

Appointment with Death

Hercule Poirot stood before the open window in his hotel room, breathing in the summer air and looking out over the city of Jerusalem. Although on vacation, he was impeccably dressed in a white suit, patent leather shoes, and a straw hat - his only concession to the warm climate. He peered at his pocket watch. "If Hastings does not hurry, we will be late for lunch," he murmured to himself.

A man's voice from a nearby room floated in through the window, interrupting his thoughts. "... you do see, don't you, that she's got to be killed?"

Silently, Poirot moved closer to the window. A woman's voice replied, "Yes... but when? Tonight?"

"Yes," the man affirmed. "Like we discussed. **At the building that is surrounded on all four sides** by taller buildings."

The door opened, and Captain Hastings strolled in. "Ready to go, Poirot?" he called out cheerfully. The voices from outside abruptly stopped.

Poirot shut the window quietly and went to his meticulously neat desk, on which lay a map of the city. He studied it for a moment. "Hastings, I have just overheard a man and woman plotting to murder someone tonight," he declared. "We must go at once to

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Each row and column on the map contains buildings of height 1 to 5 stories exactly once. Clues outside the grid indicate the number of buildings that can be seen from that direction. Shorter buildings behind taller buildings cannot be seen.

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2	Beret Craze	Sir Steak	Forecast Center	The Flounder Society	Powder Ham 4 U	3
3	Gabe's Cab	A Cat Herd Ringer	A&J Scallop	Grapple Jigs R Us	Eco Bike Hollow	3
1	Deficit of Plums	Lee's Biz	Downtown Square	Lichen's Grotto	Tim's Place o' Tuna	3
4	Rodeo Post	Third Butte Deli	Wama Pub	Top Mint Chemist	lon Loader	2
2	The Scotch Port	Finnish Cafe Room	Bobby's Fishbowl	Wuli Bar	Beige Sill	1
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