

## 30. July 27, 2021

On July 27, 2021, Holly meets with Avram Welch at his Sunrise Bay condominium, filled with boats in bottles and a cherished photo of his late wife, Mary, who succumbed to lung cancer despite never smoking. Welch recounts the significant dates surrounding his double knee replacement and the last times he frequented the bowling alley, expressing fondness for Cary, a well-liked, albeit a bit eccentric, member of their bowling group, known among them as the Golden Oldies. Cary's and others' marijuana use during their gatherings, according to Welch, enhanced their game, except for Roddy, who abstained. Holly considers the possibility of Welch being the Red Bank Predator, which conflicts profoundly with her instincts and beliefs.

Meanwhile, Barbara is engrossed in Randall Jarrell's poetry, interrupted by a call from her brother Jerome, who excitedly shares his upcoming weekend plans in Montauk. Their conversation shifts to Barbara's poetry endeavors, leading to her revealing a significant literary opportunity with the Penley Prize, thanks to Olivia Kingsbury's secret submission of her work. Jerome's enthusiastic response to her news reflects their strong sibling bond.

Jerome then updates Barbara on Holly's detective work, which might have accidentally unearthed a serial killer operating near Deerfield Park or the college. His recent epiphany about the case intrigues Barbara, shifting her focus from personal achievements to family and crime-solving involvement. Jerome's request for Barbara to retrieve an orange flash drive from their father's study indicates a new twist or vital evidence in their collaborative effort to understand the mystery at hand.