

C.1 Continuity



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Difficulty: Easy

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Ah, the heady first day of school. You clench your fists against the huge, imposing buildings; the incomprehensible timetable and map crumpled in your pocket; the swarms of buffeting strangers; and the babble of voices only sporadically comprehensible. At least you remembered your pants, an improvement on your nightmare last night. You inhale deeply, and catch a whiff of your freshly sharpened pencils. Smells like... victory. Or it would, if you could find your first class. All the rooms are named, but the names are meaningless. The door opposite you is simply engraved “pantaloons” and another is “montyhaul”.

You see with relief a large board with “Directions” engraved in gold plate across the top, and you hurry over to it. To your disappointment, it consists simply of a list of courses on the left, and a variety of grids and scribbles on the right, with the heading “Room Name”. You find your first class – Biology. The pattern next to it looks nothing like a room name. Some kind of puzzle? The crowd is already thinning as the time ticks towards nine o’clock. Perhaps the nightmare hasn’t finished yet...

