

MURDER BY DEPTH (answer)

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This is a picture of the nearly-transparent item that teams retrieve from inside the fountain:



The instructions said to replace what was taken out of it – it being the clue, not the fountain. When the clue was taken out of the water, water was also taken out of the clue. So let's add **WATER** back in:

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dumb W Ai TER	1	D
fly sW At TER	9	E
W inet AsTER	4	E
bre W m AsTER	5	M
co W c AT ch ER	8	H
Wh AT so Ev ER	9	E
We AT h ERing	10	G
W AT ch mak ER	6	M

The message is thus to REDEEM HEGM, though HEGM isn't much of an answer. But, adding **WATER** to that, a final answer appears:

WheAT gERm

[Note: Be thankful you weren't asked to buy this at 4am; that was the plan for a while 😊]