will say who he is, explaining why he could snag me so easily.

Since this is a silent production, we also had a third member of the team. In each of my clues, if the missing letter is the  $p$ th from the start and  $q$ th from the end of the answer, circle the  $p$ th letter from the start and  $q$ th from the end of the clue. The  $p$ th letters will identify our teammate; the  $q$ th letters will say what he contributed to the proceedings.

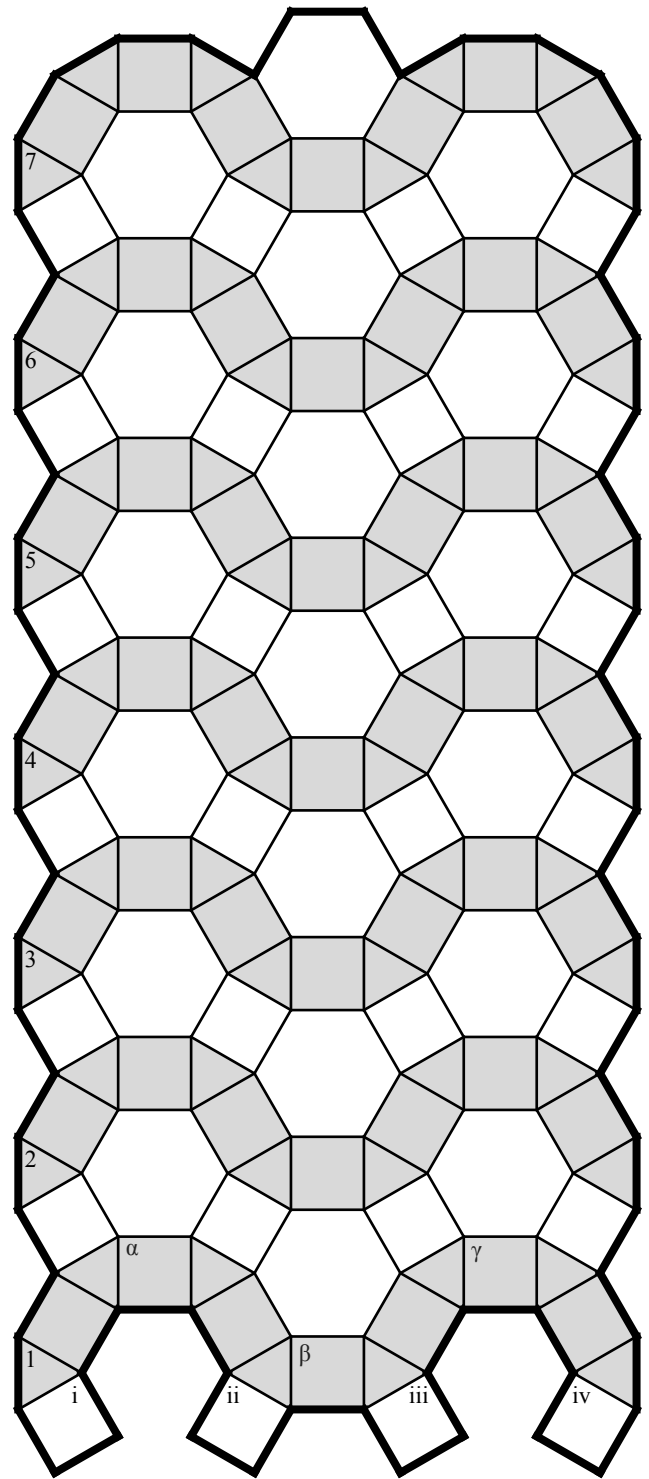
Finally, to get the final step of the runaround and find the coin, arrange the (centered) letters in the clocks in chronological order by when I slipped there.

## HUNT ROUNDS

1. Crops that sideless red garment • Radical ladies claiming that go is common currency in Cambodia • Hungry one lit up soon
2. All BU moved is the Pope's ice seal • Device that sweeps back molybdenum or boron masses • Pub-appliance maker's boats
3. ABCs was [sic] mostly rephrased! • Noisy, but not unsatisfactory, German boarder • Eyeing Dad's sodas
4. Sheep meets steellike adult avatar of Vishnu • Behold! 2/3 of you will attend Louisiana Catholic University • Mixture thwarted oil-grabbing G-man
5. Circle plant near west half of Maharaja's city • German art song's mentioned an English city • Text that goes before nonsense or glop propagator (*var. spelling*)
6. Lincoln penny on a scaly mattress • A way to speak with the Dead Sea creature back in ten AD • Reportedly requires massages
7. English flower festival • Rugged pole a flapper is handling clumsily • It's like, India and then some ridge!

ME (i, ii, iii, iv) and MY SOLVING PARTNER ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ )

- i. The Ottomans' capital consists of bronze pieces from Burma • To humiliate Ahab terribly • Stallone character from sinful Moab • In the morning, answer one who has borne young • Get cautious about insect biting wide posterior of bowyer
- ii. PA gets an artificial echo effect before one word is uttered • Tall puzzle constructor initially constructed that pivoting seesaw • A car from Sweden drops off British singer-songwriter Bareilles • Captain in southeast appears to be duck



iii. A couple from Glenview South becomes more stable • On the inside of those, men rot! • With many shelves Little Ed hung at the rear • Prison doc goes wild making cheese, e.g. (*hyph.*) [NI2]

iv. Sargon I has Am. legislator from the north available (3 wds.) • Non-novel, faux-medievally spelled line outside of dome • An image that identifies a bathroom in Ely • Welsh national symbol is fighter Bruce • Author Nin is chasing heartless Amphitryon

$\alpha$ . Catalogs showing a pioneer in the car business what shoots a round piece of corn into nonfloppy rubble-proof headgear covering run-down ditch-tunnelers' noggin (2 wds.)

$\beta$ . Some beliefs of one ref about sluggardly bard's perpetually confused state, perversely, are liberated, naughty things having clear origin in wild action of a boxer (2 wds.) (*hyph.*)

$\gamma$ . First Chip and Ted, after wasting deuterium filling balloons, very quietly sing for contrary tyro's last relatives near a Washington island grouping