

Scenic Route (solution)

This puzzle involves identifying different pieces of art around campus and extracting letters from either the artist's name or from the name of a building near the art. Going to the art is not strictly required, though it may be useful, particularly for figuring out the associated building. The Guide in the narration takes the knights to seven locations where a piece of art is featured (but made to sound like something one might see on a safari). Each location has a certain number of animals there, which provides the index into the artists' names. The seven locations are then revisited in another order, where the number of animals may have changed, and focus is given to the "background" of the art pieces. The new indices are used to extract letters from the building names.

The clue phrase given at the end is BUILD US NO KNIFE, which teams should interpret as requiring them to recreate a piece of "art" that is well-known in MIT's hacking history, and bring it to HQ. HQ thanks them, and has them place their artistic contribution into our gallery, the Gallery of PLAGIOCLIMAXES.

Art	Artist	Building	Looking at	Index	Letter
TV Man	David Bakalar	Walker	art	6	B
Transparent Horizons	Louise Nevelson	Landau	art	3	U
Guennette (Killian)	Michael Heizer	MacLaurin	art	2	I
Great Sail	Alexander Calder	Dreyfus	art	2	L
Aesop	Mark Di Suvero	Koch	art	5	D
Tree chain	Cai Gui Qiang	Sloan	art	5	U
Courtyard art	Jacques Lipchitz	Hayden	art	7	S
Transparent Horizons	Louise Nevelson	Landau	building	3	N
Tree chain	Cai Gui Qiang	Sloan	building	3	O
Aesop	Mark Di Suvero	Koch	building	1	K
Courtyard art	Jacques Liqchitz	Hayden	building	6	N
Guennette (Killian)	Michael Heizer	MacLaurin	building	8	I
Great Sail	Alexander Calder	Dreyfus	building	5	F
TV Man	David Bakalar	Walker	building	5	E