

ACTIVITY BOOKLET



BELFORT & LUPIN

FOR AGES
6-12



THE CASE OF THE SHOE

Join Belfort, the Sun King's favorite spaniel,
and his friend Lupin, the garden wolf,
on an investigation in the heart of the Palace of Versailles!



Based on the series
available on



CHÂTEAU DE VERSAILLES

WELCOME TO VERSAILLES!

This vast palace and its gardens were originally built in the 17th century by King Louis XIII, but it was his son Louis XIV, also known as the Sun King, who expanded and transformed it. Several generations of French kings and queens lived here, surrounded by their immense Court... and their pets!

PANIC AT THE PALACE!

What a disaster, my dear Lupin! One of My-Master-Louis' favorite shoes has disappeared... We think an animal is responsible, but no one knows which one... The king is threatening to ban all animals from Versailles!

THE SUSPECTS



Diane



Mme Rosa



Sita



Gazette



Ariane



Chico



Mmes Dubec & Debuc



Chevalier



Sergio



Norevitch



Tane & Ponne



Richard de Stunningmane

This doesn't smell good at all. We'll have to investigate quickly to clear the animals' names! Good news, _____
(write your name)

Let's begin our investigation in the Hercules Room.
Onward, my dear Lupin!

THE HERCULES ROOM



My dear Lupin, My-Master-Louis is passionate about ancient mythology! At Versailles, you can see it in the names and decorations of the rooms. Look up at this enormous ceiling painting—480 m²! It's one of the largest painted ceilings in the world! Created by painter François Lemoyne in just 3 years, it shows Hercules ascending to Olympus after completing his 12 labors.



Fascinating... Hey! There's Gazette! Maybe she knows something?

Psst, friends! I don't know who stole the king's shoe, but I can help. Look at the ceiling. One of these four fragments doesn't appear up there. It's the portrait of an innocent animal. Which one?



The Mares
of Diomedes



The elephant
of Portugal



Cerberus, the
three-headed dog



The fur of the
Nemean Lion

Oh great, they waxed the floor again...

My dear Lupin, we can cross this animal
off the suspect list.



THE VENUS ROOM



Here we are in the room dedicated to Venus, the goddess of Love. During the apartment evenings hosted by My-Master-Louis, this is where refreshments are served to guests. Look, Lupin! This marble statue represents him dressed as a Roman emperor. My master is magnificent, isn't he?



Hey! What are those ostriches doing here?!



Observe the king's statue.
The real animal on the king's helmet is innocent.



The Rabbit



The lion



The dragon



Thanks! You're a owlsome!

We are not owls! We are ostriches,
thank you very much!



THE MERCURY ROOM



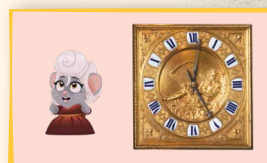
Look at this clock... When it strikes the hour, the figures on it move: it's an automaton clock. The king's schedule, very precise and strictly timed, follows a series of rituals and appointments called Etiquette. In the morning, the king rises, surrounded by the Court. He attends mass, then the Minister's Council. In the afternoon, after lunch, he walks through the gardens and sometimes attends evening events in the State Apartments.



Uh, Belfort, your mom is coming!
I'd better hide!



Belfort? The king is furious about the missing shoe. The entire Court is hopping on one foot to imitate him... Time is running out, my son. Find the correct clock face to reveal another innocent animal.



We're making progress, my dear Lupin!



We're top-notch detectives!

THE APOLLO ROOM



My dear Lupin, we are now in My-Master-Louis' Throne Room. During the day, this is where he receives important ambassadors. At night, during apartment evenings, the room becomes a ballroom! The grand portrait, painted by Hyacinthe Rigaud in 1701, shows Louis XIV in his coronation robes, surrounded by symbols of royal power. On the ceiling, you can see Apollo, god of the Sun, arts, and light-whom My-Master-Louis identifies with.

Ah, now I understand why they call him the Sun King... Hey, who's that big cat over there?



My name is Sita. I'm visiting with the ambassadors of the King of Siam. Here's what I can tell you about the case... Observe the king's portrait, find the three royal symbols, and write down the letters to reveal the name of an innocent animal.

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Another suspect eliminated, bravo!

Let's keep going!



THE HALL OF MIRRORS



73 meters long, 10.5 meters wide, 357 mirrors. I know, I counted!
Before it was enclosed, the Hall of Mirrors was a vast open terrace overlooking the gardens. Every day, members of the Court come here hoping to meet the king... It's also the place for major receptions and balls. It's the party room, if you prefer.



And these animals checking themselves out in the mirrors... Is that normal?



Look at their reflections! Only one is perfectly accurate. That's the reflection of an innocent animal.




Hey, looks like Chico, the wacky flamingo, has another clue for us...



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THE KING'S BEDCHAMBER



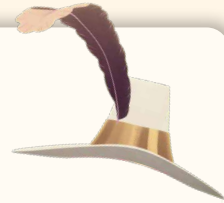
A golden bed, a golden barrier, a golden ceiling...
Let me guess... We are in the bedroom of your beloved
My-Master-Louis?

Exactly, my dear Lupin. Comfy, isn't it?
Every morning and evening, the Court gathers here to witness
the king's waking and sleeping. These are two grand spectacles
called the "getting up" and "going-to-bed" Ceremonies.



In case you hadn't noticed, some of us are trying
to nap here. Obviously, you won't get anywhere without
my superior brain, so I'll help you clear two animals.

*They are very light.
Used sometimes for writing.
Often found on hats.
Decorate the top of this bed.
The animals who have them can't fly.*



O _____

F _____

Wonderful! A big thank you, Ariane!

Yeah, thanks, cat.



THE QUEEN'S BEDCHAMBER



This bedroom is the main room in the queen's apartment. Like the king, she wakes up each morning, washes, and dresses with the help of her servants and in the presence of court ladies. It's also where she rests, receives guests... and gives birth to royal children—in public!



So much for privacy... Hey, there's the grumpy parrot! Maybe he saw something?



You don't belong here, in my mistress the queen's bedroom! I'll say only this: decode this message, then scam! Shoo!



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Thank you, Monsieur Chevalier.

I can't stand this floor...



THE ROYAL TABLE ANTECHAMBER



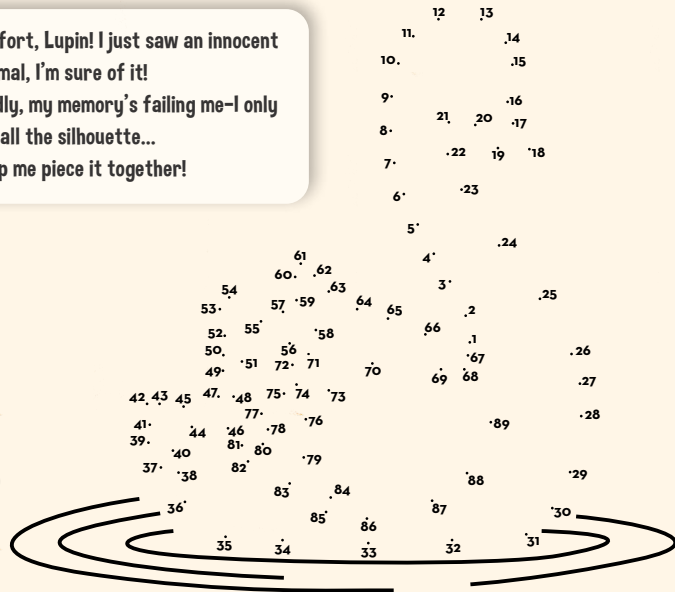
Almost every evening, My-Master-Louis and the royal family dine in this room. A crowd of courtiers and courtesans stands silently around them to watch them eat. This ritual is called the Great Dining.



Great Dining... now I'm getting a hungry. Hey! Isn't that Madame Rosa's trunk peeking out the window?



Belfort, Lupin! I just saw an innocent animal, I'm sure of it! Sadly, my memory's failing me—I only recall the silhouette... Help me piece it together!



Thank you, Madame Rosa! We're nearly there!

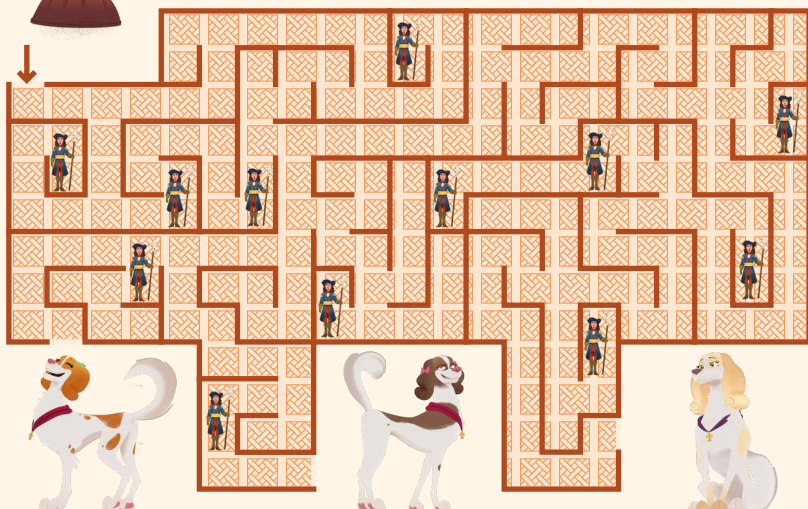
I thought elephants had amazing memories. That makes you one of a kind.



THE QUEEN'S GUARD ROOM

In this room stand day and night 12 bodyguards.
They stand watch at the doors and escort the royal family
during travels. Goodness, they've spotted us!

Follow me! I'll guide you to the exit while avoiding the guards.
At the end of the path, we'll find one last innocent animal.



We've cleared all the suspects, Belfort! Now we can figure
out who took the king's shoe!

Tane and Ponne again! Your sisters are always causing
trouble, Belfort. But I can't blame them this time...
Shoes are just so yummy to chew!

Yuck! Come, Lupin! Let's return the shoe to My-Master-Louis
so no animal gets banished from Versailles!

EXTEND THE ADVENTURE WITH YOUR FAMILY!

Are you more of a Belfort or a Lupin?

More like Belfort? You enjoyed visiting the Palace, the Grand Apartments, and the gilded Hall of Mirrors.

More like Lupin? You want to head back into the groves, continue your visit to the gardens and the Trianon Estate!

To discover different parts of the Estate, download the audio guide and the kids' tours on the Palace of Versailles mobile app.

Thanks to the children's activity 'Versailles with Family, It's a Piece of Cake' or the guided tour 'The King's Private Apartments', explore the lesser-known areas of the Estate—normally closed to visitors—with a museum guide.



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ANSWERS:
Page 2: The elephant of Portugal, ROSA
Page 3: The Lion, RICHARD DE STUNNINGMANE
Page 4: Correct clock face GAZETTE
Page 5: Lily, Sceptre, Crown, SERGIO
Page 6: CHEVALIER, 'I am inozent', CHICO
Page 7: Ostrich Featherers, MEX, DUBEC & DEBUC
Page 8: Felines are innocent, SITA and ARIANE
Page 9: A swan, NOUREVITCH
Page 10: Correct path DIANE
Page 11: Gazette appears 9 times
(Including the one below)
Solution: TANE & PONNE are responsible

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