

L.A. Winners by Philip Prowse**1**

1 (a) Because he had no work. (b) A woman with long dark hair. 2 Because she had seen Lenny's office. She said, 'The best private detectives have secretaries. And the best private detectives don't have dirty, untidy offices.'

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1 He was a bodyguard. His office was next to Lenny's. 2 Lenny was not pleased to see Herman. He owed Herman money. And soon, the dark-haired woman wanted Herman to find her horse. 3 She was afraid. She was looking for the people who had taken The Chief. One of them had told her, 'We're watching you.'

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1 (a) One of them was Sandy. The other was a tall, slim man with dark hair. (b) Sandy hit the man across the face. 2 He was an old man who worked at the ranch. He did not believe Lenny's story because Lenny was wearing a suit. People lie on the ground to watch birds. And they don't wear suits when they lie on the ground.

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1 There was a television camera over the gate. Slim saw Lenny on the screen in his office. 2 Because only racetrack officials, horse owners, trainers, jockeys and the people who took care of horses could go into the stables area on race days.

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1 He had some special keys. They could open many different doors. One of the keys opened the doors of Stable 14. 2 The sentence is, 'There were no doors and no windows in that wall.' That is the clue. There must be a space between the right-hand wall and the outside of the stable. The noise could be coming from there.

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1 Because he did not want Slim to tell the police about the attack. Bad people had The Chief. They were going to kill the horse if anybody told the police about them. 2 Because he wanted to get into the stables area the next day.

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He had gone to Sandy's ranch. She had told him not to go there.

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1 Lenny was not pleased to see Herman. He still owed Herman some money and he could not pay him. 2 If someone bet one dollar on the horse and the horse won the race, that person would win \$50.

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1 He had bet \$20 on Golden Dragon, at 50-to-1. 2 Because Sandy did not know where Golden Dragon was. She had told Lenny that. But Lou worked for Sandy, and he was with Golden Dragon now.

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1 Lou did not know Lenny's real job. Was he a racetrack security man? If the racetrack officials knew about Golden Dragon, there would be trouble. 2 Because the two men were going to kill Sandy if Lou did not help them.

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1 Because there were a lot of cars on the road. The journey to the ranch would take too long on the road. 2 He was Gates' friend.