

# FISCHER'S HUNT

**Arthur:** We now have access to Fischer's puzzles, and we're ready to perform the technique of puzzle inception, or "puzzle-ception".

Here's how puzzle-ception works. In each puzzle, you'll see certain letters highlighted in red (at least on the color printouts). Those aren't part of his puzzles. Those are the letters that can be changed. To make it look like our changed puzzle was meant to be that way all along, we want to make it a metapuzzle based on the other puzzles. So on one puzzle, instead of using those red letters, you'll treat them as blanks where you fill in the three other answers in the places where they fit.

The problem with puzzle-ception is that it can lead to madness. In most cases, if you try it, it will give you nonsense. But in one case, it should give you a new puzzle with a better answer, the one the author should have been thinking of all along. Once you've got that answer, you've completed the job -- then all you have to do is find your way out of the other two puzzle hunts to get back to reality.

To make this easier, we'll even give you some copies with blank spaces instead of the red letters. Remember, only one of these puzzles works.

Cobb will be checking answers to the puzzles. For the puzzle-ception to work, the puzzles have to be solved and altered by someone who doesn't yet know the answers -- that's you. And they have to be confirmed by someone who doesn't know which answer we're changing -- that's Cobb.

See, Cobb can't write his own puzzles anymore. He had a wife once, who went off to write a Mystery Hunt and never returned. Every time he tries to write a puzzle now, she shows up in his subconscious and makes him write a puzzle that's dangerously hard. So that's why his job here is just to check the answers. But remember, he doesn't know which answer we're changing yet. If you tell him the original answer, he'll say it's right. If you tell him the changed answer, he'll recognize it and also tell you it's right.

So go to Cambridge Common and find Cobb to get a third round of puzzles. Remember, also, you'll still need the answers to my puzzles to find your way out of here. When you solve more of my puzzles, come back and check the answers with me.