

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 saloon, and the keeper never woke.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the glass plate at the back office.
- The bakery was clean – no sign of the glass plate.
- The rope was never at the back office.
- Nothing puts the rope at the bakery.
- The back office was clean – no sign of the tankard.

WHAT THEY SAID

Iris: I was nowhere near the saloon all evening.
Ora: I was the one carrying the rope.
Lior: Whoever had the lantern was with me.
Esme: I was with Lior.
Sol: Ask Esme – we were together.
Kit: I never touched the rope.

BACK OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BAKERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
STUDIO 1 chair	EVIDENCE
SALOON (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
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CASE 02

They carried the night clerk 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 bloodied cloth was never at the studio.
- Nothing puts the bloodied cloth at the bakery.
- The studio was clean – no sign of the flower pail.
- The flower pail was never at the bakery.
- Nothing puts the rope at the studio.

WHAT THEY SAID

Dev: Whoever had the kettle was with me.
Jax: I was nowhere near the saloon all evening.
Finn: I never left Dev's side.
Hana: I was with Finn.
Lior: I was nowhere near the saloon all evening.
Bo: If you find the flower pail, you find where I was.

STUDIO 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BAKERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SALOON (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
COBBLERS 1 chair	EVIDENCE
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CASE 03

The company man 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 revolver was never at the library.
- Nothing puts the revolver at the saloon.
- The library was clean – no sign of the rope.
- The rope was never at the saloon.
- Nothing puts the knife at the library.

WHAT THEY SAID

Sol: I had the basket.
Hana: The rope was in my hands.
Kit: The studio? I did not set foot in it.
Esme: I was with Sol.
Ada: Ask Esme – we were together.
Bo: Wherever the rope was, I was not.

LIBRARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SALOON 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
STUDIO (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
APIARY 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The brass key was never at the library.
- Nothing puts the brass key at the ferry dock.
- The library was clean – no sign of the lantern.
- The lantern was never at the ferry dock.
- Nothing puts the oil can at the library.

WHAT THEY SAID

Finn: Whoever had the basket was not with me.
Dev: The lantern was in the room I was in.
Iris: The surgery? I did not set foot in it.
Esme: Mira and I were together the whole time.
Sol: I never left Esme's side.
Mira: I was the one carrying the basket.

LIBRARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
FERRY DOCK 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SURGERY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
MARKET 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 05

The insurance man was found face down 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)

- The ledger was never at the post office.
- Nothing puts the ledger at the ferry dock.
- The post office was clean – no sign of the lantern.
- The lantern was never at the ferry dock.
- Nothing puts the revolver at the post office.

WHAT THEY SAID

Iris: I never left Hana's side.
Sol: The lantern was never in my hands.
Lior: If you find the lantern, you find where I was.
Nils: Iris and I were together the whole time.
Finn: The basket was nowhere near me.
Hana: If you find the basket, you find where I was.

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

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CASE 06

The tax inspector was found face down at the clock tower.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The oil can was never at the lighthouse.
- Nothing puts the key blank at the lighthouse.
- They recovered the knife from the library.

WHAT THEY SAID

Esme: Whoever had the knife was not with me.
Finn: The key blank was in my hands.
Jax: I never left Finn's side.
Nils: Whoever had the bolt cutter was not with me.
Ora: I was nowhere near the clock tower all evening.
Ada: Nils and I were together the whole time.

LIBRARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIGHTHOUSE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
CLOCK TOWER (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
SALOON 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	Sol	alone at the saloon	Sol said: "Ask Esme — we were together." Esme was at the back office, and Sol was at the saloon. They were not together.
Case 02	Hana	alone at the saloon	Hana said: "I was with Finn." Finn was at the studio, and Hana was at the saloon. They were not together.
Case 03	Ada	alone at the studio	Ada said: "Ask Esme — we were together." Esme was at the library, and Ada was at the studio. They were not together.
Case 04	Sol	alone at the surgery	Sol said: "I never left Esme's side." Esme was at the library, and Sol was at the surgery. They were not together.
Case 05	Nils	alone at the back office	Nils said: "Iris and I were together the whole time." Iris was at the post office, and Nils was at the back office. They were not together.
Case 06	Jax	alone at the clock tower	Jax said: "I never left Finn's side." Finn was at the saloon, and Jax was at the clock tower. They were not together.