L.A. Movie

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- 1 Lenny was watching a movie starring the famous actress Gail Lane in a movie theatre.
 - 2 Charlie is the name of the actor in the movie Lenny was watching.
 - 3 Lenny's car survived the car crash. Lenny is therefore pleased that his car is old and constructed better, whereas the other white car, which was brand new, did not survive the car crash and the driver was also injured.
- 2 1 The blonde woman is Gail Lane, the same actress Lenny was just watching at the movies.
 - 2 Lenny thought Gail Lane wanted him to drive her home. However, he was not right, she wanted him to drive Mike Devine home.
 - 3 Nine Thousand and Two Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, USA.
- 3 1 Suggested answer: Mike Devine thought Lenny was an intruder because he did not remember the car accident or Lenny carrying him into the apartment. He probably did not remember because he had a concussion.
 - Lenny's idea was that there was a garage on the bottom of Mike Devine's apartment building. Lenny told Mike that he had to move his car and Mike offered Lenny the use of his garage for Lenny's car. Lenny therefore concluded that the intruder could have left the apartment by taking the elevator directly to the garage and driven away without the doorman seeing him or her.
- 4 1 Crazy Ellen's is a bar, café, diner and a meeting place. It is located next to Lenny's office building and is on West Beaumont Drive. Lenny does not know where the name of the bar came from. The owner is not Crazy Ellen, but rather an Old Greek man named Costas.
 - 2 An answerphone is a machine that records and plays phone messages.
 - There were nuns, warriors, peasants and princesses in the studio commissary because they were playing extras in a fantasy movie being filmed in Studio Twelve.
 - 4 Rik knows that Lenny is not busy and he really needs the job Rik offers.
- 5 1 Suggested answer: Lenny did not tell Rik that he had spoken to Gail on the phone because then he would have to explain that he was working on an additional case.
 - 2 Lenny was not happy about the studio chief executive's decision not to tell Gail about the death threats. He felt that she should know about the threats so she could choose to continue making the movie or not. She might not want to risk acting in a movie when she was receiving death threats.
 - The sign explains that filming of the movie *Death Behind The Door* is taking place and the set is closed, no one but the actors filming the scenes are allowed on the set.

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- 6 1 Lenny felt terrible because he had wanted to protect Gail and he thought she was dead.
 - 2 Lenny was introduced as an advisor to Gail on how to be a private detective. Arabella laughed because she had easily just caught him spying during his investigation of Gail.
 - Lenny lied about meeting Gail before because when he met her she was out at night without any protection and Arabella and Annie became angry when Gail went out without their protection.
- **7** 1 Because Lenny is always in trouble. Rik anticipates that Lenny will be in trouble and then he will be able to find out who has been threatening Gail.
 - 2 Lenny planned to wait for something new to happen.
- **8** 1 Someone is threatening to publish photos of Gail dancing with Vincent Caleb, a well-known gangster, if she does not pay two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
 - 2 No.
- **9** 1 Lenny gave Gail a package after she had been searched by the security force. The package contained the gun he took from her the evening before.
 - Lenny was not dreaming. The statue with the stone ball moved and took a big step to the edge of the stone wall. He thought he might be dreaming because he was surrounded by statues and it seemed dreamlike that a statue would be moving.
- 10 Lenny wanted Gail to have the opportunity to dance the tango with the dancer.
 - Whoever is blackmailing Gail wants her alive so she can pay for the photos; however, the person who dropped the stone wants her dead.
- 11 Lenny wanted to tell Rik that he had Gail's gun.
 - Lenny will be one of the extras on the set in Istanbul. It is necessary for him to be an extra because he was officially fired for having a gun on the set.
 - 3 Lenny calls his answerphone to find out if there are any messages for him.
- 12 No, because Lenny does not keep anything important at the office.
 - There was not a lot of information on Gail Lane because she became a star recently.
 - The same men who broke into his apartment were probably Vincent Caleb's men. Lenny was therefore involved with Caleb whether he liked it or not.

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- 1 Lenny wanted to know whether there was enough money in Mike's account for the bank to pay him.
 - 2 Marry Sullivan represented Mr X.
 - 3. Mr X is a powerful man. He bought all of Mike Devine's debts and wants to be paid back immediately.
- 14 Suggested answer: No, Lenny does not believe Homer Frank's story about the email threats.
 - 2 Lenny was stuck waiting in a long line at the immigration desk. It took him an hour to reach an immigration official.
 - Julie meant get used to looking and acting like Brent Foster since Lenny was going to be his stunt double while in Istanbul.
- 15 Alan Davies is the name Lenny is using while in Istanbul as a stunt double for Brett Foster.
 - 2 No, Lenny does not think that Gail will be safe from the blackmailer if she pays for the photos. If she pays for the photos, she does not know whether there are more copies of them.
 - Three different people would be playing the main male character: Brent Foster, Lenny and later a stunt double will play Brent Foster during a car chase.
- 1 Carla said 'wonderful' because Lenny looked exactly like Brent Foster and was the perfect stunt double.
 - Lenny meant that the person shooting at them in the Mercedes was not part of the movie scene they were meant to be filming.
- 17 Lenny turned the car around and drove the Mustang straight at the Mercedes.
 - 2 The Galata Bridge was opening.
 - Lenny just found out that the red light and siren he thought earlier was the police investigating the car chase was a warning to drivers that the bridge was about to open.
- 18 Gail has been going out with Mike Devine for several years; however, she considers him really only a friend.
 - Suggested answer: Gail and Theo Democrates are engaged to be married in secret. Theo is afraid if there is any scandal about them then he will not be elected to president of the United States in the future. Therefore, it is very important that Theo does not see the photos of Gail and Vincent Caleb.
 - 3 The car was carried off the bridge by a helicopter to safety.

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- 1 Lenny had a microphone hidden in his clothes. It would transmit to a tape recorder in his car. Every word anyone said near him would be recorded.
 - 2 Brent Foster was stopped at the security gates of the studio and was not allowed in the studio because the security guards had already let Lenny dressed as Brent Foster enter the studio with Gail.
 - One of the gunmen who has seen all of Brent Foster's movies does not think Lenny sounds like Brent and tells Vincent Caleb. Vincent pulls off a layer of latex on Lenny's face and sees that he is not Brent but the private investigator.
- He dressed as a phone repairman and watched the blackmailer take the plastic bag Gail had left for him in a phone box.
 - Suggested answer: Lenny did not tell the police about the blackmailer because it was his friend and former work colleague Rik. I could understand why Lenny would not want to tell the police that his friend was the blackmailer and send him to jail. Lenny was able to return the money and photos to Gail. The case was solved, so there was no reason to tell the police about Rik's involvement.

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