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Curse of the Werewolves

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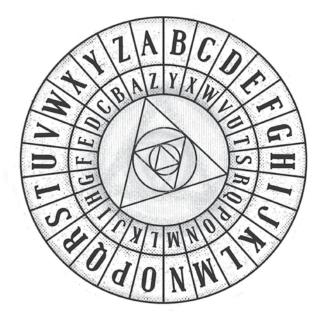
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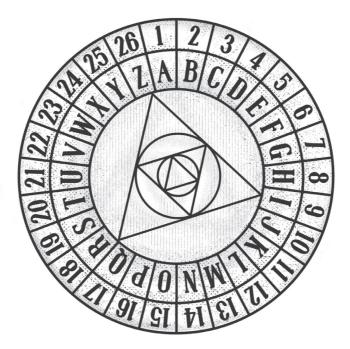
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Chapter 1 under a full moon

On Fang Lane, only four blocks from home, they noticed a bright red car—stenciled with letters spelling out NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH. Front doors wide-open, no driver in sight, it was parked outside a pink house. A little white flashing light on top of the car lit the quiet street, but no one was around. The trio slowed and stopped. "Uh. Where's the Neighborhood Watch people?" Will asked.

"Better question," Ivy said, pointing at the white fence across the street. "Is that one of Ozzie's coded messages?"

14-15-23 09-19 20-08-05 20-09-13-05: 19-20-01-18-20 02-09-20-09-14-07. 09 23-01-14-20 01-14 01-18-13-25 15-06 23-05-18-05-23-15-12-22-05-19 01-19-01-16.

Chapter 2 magic among the trees

After locking their bikes together against a fence, Will and Ivy noticed a handmade sign that said:

wlm'g gzpv zmlgsvi hgvk. Gszg'h irtsg, R szev blfi hvxivg xlwv, 13. Zmw nb slnv rh kilgvxgvw yb nztrx uiln gsv orpvh lu blf. Gzpv zmlgsvi hgvk, zmw nvvg blfi nzpvi,

'xfa nb hkvooh droo proo blf wvzw.

-L

Chapter 5 the bungled burglary

"Look at this," Will said. There was a marble trunk below the robe. Will sniffed around it. "The library book is in there. I can smell it."

lvy tried to open it, but it wouldn't budge. She grabbed a crowbar from a nearby toolbox and tried to wedge it open. She tried with all her might, but the trunk was locked. Linus flashed his light over the box's peculiar engravings:

15-14-12-25 19-08-5 15-18 08-05 23-09-20-08 23-15-12-06'19 02-12-15-15-04 18-21-14-14-09-14-07 09-14 20-08-05-09-18 22-05-09-14-19 13-01-25 15-16-05-14 20-08-09-19 03-08-05-19-20.

Chapter 6 the lost things in the lost book

But before Will or Ivy could communicate or try to resolve their hurt feelings, there was a quiet knock and an envelope slid under the front door.

Linus hopped off the couch. He looked out the windows, but saw no one. He picked up the letter. "It's addressed to the three of us. And it is in code. Of course it is."

[A=W]

Edih dfyojq di pslh. Yic tij'd pwbs di vs hwaje oj dpoe twjąsfice qwks.Or yic mssh qiojq, O aij'd vs wvls di hfidsud yic...wqwoj. Wjt yic aoll kied usfdwojly TOS.

-W

Chapter 7 the name on the tombstone

The witch raised her hand. It began to crackle with emerald electricity. *"Edoc ni sdrow ym etirw, enots hguorht nrub."* She blasted a ray of energy as bright as the sun, scoring through the rock wall until it left a series of numbers:

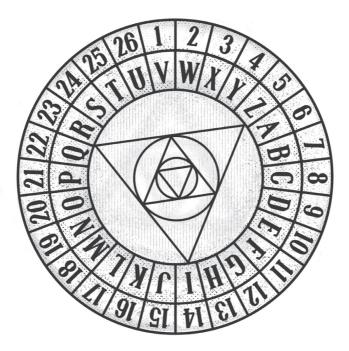
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19-09-13-15-14 03-18-15-23-12-05-25 02-09-19-08-15-16.

02-18-09-14-07 25-15-21-18 04-15-07-19, 05-23-06-12-15-23-05-18.

02-18-09-14-07 20-08-05-13 08-05-18-05, 01-14-04 <u>04-09-07</u>.

Chapter 8 Flowers for a funeral



As Will approached his school, he saw that the whole front had been vandalized. Spray-painted in giant letters was a series of numbers:

25-13-10 11-26-17-17 18-20-20-19 14-24 08-20-18-14-19-12 11-06-24-25... 23-10-18-10-18-07-10-23 25-20 07-14-25-10 04-20-26-23 11-23-14-10-19-09-24.

Chapter 10 turkey interrupted

Will stood in the road while Mom locked the front door. As Will adjusted the dishes in his arms, he noticed something he'd never seen before... He whispered, "No way." Carved on the front curb of his house was a coded message:

When Mom joined him to cross Ophidian Drive, he spotted another message carved into the curb of the Cross's home too. It said:

Gsrh slfhv gll. Pvvk blfi xozdh gl blfihvou. Li vohv. —L.a.

Chapter 11 the new boss in town

The crowd parted to reveal Ozzie herself—only the witch was gagged and bound in heavy chains. Both hands were covered in manacles so that she couldn't so much as snap her fingers. The chains were held in place by dozens of werewolves. The witch struggled to free herself from her bonds, but they held fast. Her face was bloodied and bruised and clawed.

The massive manacles that bound her had an inscription: 23-05 02-09-14-04 15-05-19-20-18-05'19 13-01-07-09-03, 06-18-15-13 08-01-18-13-09-14-07 20-08-05-19-05 03-08-01-09-14-19,

15-18 08-01-18-13-09-14-07 15-20-08-05-18-19.

Chapter 12 battle for the pack

On the other side of the crowd, Linus finally cut through the ropes and they dropped away. He and Ivy were free. For the first time, he noticed odd letters carved into Oracle's dagger:

GSV Lizxzorzm Yozwv.

(Ru olhg, Kovzhv ivgfim gl Lizxov almvh. Gszmc!)