LAST TRAIN TO BLACKTHORN

Optional help - read one hint at a time

HINT 1 / START WITH THE REGISTER

Felix is in 4. Evelyn has a lower number and cannot be next to Felix, so she can only be in 1 or 2.

HINT 2 / TRY THE POSSIBILITIES

If Evelyn were in 2, only 1 and 3 would remain for Grace and Hugh. Those are not neighbouring compartments. Reject that possibility.

HINT 3 / FOLLOW THE SLIP

Evelyn must be in 1. Look up compartment 1 on Player B's slips, then translate its symbol using Player A's station key.

HINT 4 / REPAIR THE MESSAGE

Reverse the letters in each word separately. GNITIAW becomes WAITING; TSAE becomes EAST. Do not reverse the order of the words.

HINT 5 / EXPLAIN THE DELAY

The decoded message explains the missed train. Player A's facilities guide explains why the bridge closure prevented Evelyn returning to the platform. Player B's last confirmation tells you she is still at that waiting place.

BEFORE READING THE SOLUTION

Write down all four compartment assignments, the station, the room and the reason. A correct guess without supporting evidence is not a complete investigation.