

Red-Handed Expert

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

CASE 01

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)

- Nothing puts the ledger at the garage.
- The clock tower was clean – no sign of the ledger.
- The basket was never at the garage.
- Nothing puts the basket at the clock tower.
- The garage was clean – no sign of the rolling pin.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ora: The basket was nowhere near me.
Finn: I could not tell you where the basket was.
Dev: I had the basket.
Gus: I was with Ada.
Kit: Ask Dev – we were together.
Ada: Whoever had the lantern was with me.

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

NOTES

CASE 02

A shot was heard at the clock tower. The new foreman did not get up.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- They recovered the poison bottle from the apiary.
- The wrench was never at the library.
- Nothing puts the ledger at the library.

WHAT THEY SAID

Mira: I was the one carrying the ledger.
Sol: I was with Esme.
Esme: The kettle was never in my hands.
Kit: Mira and I were together the whole time.
Cira: Whoever had the ledger was not with me.
Lior: I spent the whole evening at the library.

LIBRARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
APIARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
FERRY DOCK 1 chair	EVIDENCE
CLOCK TOWER (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 03

The night clerk was found at the bakery, and not breathing.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The hammer was found at the post office.
- Nothing puts the tankard at the garage.
- The garage was clean – no sign of the wrench.

WHAT THEY SAID

Cira: Whoever had the wrench was with me.
 Bo: Ada and I were together the whole time.
 Ada: Wherever the poison bottle was, I was not.
 Iris: I was with Cira.
 Kit: I was nowhere near the bakery all evening.
 Esme: The bakery? I did not set foot in it.

POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
GARAGE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BAKERY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
SALOON 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

They carried the insurance man out of the lighthouse at first light.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The ledger was found at the bakery.
- Nothing puts the glass plate at the tailor shop.
- The tailor shop was clean – no sign of the bee smoker.

WHAT THEY SAID

Gus: Whoever had the hammer was not with me.
 Mira: The bee smoker was in the room I was in.
 Esme: I never left Gus's side.
 Bo: I was with Mira.
 Ora: The bee smoker was nowhere near me.
 Kit: The lighthouse? I did not set foot in it.

BAKERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
APIARY 1 chair	EVIDENCE
LIGHTHOUSE (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)

- Nothing puts the ledger at the bakery.
- The tailor shop was clean – no sign of the ledger.
- The bee smoker was never at the bakery.
- Nothing puts the bee smoker at the tailor shop.
- The bakery was clean – no sign of the oil can.

WHAT THEY SAID

Dev: Ask Sol – we were together.
 Bo: I was the one carrying the knife.
 Jax: I never went near the garage.
 Sol: The knife was never in my hands.
 Finn: Ask Lior – we were together.
 Lior: Whoever had the bee smoker was with me.

BAKERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
GARAGE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
MARKET 1 chair	EVIDENCE

NOTES

CASE 06

They carried the new foreman 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 surgery was clean – no sign of the basket.
- The basket was never at the bakery.
- Nothing puts the flower pail at the surgery.
- The bakery was clean – no sign of the flower pail.
- The kettle was never at the surgery.

WHAT THEY SAID

Jax: Sol and I were together the whole time.
 Nils: I had the flower pail.
 Finn: I was nowhere near the back office all evening.
 Bo: Ask Nils – we were together.
 Sol: Whoever had the brass key was with me.
 Kit: The flower pail was never in my hands.

SURGERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BAKERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIGHTHOUSE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE (SCENE) 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	Kit	alone at the back office	Kit said: "Ask Dev – we were together." Dev was at the library, and Kit was at the back office. They were not together.
Case 02	Kit	alone at the clock tower	Kit said: "Mira and I were together the whole time." Mira was at the ferry dock, and Kit was at the clock tower. They were not together.
Case 03	Iris	alone at the bakery	Iris said: "I was with Cira." Cira was at the saloon, and Iris was at the bakery. They were not together.
Case 04	Bo	alone at the lighthouse	Bo said: "I was with Mira." Mira was at the apiary, and Bo was at the lighthouse. They were not together.
Case 05	Finn	alone at the garage	Finn said: "Ask Lior – we were together." Lior was at the market, and Finn was at the garage. They were not together.
Case 06	Bo	alone at the back office	Bo said: "Ask Nils – we were together." Nils was at the lighthouse, and Bo was at the back office. They were not together.