

Red-Handed Easy

Seat everyone, place every object, and name whoever could not have told the truth.

CASE 01

The mine agent was found dead at the lighthouse.

Exactly one account is false, and whoever gave it was alone at the lighthouse.

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- They recovered the hammer from the garage.

WHAT THEY SAID

Nils: If you find the key blank, you find where I was.
Kit: Ask Nils – we were together.
Finn: The key blank was nowhere near me.
Ada: I never left Kit's side.

APIARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
GARAGE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
LIGHTHOUSE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 02

They carried the mine agent out of the saloon at first light.

Exactly one account is false, and whoever gave it was alone at the saloon.

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The crowbar turned up at the lighthouse.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ora: I was with Gus.
Iris: Ask Ora – we were together.
Hana: Whoever had the rope was with me.
Gus: The rope was nowhere near me.

LIGHTHOUSE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SALOON (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
MARKET 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 03

They carried the insurance man out of the back office at first light.

Exactly one account is false, and whoever gave it was alone at the back office.

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The bloodied cloth turned up at the lighthouse.

WHAT THEY SAID

Esme: I never left Dev's side.
Gus: Wherever the bolt cutter was, I was not.
Dev: I had the bolt cutter.
Bo: Esme and I were together the whole time.

TAILOR SHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIGHTHOUSE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

They carried the new foreman out of the garage at first light.

Exactly one account is false, and whoever gave it was alone at the garage.

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The tankard turned up at the tailor shop.
- They recovered the bee smoker from the studio.

WHAT THEY SAID

Bo: I was nowhere near the garage all evening.
Gus: I could not tell you where the tankard was.
Kit: Gus and I were together the whole time.
Nils: I never left Kit's side.

STUDIO 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP 1 chair	EVIDENCE
GARAGE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 05

The insurance man was found dead at the garage.

Exactly one account is false, and whoever gave it was alone at the garage.

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The ledger turned up at the apiary.
- They recovered the wrench from the workshop.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ora: The wrench was nowhere near me.
Finn: I never left Mira's side.
Ada: I never went near the garage.
Mira: Ask Ora – we were together.

APIARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
WORKSHOP 1 chair	EVIDENCE
GARAGE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 06

The strongbox was emptied at the back office, and the keeper never woke.

Exactly one account is false, and whoever gave it was alone at the back office.

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The key blank was found at the apiary.

WHAT THEY SAID

Nils: I had the brass key.
Mira: The brass key was nowhere near me.
Finn: Ask Mira – we were together.
Sol: Nils and I were together the whole time.

POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
APIARY 1 chair	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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Answer Key – Red-Handed Easy

Solve before peeking. The liar is the one who was alone at the scene.

Case 01	Ada	alone at the lighthouse	Ada said: "I never left Kit's side." Kit was at the apiary, and Ada was at the lighthouse. They were not together.
Case 02	Iris	alone at the saloon	Iris said: "Ask Ora – we were together." Ora was at the lighthouse, and Iris was at the saloon. They were not together.
Case 03	Bo	alone at the back office	Bo said: "Esme and I were together the whole time." Esme was at the tailor shop, and Bo was at the back office. They were not together.
Case 04	Nils	alone at the garage	Nils said: "I never left Kit's side." Kit was at the studio, and Nils was at the garage. They were not together.
Case 05	Finn	alone at the garage	Finn said: "I never left Mira's side." Mira was at the apiary, and Finn was at the garage. They were not together.
Case 06	Finn	alone at the back office	Finn said: "Ask Mira – we were together." Mira was at the apiary, and Finn was at the back office. They were not together.