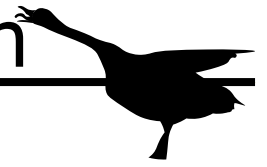


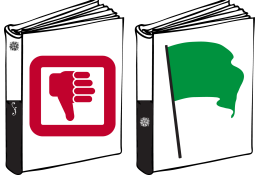
# The Unfortunate Uzzle - Solution



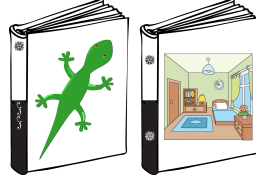
## Goose 1:

This puzzle is based on Lemony Snicket's *A Series of Unfortunate Events*. The 24 images can be combined in order to create the first 12 titles in the series.

The Bad Beginning



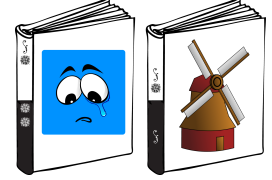
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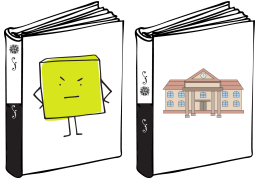
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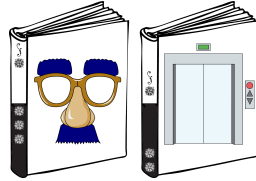
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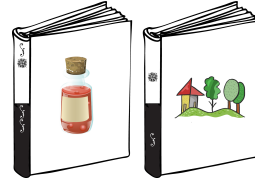
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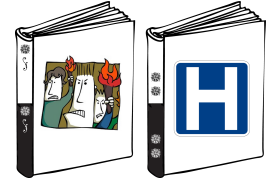
The Ersatz Elevator



The Vile Village



The Hostile Hospital



The Carnivorous Carnival



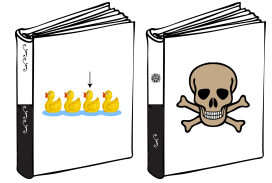
The Slippery Slope



The Grim Grotto



The Penultimate Peril



Joining the spines of the paired books reveals morse code. Each book title contains two characters coded in morse — the black-on-white flourishes and the white-on-black flourishes.

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    D      O      L      L      C      A      R      S      L      E      G      O
  
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The morse code leads us on another adventure! Visit the 5th floor of the Mathematics & Computing building and find the display case containing the Enigma Cup. The final answer is found in the case, along with a plethora of red herrings. What to do? Notice that the **doll** is wearing a necklace that says “Paige” and is pointing to a **page** of an open book (*The Ersatz Elevator* in fact). Next, recognize that there is a **line** of 12 **cars**. Finally, observe that the **word** “one” is spelled using **Lego**. So we have: this page, line 12, and word 1.

**ANSWER: INFLICT**

### Author Notes:

In the first version of this puzzle only 7 of the book titles were used and the spines encoded only one character. When the spines were decoded, it spelled INFLICT. It was rather boring. Then I started to wonder. “What if one of the books actually had the word INFLICT in it? What if we hid a copy of that book somewhere on campus? What if once they found the book they needed to solve another puzzle in order to extract the correct word” Suddenly, we were filling a display case with all kinds of fun toys and random numbers and *The Unfortunate Uzzle* came to life!