

14 FOR THE THIRD DAY in a row the sun was shining. London was like a new city. Harper turned the corner into Smyrna Road. Since his last visit the whole street seemed to have **blossomed**, and the smell of **lilac** and jasmine filled the air. He entered the bookshop **with a spring in his step**. The first thing he noticed, though, was that there was no music playing.

“No music today?”

“It’s Phillip Glass,” Tiresias said, with a **grin**, “come in and sit down.”

“Is something wrong?”

“We shall see. I have no books for you today, only questions. You’re not who you **claim** to be, are you?”

“What do you mean?”

“Those articles and books, you didn’t write them.”

“No.” Harper saw there was no point pretending.

“I met the man who did.”

“But how?”

“Never mind, it’s not important. As I said before, this is not a world where we booksellers live in isolation and silence. What’s your business with the Balkans?”

“I trust you, Tiresias, so I won’t **play cat and mouse** with you. I am keeping an eye on their business.”

“Why?”

“It’s not for me to say.”

“And are you watching me?”

“No.”

“You’re a policeman, aren’t you?”

“Yes.”

“Don’t you want to even try and **deny** it?”

“I can see there’s no point.”

“I had my suspicions. But as soon as I found out about the ghost-writer, I was sure. But don’t worry. **So far** you are safe. And you can help me.”

“How?”

“I would very much like to see the Balkans finished. You know what happened to me. And they’re infecting my business with their

for the third day in a row –

trzeci dzień

z rzędu

blossom –

kwitnąć,

rozkwitać

lilac – bez

with a spring

in one’s step

–sprężystym /

dziarskim

krokiem

grin – uśmiech

claim

– utrzymywać,

twierdzić

play cat and

mouse – bawić

się w kotka

i myszkę

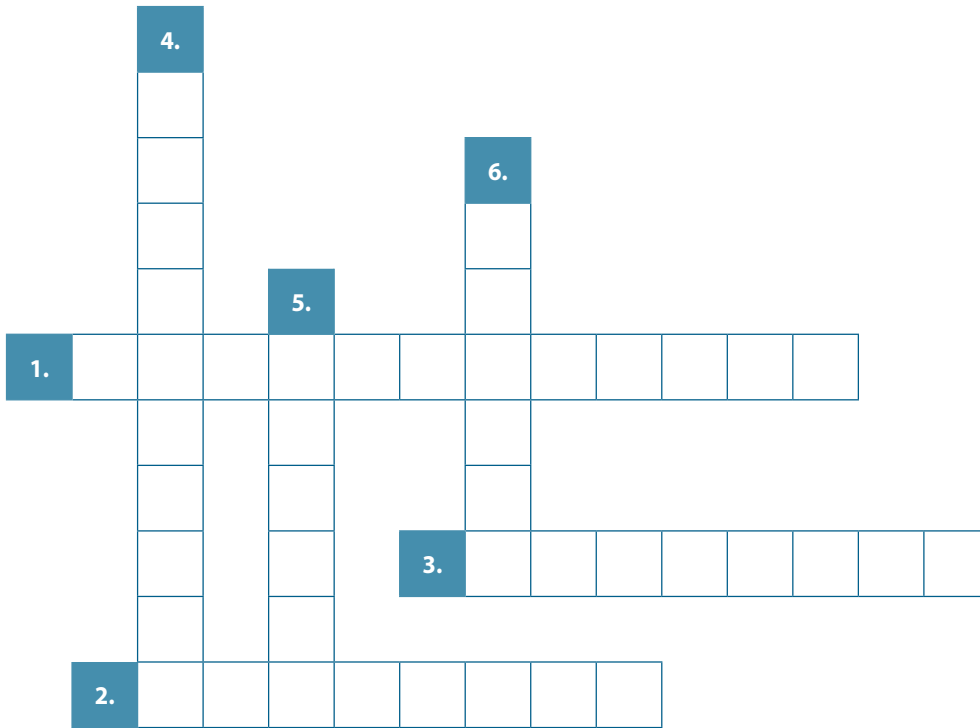
deny

– zaprzeczać

so far – jak

dotąd

3. Complete the crossword with words from the story.



across

- 1. an important development or discovery, e.g. in an investigation
- 2. to investigate
- 3. goodbye

down

- 4. done in secret
- 5. to approach or to gain entry to
- 6. to do smth in sb's name – on of

4. Match the phrasal verbs with their synonyms.

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. work sth out | a. burgle |
| 2. fish around | b. approach |
| 3. break into | c. ascend, rise |
| 4. go up | d. explore, search |
| 5. walk over | e. solve |

1. Choose the best answer A, B or C.

1. Harper

- a. couldn't read the Cyrillic alphabet.
- b. was happy to be in a big city centre.
- c. decided not to think about work while on the train.

2. Harper

- a. was now sure about the nature of his mission.
- b. was uncertain about what he was doing.
- c. knew all about Lucy's mission.

3. The journey to Varna

- a. was a short one.
- b. was an overnight one.
- c. was quicker than he'd thought.

4. Why did Harper choose the café?

- a. He was so thirsty he needed a drink.
- b. He had received instructions to go there.
- c. He could see everything in the small town from there.

5. At 10:20

- a. Wilson hadn't appeared.
- b. Harper received a message.
- c. Harper left the café.

SŁOWNICZEK

A

a great deal – bardzo dużo / wiele
a lie down – drzemka
a load of – dużo, wiele (*pot.*)
abbey – opactwo, klasztor
abruptly – gwałtownie
academic paper – praca naukowa
acquire – nabywać
across the street – po drugiej stronie ulicy
aftershave – płyn po goleniu
afterwards – potem
alike – jednakowo, tak samo
allude – robić aluzje do, sugerować
among – pośród
ancient – starożytny
animated – ożywiony, pobudzony, podekscytowany
appear – wydawać się, pojawiać się
appreciate – doceniać
appropriate – odpowiedni
arrange to do sth – umawiać się na coś
arresting – niesamowity, zadziwiający
art theft – kradzież dzieł sztuki
as expected – zgodnie z oczekiwaniem
ashore – na brzeg, na brzegu
assign – przydzielać, zlecać, zadawać (zadanie)
assist – pomagać
assume – przybierać, przyjmować
assure – zapewniać, gwarantować
at one point – w którymś momencie
at the foot of the cliff – u stóp urwiska
at the heart of – w sercu, u źródła
awaken memories – budzić wspomnienia
aye – tak (regionalizm);
Aye, aye – Tak jest (żegluga)

B

back inside – z powrotem w środku / wewnątrz
barge – barka
be a bit of – być kimś w rodzaju / po trochu
be due – być oczekiwanym
be head of – być szefem jakiejś instytucji
be head of security – kierować siłami bezpieczeństwa
be mixed up in – być zamieszonym w
be off duty – mieć wolne, nie być na służbie
be on – mieć zmianę, być na zmianie
be on sb's mind – chodzić komuś po głowie, myśleć o czymś
be out and about – kręcić się, spacerować, być poza domem
be quite a... – niesamowity / niezły z kogoś...
be relieved – czuć ulgę
be straight with – nie owijać w bawełnę, mówić otwarcie
be wary of – strzec się, mieć się na baczności
bead – kropla, koralik
beckon (to sb) – przywoływać gestem
beep – (za)brzęczeć, zatrąbić
before long – niebawem
befriend – zaprzyjaźniać się, oswajać kogoś
behave – sprawować się (dobrze)
belong – (przy)należać
belongings – rzeczy osobiste, dobytek
bend – uginać (się); zakręć
bend down – pochylać (się), zginać
bet – zakładać się; zakład
betray – zdradzać
beware (of) – wystrzegać się
beyond – poza, za
binoculars – lornetka