

A Drop of Schnapps

THE CASE

A man's body floats ashore on a New Jersey beach. No one ever identifies it.

THE MYSTERY

How and why did he die?

THE CLUES (Reveal only if Investigators are stumped)

- The man was German. (Add 1 minute.)
- The victim's demise occurred just before World War II. (Add 2 minutes.)

SOLUTION TIMETABLE

Master Detective	1 - 8 Minutes	6 Points
Private Eye	9 - 12 Minutes	5 Points
Flatfoot	13 - 16 Minutes	4 Points

THE STORY

The date was May 6, 1937. Dietrich Von Schnapps was traveling to Lakehurst, New Jersey, on the *Hindenburg*. While in the U.S., Dietrich planned to sell stolen U-boat plans to the American government.

His traveling companion, Hans Gundlach, had discovered Dietrich's treachery, and did what he considered to be his patriotic duty. First he stole Dietrich's wallet so that he could not be identified. Then, shortly before the men reached their destination, Hans pushed Dietrich out the window of the airship. Dietrich fell into the Atlantic and drowned.

Minutes later the *Hindenburg* exploded, and both men were listed as



dying in the disaster. No one ever knew that the spy in the sky had been murdered.

Special Information: For the purposes of this game, the *Hindenburg* can be described as an airship, zeppelin, dirigible or blimp.

THE SOLUTION

Investigators must discover that the victim was a German spy, traveling to the U.S. on the *Hindenburg*. He was pushed out of a window and drowned in the Atlantic by his colleague, who had discovered he was a traitor. Moments later the *Hindenburg* exploded, and both men were listed as casualties.

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