

Red-Handed Easy

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

CASE 01

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The ledger turned up at the surgery.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ora: The bolt cutter was in the room I was in.
Ada: You will find me at the surgery, and nowhere else.
Nils: I was with Ora.
Esme: Ask Nils – we were together.

BAKERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SURGERY 1 chair	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 02

They carried the traveller off the mainland boat out of the surgery at first light.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- They recovered the crowbar from the market.

WHAT THEY SAID

Bo: I was the one carrying the basket.
Gus: I never touched the basket.
Ora: I was with Bo.
Mira: Ask Gus – we were together.

WORKSHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
MARKET 1 chair	EVIDENCE
SURGERY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 03

The tax inspector was found dead at the bakery.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The key blank was found at the studio.

WHAT THEY SAID

Cira: Whoever had the bee smoker was not with me.
Sol: I never left Esme's side.
Kit: I was the one carrying the bee smoker.
Esme: Ask Cira – we were together.

STUDIO 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SALOON 1 chair	EVIDENCE
BAKERY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

A stranger off the evening ferry was found dead at the back office.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- They recovered the knife from the clock tower.

WHAT THEY SAID

Esme: If you find the bee smoker, you find where I was.
Cira: Ask Esme – we were together.
Jax: The bee smoker was nowhere near me.
Sol: I never left Cira's side.

GARAGE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
CLOCK TOWER 1 chair	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 05

The strongbox was emptied at the tailor shop, and the keeper never woke.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The crowbar was found at the clock tower.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ora: I never left Gus's side.
 Kit: I was with Ora.
 Gus: I was the one carrying the basket.
 Esme: I never went near the tailor shop.

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

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CASE 06

The mine agent was found dead at the post office.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The hammer turned up at the ferry dock.

WHAT THEY SAID

Gus: Ask Finn – we were together.
 Finn: Hana and I were together the whole time.
 Hana: Whoever had the rope was not with me.
 Ada: The rope was in my hands.

FERRY DOCK 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
BAKERY 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	Esme	alone at the post office
Esme said: "Ask Nils – we were together." Nils was at the bakery, and Esme was at the post office. They were not together.		

Case 02	Mira	alone at the surgery
Mira said: "Ask Gus – we were together." Gus was at the market, and Mira was at the surgery. They were not together.		

Case 03	Sol	alone at the bakery
Sol said: "I never left Esme's side." Esme was at the studio, and Sol was at the bakery. They were not together.		

Case 04	Sol	alone at the back office
Sol said: "I never left Cira's side." Cira was at the garage, and Sol was at the back office. They were not together.		

Case 05	Kit	alone at the tailor shop
Kit said: "I was with Ora." Ora was at the ferry dock, and Kit was at the tailor shop. They were not together.		

Case 06	Gus	alone at the post office
Gus said: "Ask Finn – we were together." Finn was at the ferry dock, and Gus was at the post office. They were not together.		
