

acme

This note is delivered anonymously, just after the public announcement of the stolen coin.

Hi suckers,

You might as well give up all hope of finding this coin, because you'll never catch me. However, since I'm a generous sort of person, I'll give you some info on some smaller crooks, as a kind of consolation prize. I'll even give you details on your pals at ACME, just so you can go whining to them for help when you can't find my friends. If you don't catch my friends, you won't have a chance in hell of finding me or getting your precious coin back. Personally, I think it would make a fine paperweight for my desk.

ACME can be found in ESG - that's that place on the 6th floor of Building 24. You can call them at 253-7787 or email them at acme@mit.edu. Who knows? They may even be of some help to you. They're happy as clams giving hints and confirming puzzle answers. Believe me, you'll make their day when you call.

You won't be able to catch all the crooks right when you start out. You can catch different numbers of crooks at each level, but it's up to you to figure out which ones. The distribution looks something like this:

- Gumshoe: 3 crooks
- Investigator: 2 crooks
- Inspector: 3 crooks
- Detective: 4 crooks

New information will be handed out every 12 hours or so, but if you're quick at catching all the crooks on any one level, you can get the information earlier.

Now, catching crooks is pretty easy - all you have to do is call ACME with the list of cities that the crook has visited and what loot they stole. Then, ACME will issue you a warrant to catch that crook. Easy as stealing the Pyramids. After enough teams catch a crook (thus establishing probable cause), the warrant will be issued to all the remaining teams.

Now, the info you should start with can be found in <http://mit.edu/puzzle/Gumshoe/>.

You might find it useful to subscribe to MIT's reuse mailing list.. or not.

ACME's web page is at <http://mit.edu/puzzle/www/acme.html>. You are advised to check this, and <http://mit.edu/puzzle/> in general, frequently for updates, corrections, and hints.

Good luck, fools.

Carmen