

Red-Handed Easy

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

CASE 01

A shot was heard at the library. The company man did not get up.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The lantern turned up at the tailor shop.

WHAT THEY SAID

Cira: The poison bottle was in the room I was in.
Nils: I never left Esme's side.
Esme: Whoever had the poison bottle was not with me.
Dev: Ask Cira – we were together.

WORKSHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP 1 chair	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 02

The debt collector was found at the ferry dock, and not breathing.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The crowbar was found at the surgery.

WHAT THEY SAID

Cira: I was at the surgery.
Kit: I never left Nils's side.
Ada: I was the one carrying the wrench.
Nils: Ask Ada – we were together.

STUDIO 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SURGERY 1 chair	EVIDENCE
FERRY DOCK (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 03

They carried the stranger off the evening ferry out of the market at first light.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- They recovered the hammer from the library.

WHAT THEY SAID

Sol: Ask Ada – we were together.
Esme: I had the wrench.
Mira: I never left Esme's side.
Ada: I could not tell you where the wrench was.

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

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CASE 04

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- They recovered the brass key from the tailor shop.
- The revolver was found at the clock tower.

WHAT THEY SAID

Esme: I never left Gus's side.
Kit: I was with Esme.
Gus: The revolver was never in my hands.
Cira: The studio? I did not set foot in it.

TAILOR SHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
CLOCK TOWER 1 chair	EVIDENCE
STUDIO (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 05

The insurance man was found face down at the saloon.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The tankard was found at the ferry dock.

WHAT THEY SAID

Bo: I never left Hana's side.
Ada: The kettle was in the room I was in.
Hana: Ask Cira – we were together.
Cira: I never touched the kettle.

FERRY DOCK 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SALOON (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
STUDIO 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 06

A shot was heard at the library. The insurance man did not get up.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The kettle turned up at the bakery.

WHAT THEY SAID

Kit: The flower pail was nowhere near me.
Hana: Kit and I were together the whole time.
Mira: I never left Hana's side.
Sol: The flower pail was in the room I was in.

BAKERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
GARAGE 1 chair	EVIDENCE

NOTES

Answer Key – Red-Handed Easy

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

Case 01	Nils	alone at the library	Nils said: "I never left Esme's side." Esme was at the tailor shop, and Nils was at the library. They were not together.
Case 02	Kit	alone at the ferry dock	Kit said: "I never left Nils's side." Nils was at the studio, and Kit was at the ferry dock. They were not together.
Case 03	Sol	alone at the market	Sol said: "Ask Ada – we were together." Ada was at the library, and Sol was at the market. They were not together.
Case 04	Kit	alone at the studio	Kit said: "I was with Esme." Esme was at the tailor shop, and Kit was at the studio. They were not together.
Case 05	Bo	alone at the saloon	Bo said: "I never left Hana's side." Hana was at the ferry dock, and Bo was at the saloon. They were not together.
Case 06	Mira	alone at the library	Mira said: "I never left Hana's side." Hana was at the bakery, and Mira was at the library. They were not together.