



5. The Big Four



"Hastings, I have reached the troubling conclusion that today's events were orchestrated by a criminal mastermind known only as the Destroyer," Poirot said, agitated. "What is more, the man's voice that I heard from the window - why, it was the Destroyer himself! But he would never be so careless as to plot a murder with the window open."

"For a master criminal, that is rather careless," Hastings agreed, "and poor timing too! It's not every day you have the world's most famous detective vacationing within earshot, eh, Poirot?" laughed Hastings.

"No, mon ami, you are right - it cannot be a coincidence. He saw that I am here, and he staged the conversation to ensure that I, the great Hercule Poirot, am out of his way - chasing the wild goose, as you would say, Hastings," Poirot mused. "Meanwhile, the Destroyer is free to carry out his heinous deeds unobstructed at a different location."

"But surely that means he is not on that train!" cried Hastings. "He must still be in the city. Is there a connection that will shed some light on his true location?"

A curious gleam came into Poirot's eyes. "That is a good idea, mon ami. I wonder - yes, the four events we have been **mixed up** in - **with a little direction**, they could point us to the Destroyer's true location, and to his identity. Please hand me the map again, Hastings..."

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

"Look here!" He pointed to the map: _____
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

Hastings gasped. "The truth was in front of us all along!"
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 8 2 12 6 7 1 13 10 4 11 3 5 14 9

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