

Hidden Treasure's



The Solution

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*Thank you and I hope you
enjoyed this hunt as much as
I enjoyed making it!!*

Clue 1 - Colchester Castle



The poppies in the image are to represent the fact Colchester is an army town and hints at the war memorial which stands at the gates of the Park.

(1) These are the swords from the Flag of Essex which is the county. There is holly (2) in the tress to represent the Hollytrees museum next to the castle.

The cricket stumps and ball (3) represents Essex cricket ground which is in the lower part of the park.

Roman numerals (1066) (4) hints at the fact it was a roman castle before becoming a Norman keep under the orders of William the Conqueror.

(5) The weather vane which is on top of the castle, is to confirm you have the correct location.

The cannon and egg (6) represent Humpty dumpty which along with twinkle twinkle little star (7) are reputed to be from Colchester.

The Poem and Riddle

Through rebellion and revolts,
This references Boudicca's revolt and the Siege of Colchester when
the English Civil War was reignited in areas of Britain.
a place to retreat.

It was used as a retreat from a major fire and wars.

Tales of war and smoke,
This again hints at the Boudican revolt and the great fire of
Colchester in which most of the Roman town was burned down.

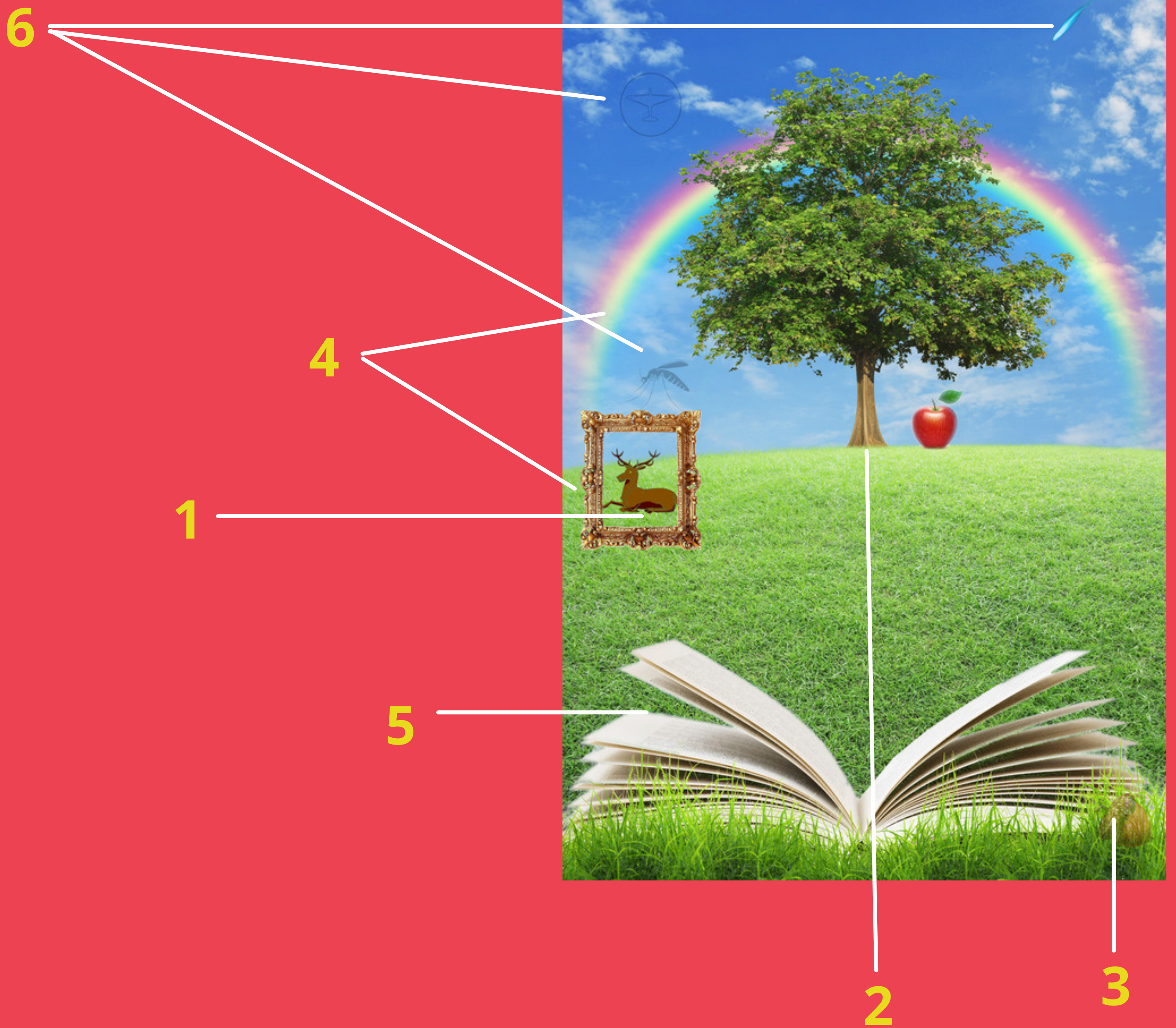
Old treasures, I keep.

The castle is home to many historic items and some of the most
important finds in Britain. I used the word 'keep' to again hint at
the fact it was a Norman keep not just a castle.

Using the Ceaser cipher and the
12 coins as the key, the letters spell out
'Largest in Europe, but not in England'.

This refers to the fact Colchester castle is the largest
Norman keep in Europe but not the largest castle in
England.

Clue 2 - Hatfield House



The stag (1) is from the flag of Hertfordshire, This is the county which Hatfield is in.

The tree (2) is in reference to the Queens Oak which Princess Elizabeth was sitting under in 1558 when she learnt of her succession to the throne. The acorn (3) confirms its an oak tree.

The rainbow and frame (4) represent the Rainbow Portrait of Queen Elizabeth I which is in the house.

The book (5) is hinting at the 10,000 volume library on site and the Princess was reading a book under the tree when she learnt of her succession to the thone.

The plane, comet, and mosquito (6) in the sky are in reference to the De Havailand aviation links of the area.

There are many roads in Hatfield named such as De Havilland Close, Comet Way, and Aviation Avenue.

I added the apple to represent the apple orchard on site but also as a slight red herring as you may have thought it was an apple tree not an oak.

The Poem and Riddle

A beautiful place,

Hatfield House is beautiful and lovingly preserved.

in one of the new.

**Hatfield is one of the new towns planned after the war,
under The New Towns Act 1946.**

A childhood space,

**The house was home to Henry VIII children, Elizabeth I, Mary,
and Edward.**

for a rosy few.

**This is to reference the link to the Tudors whose symbol was
the Tudor Rose.**

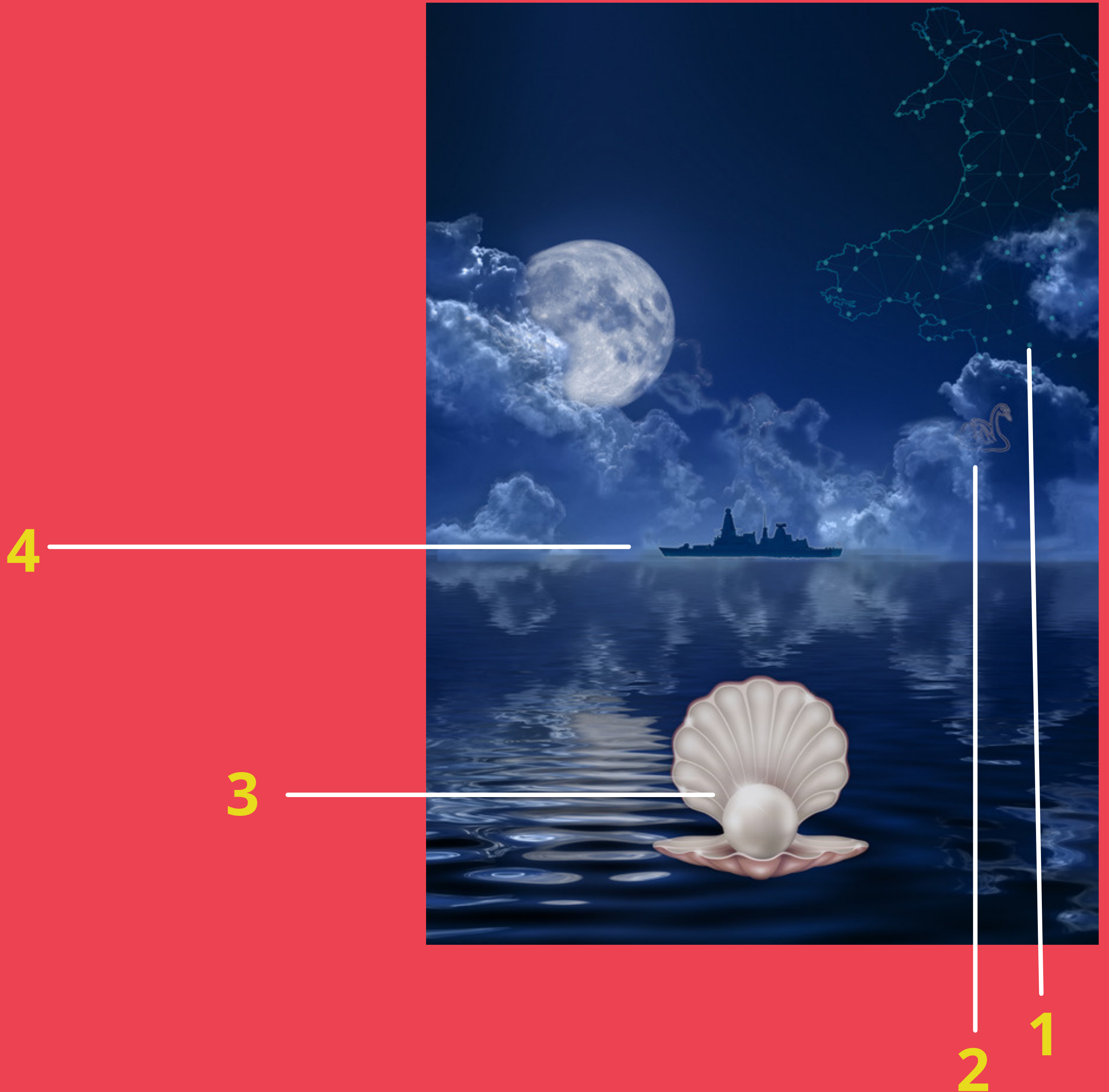
The colored letters are laid over a Tudor rose and spell out

'Palace or Prison'

**PALACE being the red letters OR being yellow and PRISON being
blue.**

**This an extra clue to hint at the fact the old palace is where
Elizabeth was imprisoned when Mary took the throne.**

Clue 3 - Oystermouth Castle



This image like the 1st also reveals a castle which is highlighting the fact a 'castle' is important in the hunt! The nighttime theme and ghostly clouds are in reference to the ghost which haunts the castle, the sea is in reference to the bay which the castle overlooks.

The shape of wales (1) is in the sky and the stars are in correlation to the towns and cities this and the swan (2) told you to look in Wales towards Swansea and its bay..

(3) The pearl is in the mouth of the oyster which represents the landmark (Oystermouth).

(4) There is a royal navy ship named after the castle, I put this in as a confirmer but also to lead you down a nautical rabbit hole.

The Poem and Riddle

With the mile below,

This is a reference to the mumbles mile which is below the castle.

and a distant blaze aglow.

The blaze is the lighthouse in the bay, which you see from the castle.

Discover the ghostly tail,

This is in reference to the ghost of the white lady who haunts the castle. I used the spelling of tail instead of tale to hint at the white lady cocktail.

but don't be tempted by the ale.

Again in reference to the mumbles mile being a popular drinking spot.

The numbers are a simple number to letter cipher, this alone means nothing but reversing the alphabet reveals the extra clue.

(This is hinted at by the reflection and mirror image of the clouds in the sea.)

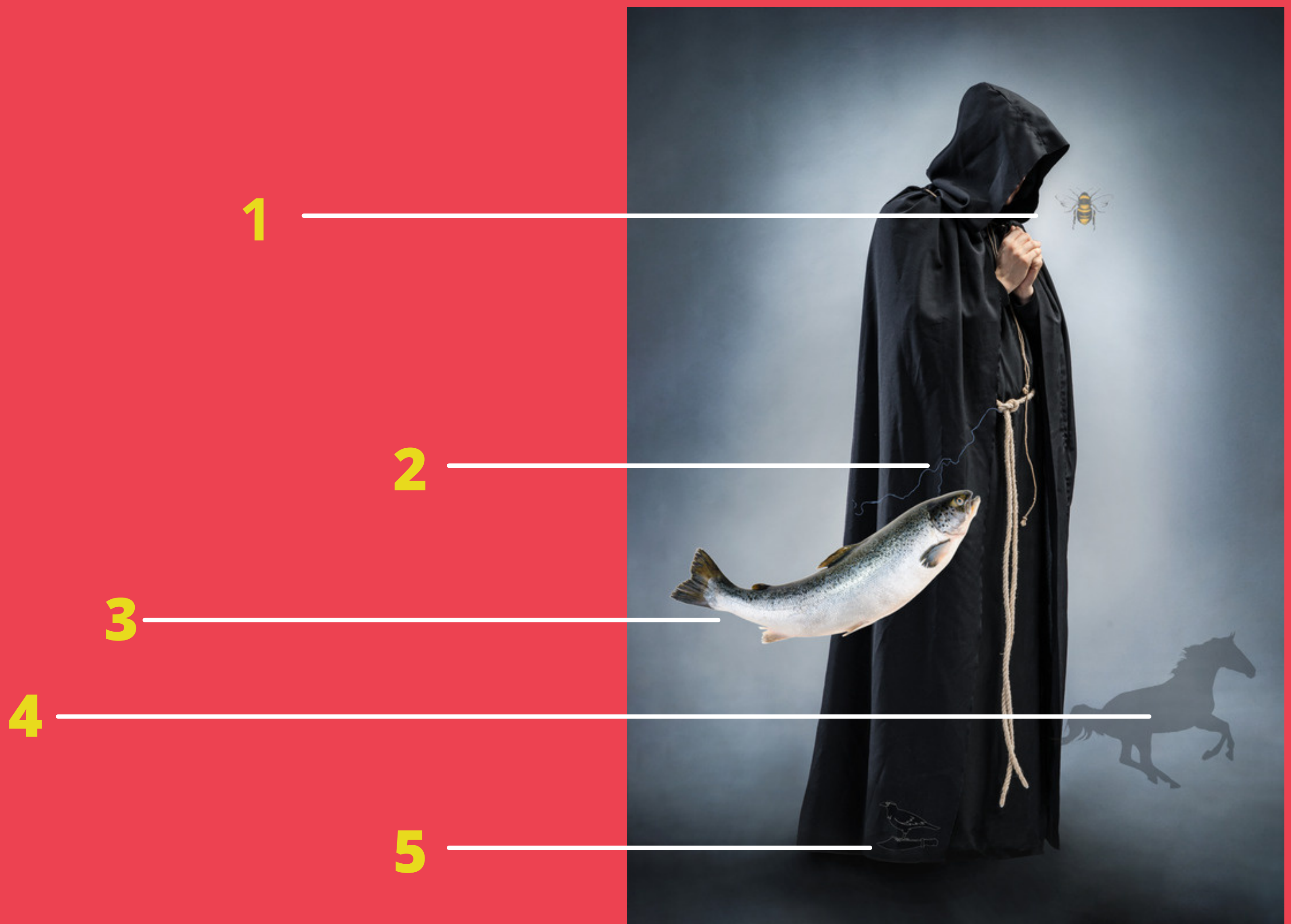
(ie - 26 = Z = A)

'A drink of spirits'

This references the ghost and the fact the white lady cocktail is made with a spirit.

I don't know if this helped or not?

Clue 4 - Kelso Abbey



The monk represents the monks who built the abbey, the bee (1) is hinting that's its an abbey and not a church, temple, or cathedral. (A Bee = Abbey)

The town lies where the river Tweed and Tivoit meet (2) shows the rivers, which is also famous for its salmon fishing (3).

The horse shadow (4) represents the racetrack that makes Kelso famous and is close to the Abbey.

(5) The raven is a hint to Anne Boleyn, who was executed at Tower London, It is said that the kingdom and the Tower of London will fall if the six resident ravens ever leave the fortress.

The Poem and Riddle

**A place of peace,
An abbey is a place of peace.
wreaked by a wooing.**

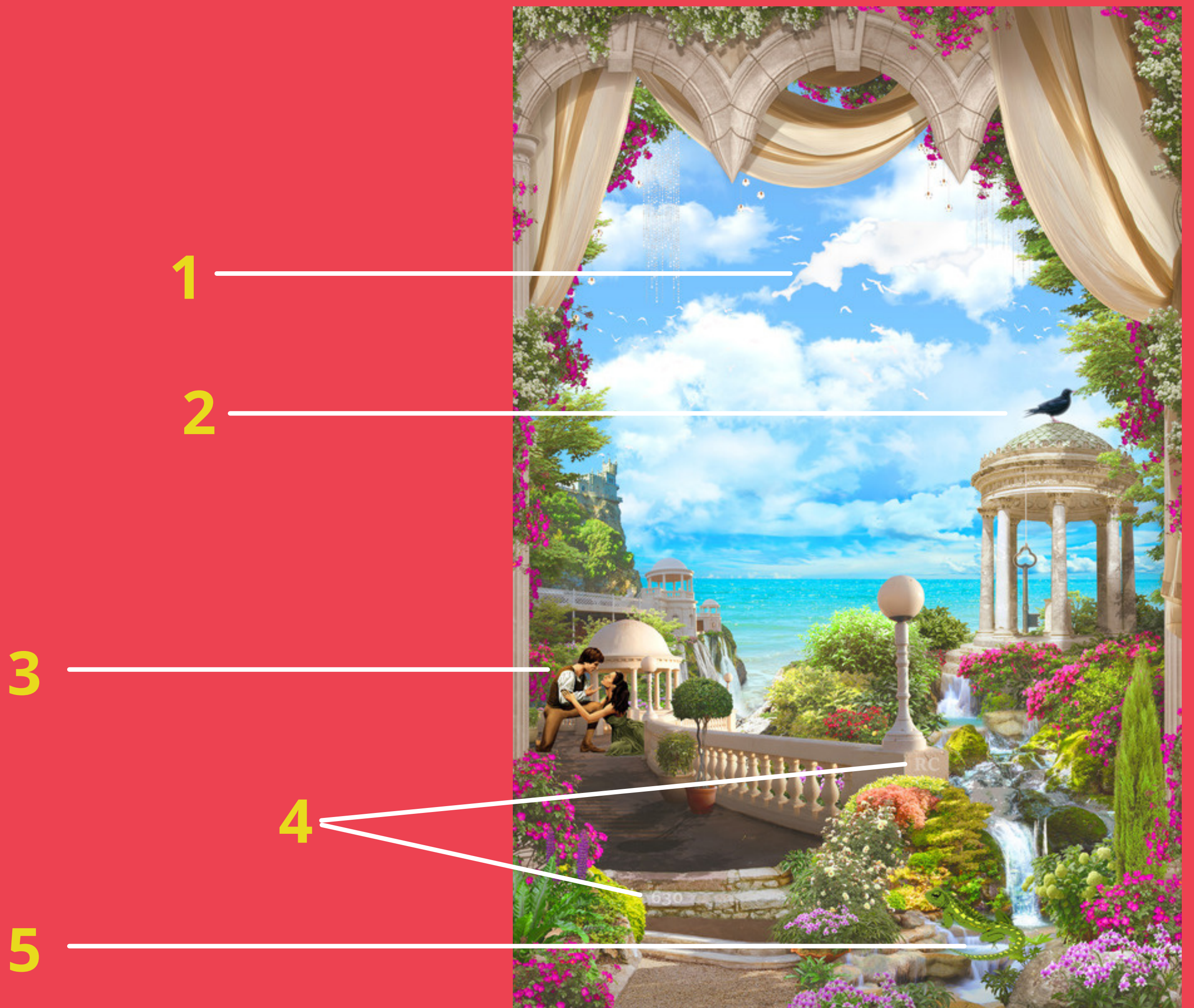
**The Abbey was damaged and declared
derelict after a war between England and Scotland
known as the Rough Wooing.**

**Where waters meet,
Kelso is where the rivers Tweed and Teviot meet.
one of four worth viewing.**

**The abbey is one of four along the long-distance footpath
called The Borders Abbeys Way. The others are Jedburgh,
Melrose, and Dryburgh.**

**The golden letters form an anagram revealing 'By way of the
great' This is in reference
to the great North Road which was the main highway linking
London to Edinburgh.
If you follow this road past Hatfield it leads
towards Kelso.**

Clue 5 - Minack Theater



The image shows the sea which tells you the location is overlooking the sea, the seagulls in the sky also hint to this. The shape of Cornwall is in the clouds telling you where to look. (1)

The bird (2) is the red-billed chough, also known as a Cornish chough.

The couple (3) are Romeo & Juliet, hinting to the theatre which was built to stage a Shakespeare play.

The 630 (4) carved in the steps is a hint to the South West Coast Path which is 630 miles long and runs past the theatre. The RC (4) carved into the stone are the initials of Rowena Cade, the lady who carved the theatre. I made these look like they were 'carved in stone' to confirm when you had the right location.

I added the lizard (5) to this image as Lizard's Point is also a landmark along the coastal path and I wanted you to explore a little more of the area.

The Poem and Riddle

A pointy place,

**The theatre is set in the cliffs on a rocky granite outcrop
jutting out into the sea, but also a hint to Porthcorno, which
means "pinnacle cove"
for a hundred sold.**

**Rowena Cade brought the land for £100 after the 1st world
war.**

Carved in stone,

**Rowena and her gardener spent years carving out
the open-air theater into the granite cliff.**

**(The letters RC in the image are carved in stone
to confirm this.)**

for drama's told.

**It is a theatre that was built for plays and shows
which are still performed today.**

**I didn't add a code or riddle here but the two swords are
hinting at pirates and the fact Cornwall is synonymous with
piracy.**

Clue 6



The 5 keys at the top represent the 5 clues and landmarks, there are 2 butterflies on the largest key which tell you there are 2 key clues which are the 2 images with keys on them.

The numbers are a simple cipher, by turning the numbers into letters you get '**Words**'. (some of you got swords which, sorry it was a slight unintentional red herring, how deep was that rabbit hole?..lol)

There are 6 question marks to get you thinking and 6 butterflies **(1)** to tell you the number **6** is important, this is also highlighted by the fact there was 6 clues.

The pile of letters **(2)** told you that letters are an important part

There are also 2 joined keys on top of the pile of letters **(3)**.

This told you 2 are key clues and by joining them and letters you will get the answer!

Did you notice Clues 1 and 5 both have keys in their images? That's because these 2 landmarks both also have 6 letter words in them, these are the 2 keywords you needed to decode the phrase and keyword!

Clue 6

The random letters in the image are an anagram and spell out 'By way of a Lord' This is hinting at Lord Playfair and telling you you need to use the Playfair cipher. (Well done if you solved that anagram!!)

Using the 5X5 grid in the bottom corner and the 2, 6 letter keywords from clue 1 and 5 **CASTLE** and **MINACK**.

Using the keyword **CASTLE** for the 1st set of letters in the 5x5 grid and the Playfair cipher gives you **GOD AND MY RIGHT** this is the phrase/saying you were looking for. This is the motto of the British monarchy. It appears in French (Dieu et mon Droit) on a scroll beneath the shield on the coat of arms of the United Kingdom. This is hinted at in the image. **(6)**

Using the Keyword **MINACK** in the 5x5 grid for the bottom set of letters and again the Playfair cipher gives you **MONARCHS**. This is the keyword you were looking for and is represented in the image by the butterflies which are monarch butterflies. **(1)**

The 5 landmarks!

- **Colchester Castle.**
- **Hatfield House**
- **Oystermouth Castle**
- **Kelso Abbey**
- **Minack Theatre**

Phrase = GOD AND MY RIGHT
Keyword = MONARCHS

*Thank you all for
taking part in the
hunt.*

*Well done and
congrats to the
solvers!*