

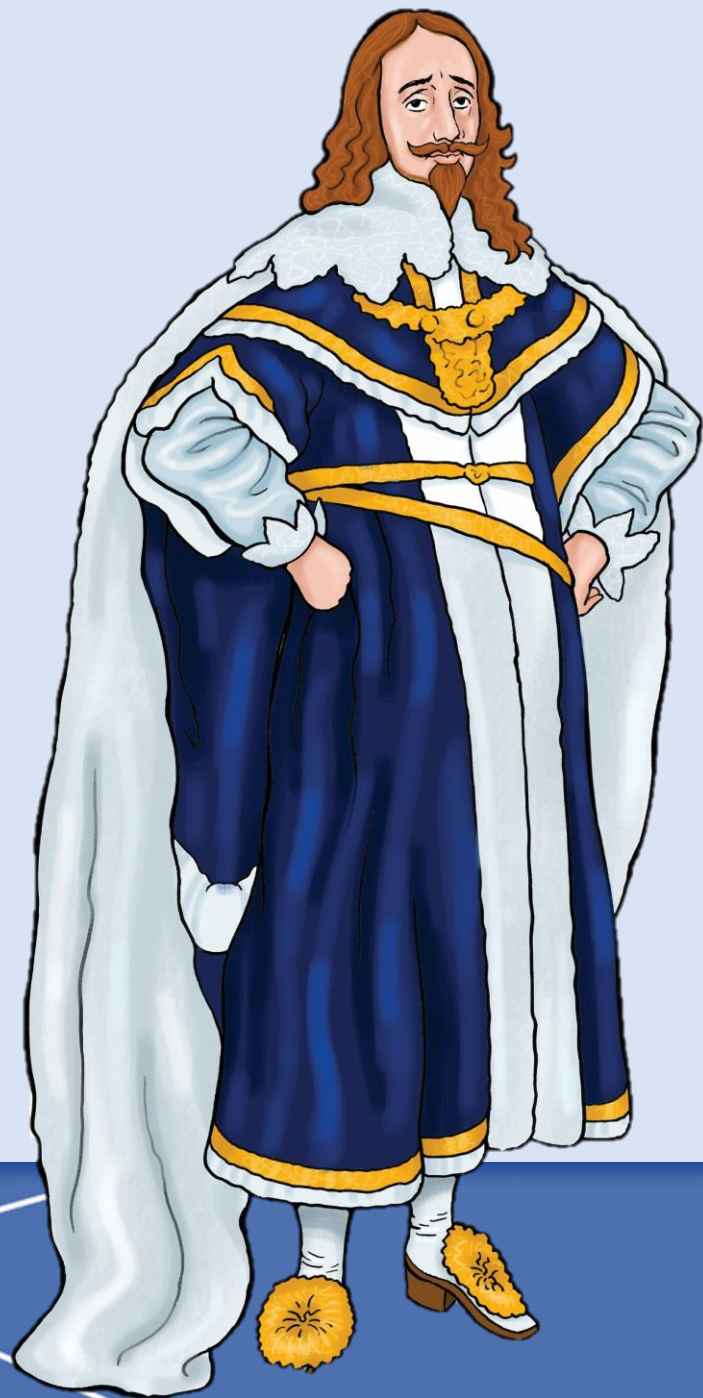


Spies!

Royal Rescue



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Defeat!

The King has lost the First Civil War.

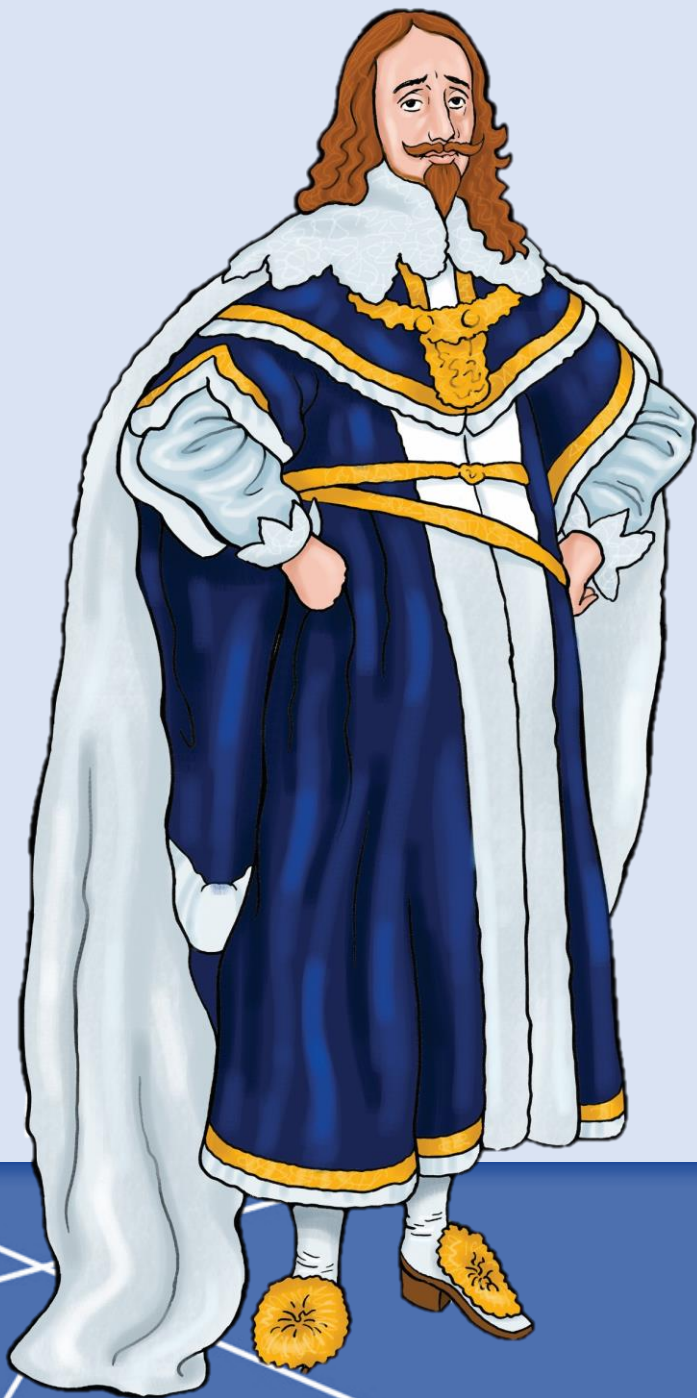
He surrendered to the Scots at Southwell in Nottinghamshire.

He hoped that the Scots would help him, but...

...they sold him to Parliament.



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Escape!

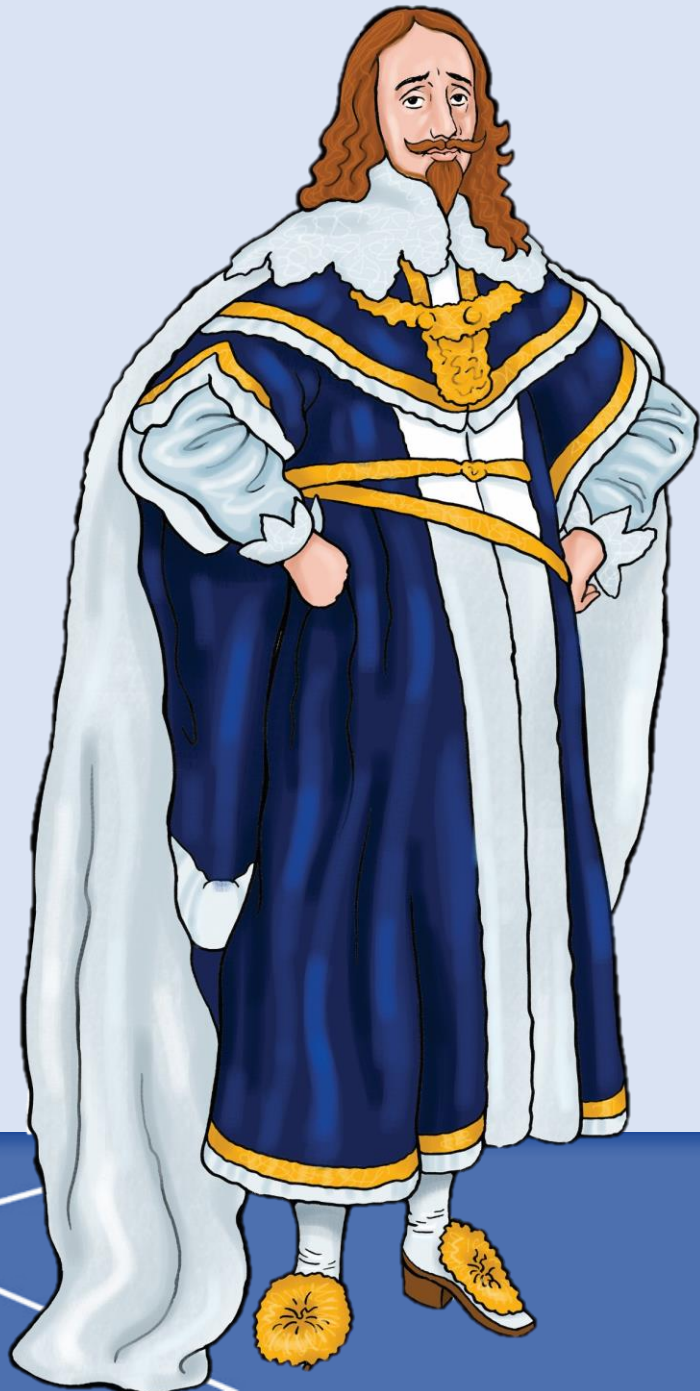
The King escaped from his prison at Hampton Court Palace and ran to Southampton.

He hoped that the governor of the Isle of Wight, Colonel Robert Hammond, would help him.

But Hammond has imprisoned the King at Carisbrooke Castle on the Isle of Wight.



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Spies!

Now the King needs your help.

He needs spies to help him plan an escape.



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What does a spy have to do?

Find out enemy secrets

Smuggle money

Recruit a network of informers

Deliver secret messages

Travel around secretly

**Think
Pair
Share**



During the British Civil Wars, both sides used spies to

Find out
enemy
secrets

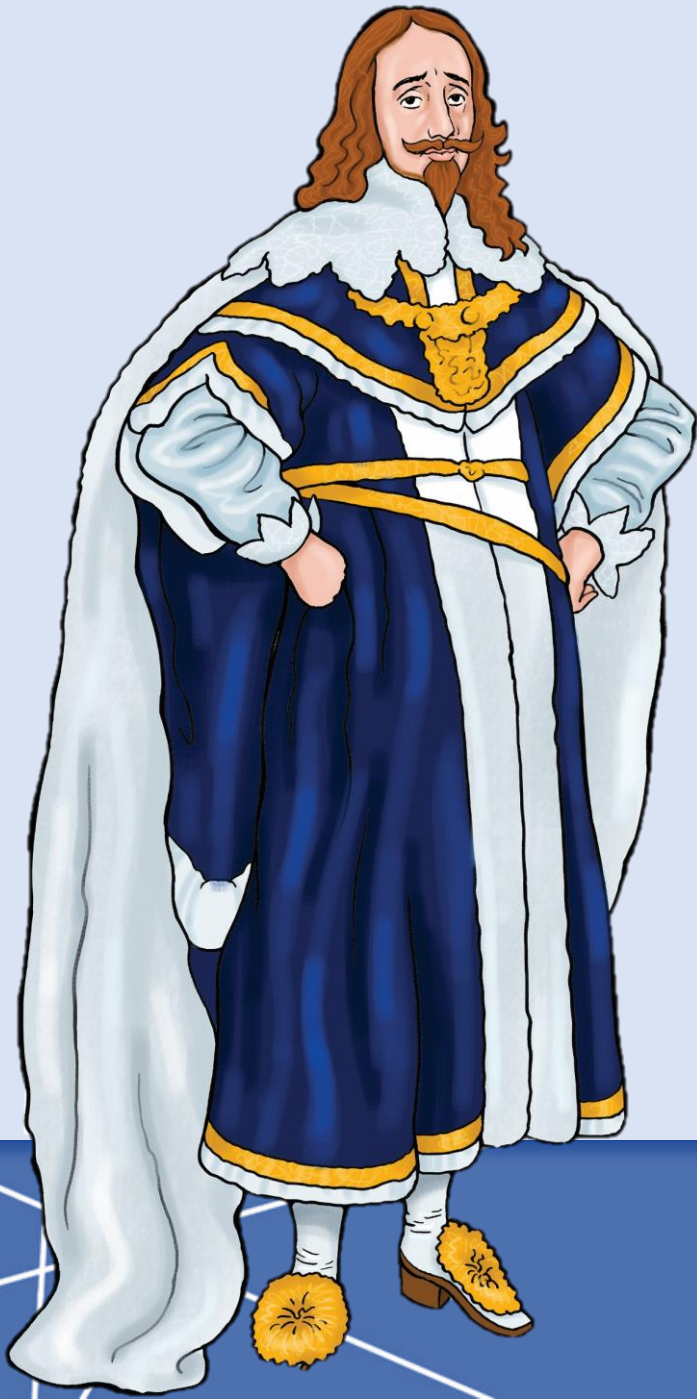
Send secret
messages

Smuggle
money

Spies were a very important part of the effort to win the war.



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Now spies are plotting to help the King escape from prison and find safety abroad.

You are part of the King's spy ring.

Can you come up with an escape plan?

You will need to find the best spies to help you...



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Who would make the best spy?

Read the spy files, fill in the spy selection sheet and make your choice



Click on the person you would like to recruit as a spy.
Find out if your mission will be a success



Women made the best spies! Why do you think this was?

Most people thought women were less important than men so they paid less attention to them. This made women invisible.

Most people thought women could not think clearly and had no ideas of their own. So..

..if a woman was caught and found to be a spy she was usually released not killed.



Some women did jobs like nursing or washing clothes. This meant they travelled widely and had hiding places for money or letters.

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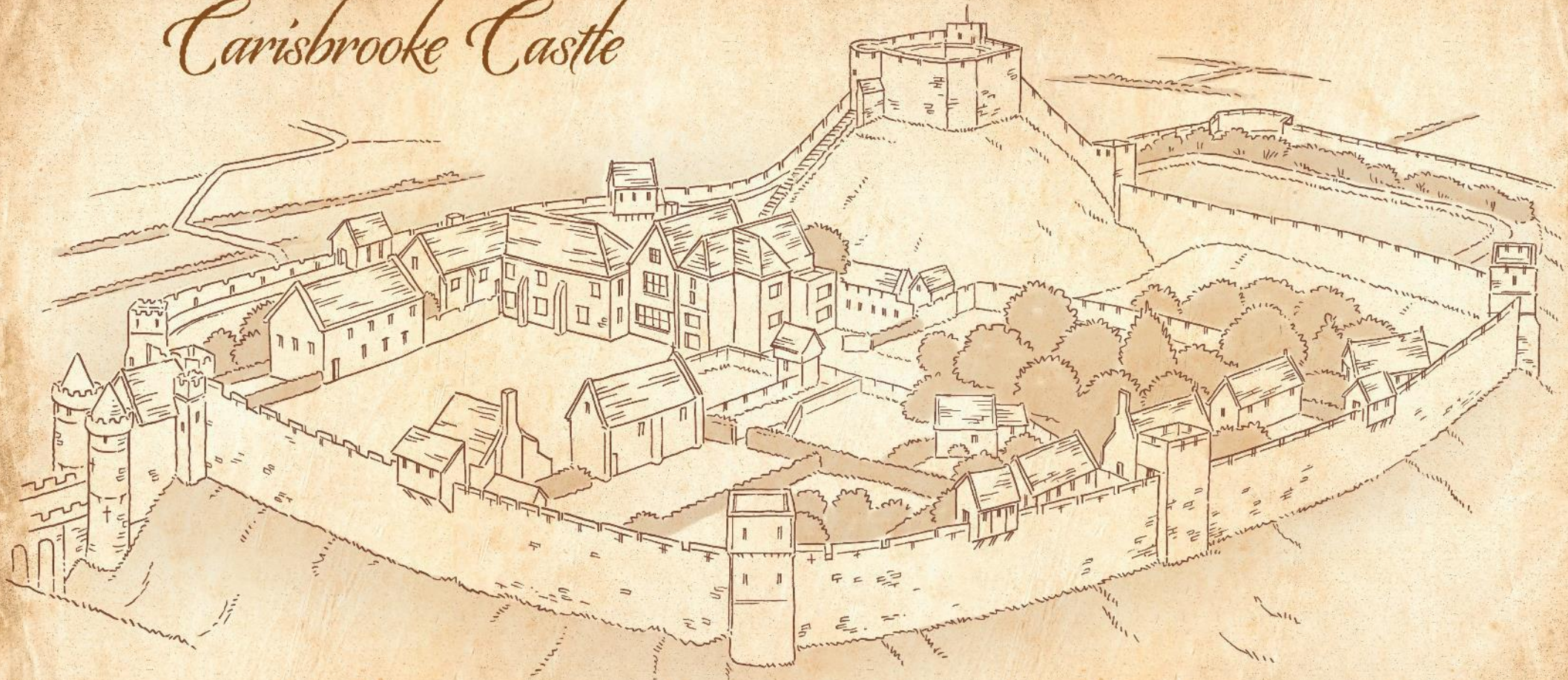
Your spy ring

Jane Whorwood, also known as Agent 409, is an experienced spy.

Elizabeth Wheeler, laundress, is happy to work with her to help.



Carisbrooke Castle



The King is in Prison here, on the Isle of Wight



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Use your plan of the King's prison and the information below to plan his escape!

Some of his 'Grooms of the Bedchamber' are loyal to the king.

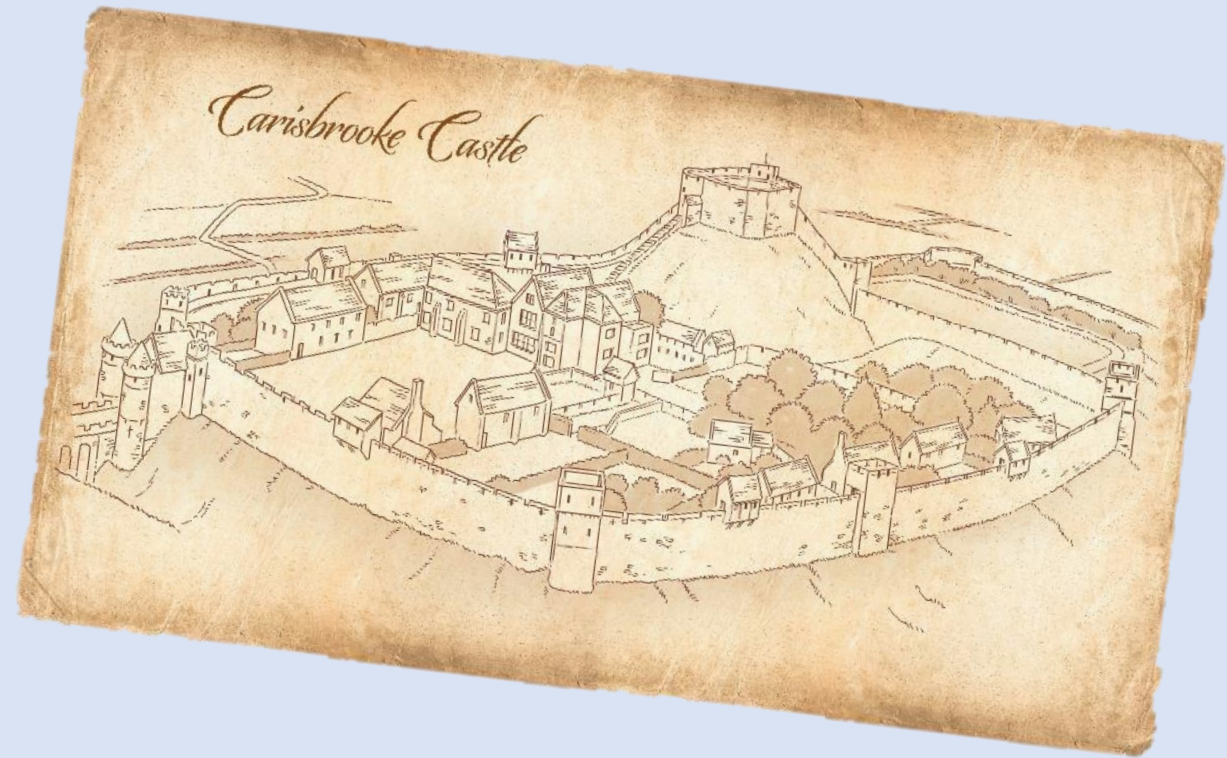
There are bars on the windows of the king's chambers

There are guards by the king's chamber and the castle walls

He is allowed to see a few friends

A bowling green has been built to entertain him

A woman brings him clean clothes every day



Looking for ideas? Read the spy stories on the next slide....



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We went to attack a fort in Nottingham disguised as women. We hid our weapons under our skirts! Our secret plan was overheard by a Parliamentarian spy. We were caught and we had to jump in the river to escape!

I hid gold in barrels of runny, sticky, smelly soap and smuggled it to the king

I swallowed a hollowed out slug bullet containing a message from the King. I sneaked past the Roundhead soldiers who were besieging Newark. When I got inside the town, I drank some medicine that made me poo the message out!

I soaked eggs in vinegar to make the shells soft. Then I pushed messages inside and let them harden again.



Strange Spy Stories

Which of these stories do you think is true?



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We went to attack a fort in Nottingham disguised as women. We hid our weapons under our skirts. Our secret plan was overheard by a Parliamentarian spy. We were caught and we had to go to the river to escape!

I swallowed a slug bullet in which there was a message from the King. I sneaked past the Roundhead soldiers who were besieging Newark. When I got inside the town, I drank some medicine that made me vomit the message out!



All True!



I hid gold in barrels of soap

I soaked eggs in vinegar to make the shells soft. Then I pushed a message inside and let them harden again.



Can you think of an even better plan and rescue the King?



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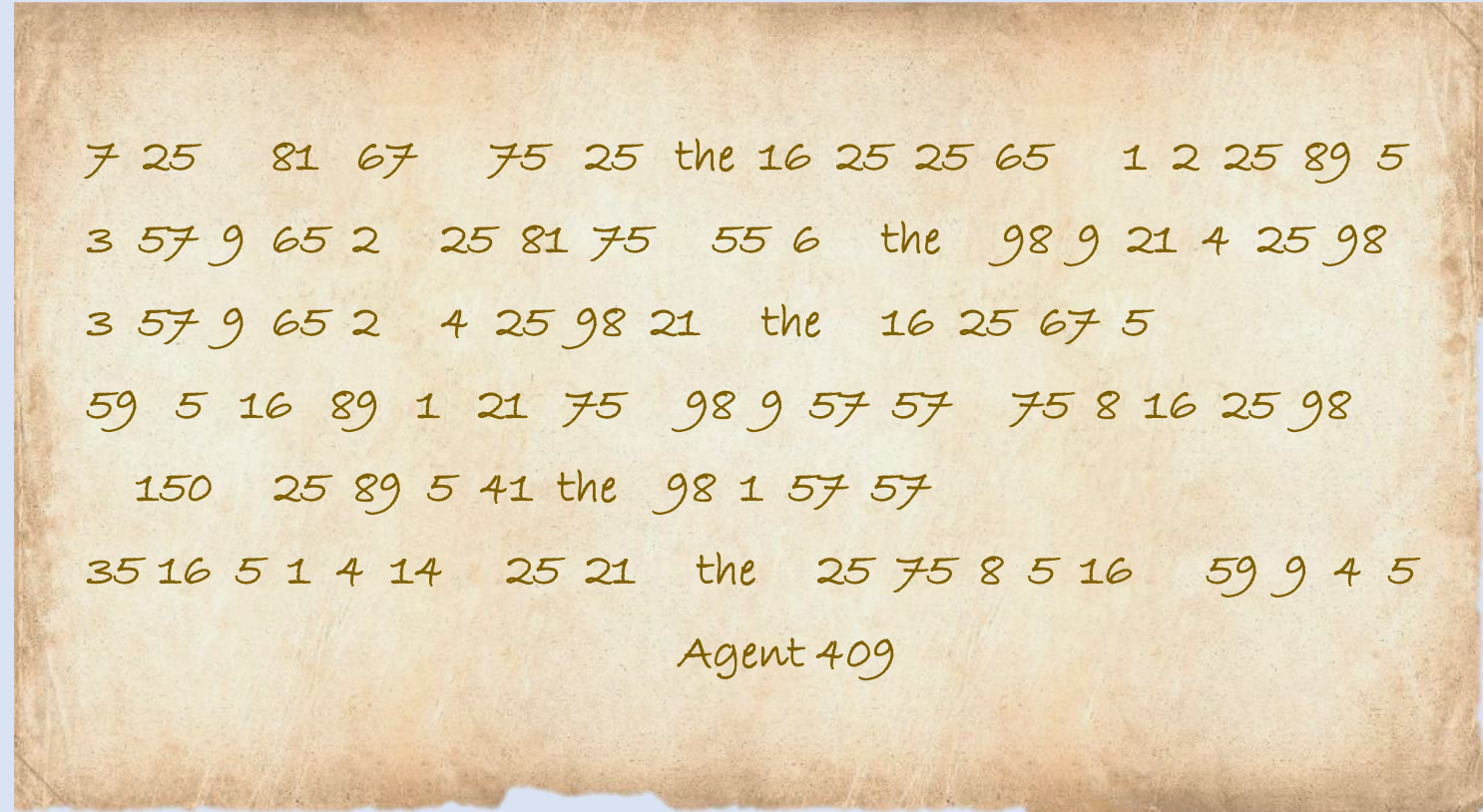
Operation Royal Rescue!

It is time to act!

Jane Whorewood has sent a coded message to explain the escape plan.

Decode the message and find out the plan.

Do you think this plan will work?



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Go up to the room above. Climb out of the window. Climb down the rope. A servant will throw the King over the wall. A horse is ready on the other side

Jane Whorewood

Do you think this plan will work?

What might go wrong?

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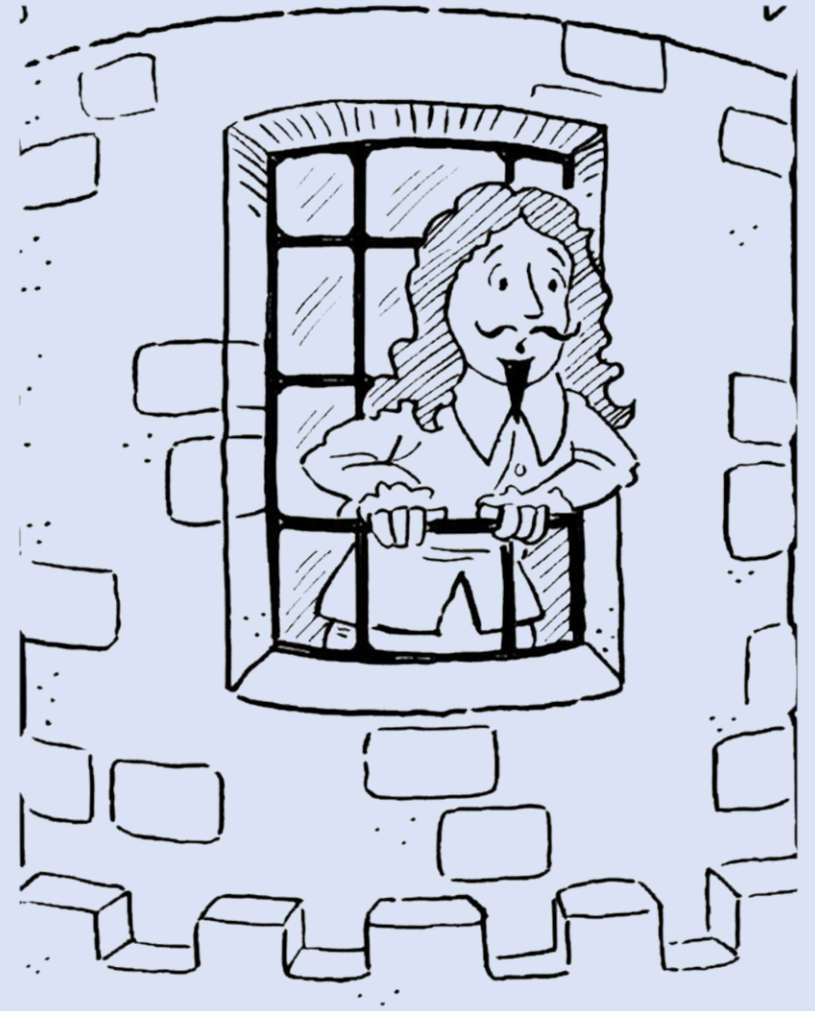
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Stuck!

The King attempted to squeeze out of the window.

He became stuck between the bars.

The escape attempt failed!



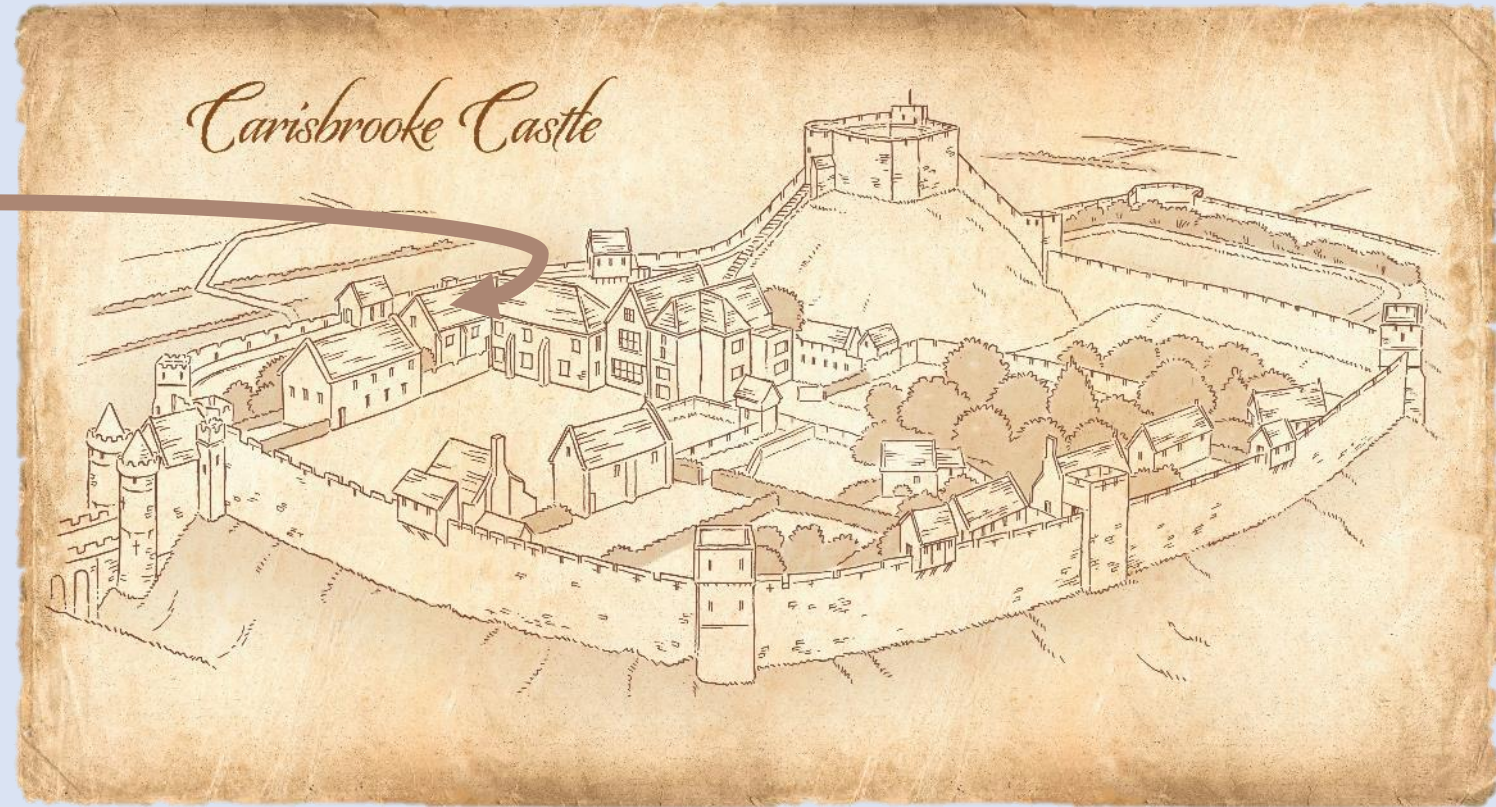
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Try Again!

The King has been moved to a new chamber by the castle wall

Can you come up with a second escape plan?

What will you add to make sure it works this time?

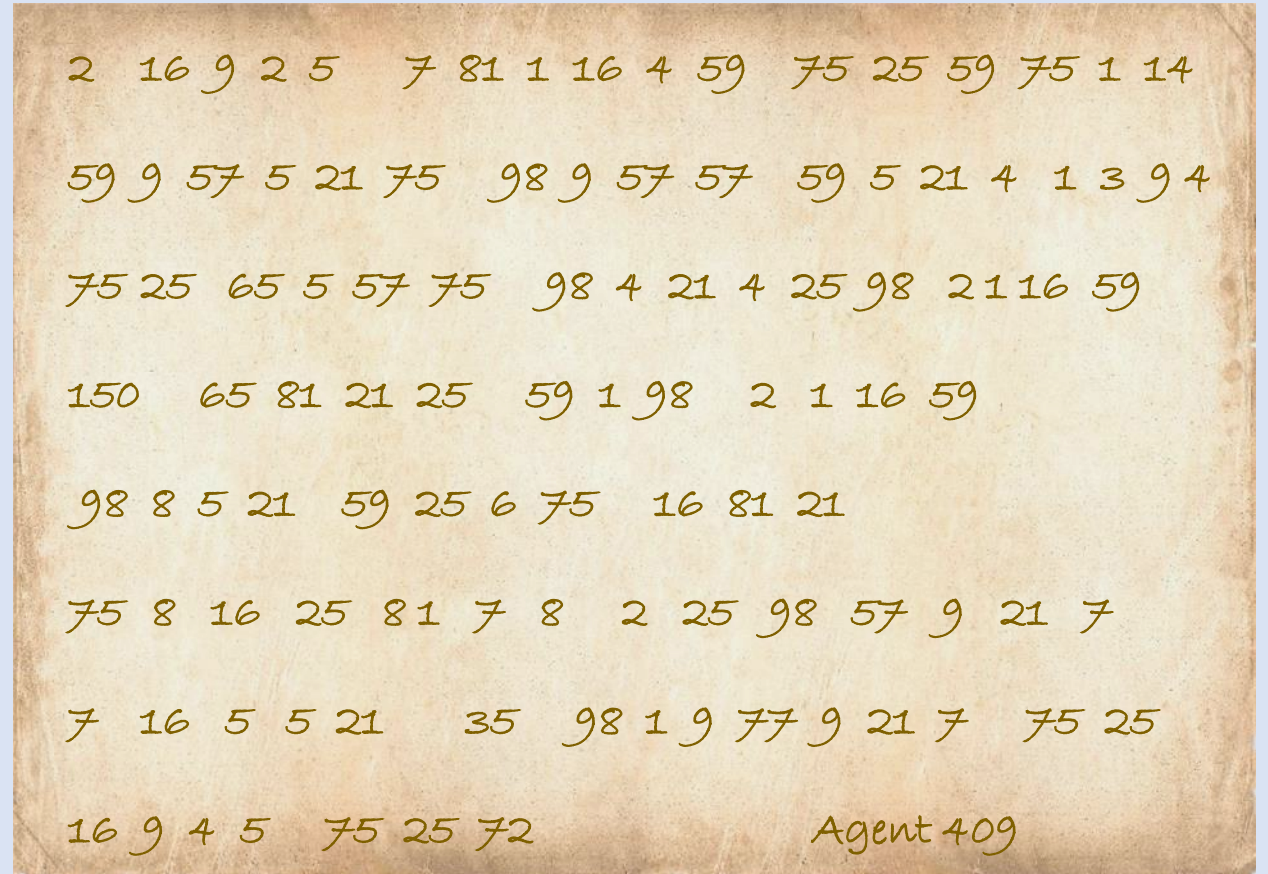


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Try Again!

Agent 409 has sent a second plan.

Use your copy of this letter to decode the plan.



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Try Again!

Here is the second plan.

Do you think it will work?

What problems might there be this time?

Bribe the guards to stay silent.

We will send acid to melt the window bars.

The King must saw the bars when soft

Run through bowling green

Horse waiting to ride to ship



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Failed again!


The King was caught in the act of escaping.

The plan failed.

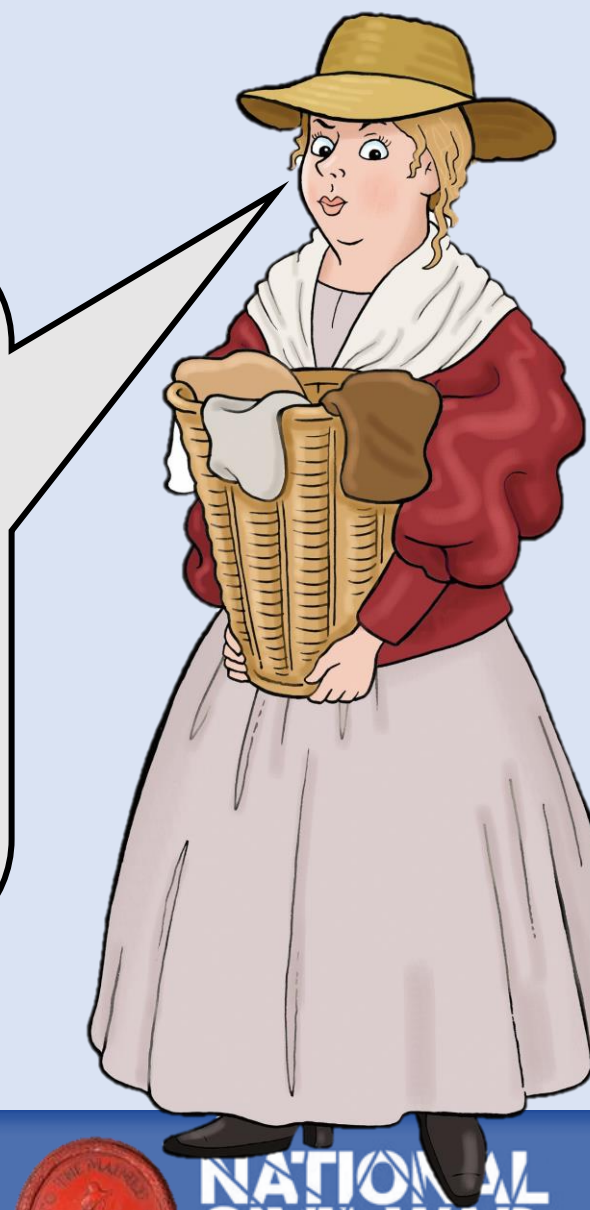
Can you guess how it was discovered?



Failed again!



I consulted William Lilley, an astrologer, to find out if the plan would be lucky. He supplied the acid and the saw. He also told Parliament what we were planning!



The guards we bribed to stay silent when they saw the King trying to escape betrayed us!





Many women, like Jane Whorewood, worked as spies during the British Civil Wars.

Their identities were so secret that very little of their important work was recognised until now.



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Challenge

How many things can you remember about spying during the British Civil Wars?

Write down as many facts as you can in 10 minutes!



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Choose another spy

Elizabeth Wheeler

This capable woman manages a team of laundresses and so she can get close to the king. No one will mind her moving around because travelling is part of her job and think of all the places she can hide important secret things!



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Choose another spy

Nathaniel Drudge

This poor old man might make a good courier. No one would notice him sneaking into a well guarded location. But he won't be able to help you make valuable contacts and organise your plan.



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Choose another spy

Ramshackle Huntinghorn



This rich man would certainly be able to raise money and organise an escape. But a man like this attracts a lot of attention. And do you really think he could keep a secret?



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Choose another spy

Humphrey Atkins



This soldier is a trusted Parliamentarian. It is very brave of you to try and recruit him as a royalist spy. The Roundheads certainly trust him and they might let him near the King. But a man like this will always be noticed..



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Jane Whorwood

Choose another spy

This well born lady is an excellent choice. She is loyal, educated and female. That means she is almost invisible. No one thinks a woman would be thinking up a clever plan and she can travel without attracting suspicion. She is good friends with the King and lots of other rich people so she can organise key parts of the plan and find the money to pay for transport.



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