



Greetings Scavenger Hunters. Welcome to Norwescon 43's Princess Bride Scavenger Hunt.

Over the course of the next few days, you will be accepting the role of a humble circus performer. As you may recall, Vezzini masqueraded his band of kidnapers as poor, lost circus folk before absconding with Princess Buttercup.

Unfortunately, innocent circusfolk like yourself are being hunted by the royal guardsmen, so you need to act quickly to avoid the guards, clear your name, and get a bit of sweet petty revenge against that dastardly Prince Humperdinck.

Below, you'll find your list of tasks to accomplish, as well as a schedule for when you can meet with various characters in the world of Florin to help you accomplish your goals. (Plus there are a few bonus clues hidden along the way.)

As you fulfill each task, you'll receive one of seven code phrases. Collect all seven and bring them to the Scavenger Hunt wrap-up panel on Sunday to achieve victory and complete your quest.

Tasks:

- Appease the shrieking eels.
- Join the Cute Squad.
- Assist Pirate Marta.
- Comfort Princess Buttercup.
- Defeat Vezzini at the cups.
- Present proof of the ROUS's innocence to the ROUS agent.
- Deliver the proper ingredients to Miracle Max for Westley's miracle pill.

Schedule

In the Princess Bride Scavenger Hunt Booth, at set times you will have the chance to interact with our cast of characters and complete your tasks.

THURSDAY AT 8 PM

- The Shrieking Eels
- The Cute Squad
- Pirate Marta

FRIDAY AT 7 PM

- Princess Buttercup
- The Shrieking Eels
- Crone Catch-up
- Organizer Glenn (in case you need help with either of the puzzles included in this packet)

SATURDAY AT 10 AM

- Vezzini
- ROUS Agent
- Miracle Max
- The NORacle
- Crone Catch-up

Please note the two Crone Catch-up schedulings! If you cannot attend the Thursday session, you can visit with the Crones on Friday for a catch-up on what you missed. Similarly, if you cannot attend the Friday session, you can visit with the Crones on Saturday for a catch-up on what you missed. (If you miss the Saturday session, we will reveal the final puzzle's solution at the Sunday wrap-up panel!)

Puzzle #1

Oh no! Miracle Max needs your help to whittle down this list of forty potential ingredients for Westley's miracle pill! Can you follow the instructions and cross off words in the diagram? When you are finished, you'll have the three ingredients Miracle Max needs! Some words may be eliminated by more than one of the instructions.

- 1. Cross out any ingredients with a double letter (meaning two M's like HAMMER, not like MEMO).*
- 2. Cross out any ingredients with a V or an X in the name.*
- 3. Cross out every ingredient in Row 4.*
- 4. Cross out any ingredient with fewer than three different vowels (A, E, I, O, or U).*
- 5. Cross out any ingredient that DOESN'T share at least three letters with the name WESTLEY.*

VERVAIN	ROSEMARY	MUGWORT	GUANO
BISTORT	ANISE	MYRRH	HENBANE
PEPPERMINT	MACE	NIGHTSHADE	CRICKETS
DATURA	BUCKTHORN	SPIDERSPIT	OLEANDER
PLANTAIN	TOADFLAX	LAVENDER	MAYWEED
SKULLDUST	COWSLIP	GINGER	HOLLY
BORAGE	OSHA-ROOT	LINDEN	FOXGLOVE
CHAMOMILE	MUSTARDSEED	WOLFSBANE	BLIND-WORM
FENNEL	ADDERFORK	HOUNDSTOOTH	NETTLE
THYME	FROG-TOE	COHOSH	BETLEWING

Puzzle #2

The ROUS Case

A brigand, a drifter, and an ROUS were all apprehended in the Fire Swamp after a guardsman searching for the princess went missing. Each was found with a different bit of evidence from the guardsman (his sword, his family crest, and a wound from a crossbow bolt). And remember, a wounded person or ROUS would travel slower than a healthy one.

Each suspect was found a different distance away from the last known sighting of the guardsman (2 miles, 3 miles, or 4 miles) and had a different excuse for not committing the crime ("I was stuck in the lightning sand," "I was cooking over a fire spurt," or "Grrrrrrr snarl grakkkk").

Using the evidence below, can you figure out which suspect had what evidence, what their excuse was, and how far away they were found? Most importantly, can you prove or refute the ROUS's innocence from the evidence provided?

- *The family crest, found near the lightning sand, was closest to the guardsman's last known location.*
- *The sword was discovered being used as a spit over the fire spurt, which was searched before the ROUS was found.*
- *The third clue for this case can be obtained from the Cute Squad agent.*