

Red-Handed Expert

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

CASE 01

They carried the tax inspector 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)

- Nothing puts the key blank at the tailor shop.
- The lighthouse was clean – no sign of the key blank.
- The tankard was never at the tailor shop.
- Nothing puts the tankard at the lighthouse.
- The tailor shop was clean – no sign of the bee smoker.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ada: The tankard was in my hands.
Hana: Wherever the kettle was, I was not.
Ora: Gus and I were together the whole time.
Gus: The kettle was in the room I was in.
Bo: The back office? I did not set foot in it.
Lior: Ask Ada – we were together.

TAILOR SHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIGHTHOUSE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
GARAGE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
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CASE 02

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The back office was clean – no sign of the poison bottle.
- The poison bottle was never at the surgery.
- Nothing puts the rolling pin at the back office.
- The surgery was clean – no sign of the rolling pin.
- The wrench was never at the back office.

WHAT THEY SAID

Dev: Ask Mira – we were together.
Iris: I never went near the lighthouse.
Gus: The bee smoker was in the room I was in.
Kit: I was with Gus.
Jax: I never touched the rolling pin.
Mira: The rolling pin was in the room I was in.

BACK OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SURGERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
APIARY 1 chair	EVIDENCE
LIGHTHOUSE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
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CASE 03

The debt collector was found at the clock tower, and not breathing.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the crowbar at the back office.
- The saloon was clean – no sign of the crowbar.
- The flower pail was never at the back office.
- Nothing puts the flower pail at the saloon.
- The back office was clean – no sign of the rolling pin.

WHAT THEY SAID

Bo: The flower pail was in the room I was in.
Jax: Wherever the bolt cutter was, I was not.
Cira: Jax and I were together the whole time.
Dev: The crowbar was never in my hands.
Finn: I was with Bo.
Ada: I had the bolt cutter.

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

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CASE 04

The new foreman was found dead at the library.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- They recovered the tankard from the studio.
- The flower pail was never at the post office.
- Nothing puts the bee smoker at the post office.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ada: Wherever the bee smoker was, I was not.
Cira: Whoever had the flower pail was not with me.
Jax: Bo and I were together the whole time.
Bo: If you find the bee smoker, you find where I was.
Dev: I was with Lior.
Lior: The lantern was never in my hands.

POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
STUDIO 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 05

The company man 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)

- Nothing puts the wrench at the market.
- The cobblers was clean – no sign of the wrench.
- The bloodied cloth was never at the market.
- Nothing puts the bloodied cloth at the cobblers.
- The market was clean – no sign of the poison bottle.

WHAT THEY SAID

Lior: The flower pail was in the room I was in.
Esme: If you find the bloodied cloth, you find where I was.
Gus: I was with Lior.
Ora: The bloodied cloth was never in my hands.
Ada: Esme and I were together the whole time.
Sol: Whoever had the flower pail was not with me.

MARKET 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
COBBLERS 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
FERRY DOCK (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
CLOCK TOWER 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 06

The night clerk was found face down at the studio.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The bakery was clean – no sign of the revolver.
- The revolver was never at the cobblers.
- Nothing puts the oil can at the bakery.
- The cobblers was clean – no sign of the oil can.
- The glass plate was never at the bakery.

WHAT THEY SAID

Gus: If you find the oil can, you find where I was.
Esme: I was with Kit.
Hana: Ask Esme – we were together.
Cira: The studio? I did not set foot in it.
Bo: I never went near the studio.
Kit: The poison bottle was in my hands.

BAKERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
COBBLERS 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
STUDIO (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE 1 chair	EVIDENCE

NOTES

Answer Key – Red-Handed Expert

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

Case 01	Lior	alone at the back office	Lior said: "Ask Ada – we were together." Ada was at the garage, and Lior was at the back office. They were not together.
Case 02	Dev	alone at the lighthouse	Dev said: "Ask Mira – we were together." Mira was at the apiary, and Dev was at the lighthouse. They were not together.
Case 03	Finn	alone at the clock tower	Finn said: "I was with Bo." Bo was at the workshop, and Finn was at the clock tower. They were not together.
Case 04	Jax	alone at the library	Jax said: "Bo and I were together the whole time." Bo was at the back office, and Jax was at the library. They were not together.
Case 05	Ada	alone at the ferry dock	Ada said: "Esme and I were together the whole time." Esme was at the clock tower, and Ada was at the ferry dock. They were not together.
Case 06	Hana	alone at the studio	Hana said: "Ask Esme – we were together." Esme was at the bakery, and Hana was at the studio. They were not together.
