

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 studio, and the keeper never woke.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The surgery was clean – no sign of the hammer.
- The hammer was never at the library.
- Nothing puts the knife at the surgery.
- The library was clean – no sign of the knife.
- The bee smoker was never at the surgery.

WHAT THEY SAID

Hana: Ada and I were together the whole time.
Cira: I never touched the bee smoker.
Ada: The brass key was nowhere near me.
Dev: Ask Esme – we were together.
Esme: I had the knife.
Lior: I was nowhere near the studio all evening.

SURGERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP 1 chair	EVIDENCE
STUDIO (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 02

They carried the man nobody in town knew 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)

- They recovered the glass plate from the saloon.
- The hammer was never at the lighthouse.
- Nothing puts the basket at the lighthouse.

WHAT THEY SAID

Sol: The back office? I did not set foot in it.
Hana: I never left Bo's side.
Kit: I was with Ada.
Bo: I was the one carrying the basket.
Ada: I never touched the bee smoker.
Jax: I was nowhere near the back office all evening.

LIGHTHOUSE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SALOON 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
COBBLERS 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 03

The insurance man was found dead at the market.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The crowbar was never at the garage.
- Nothing puts the crowbar at the library.
- The garage was clean – no sign of the oil can.
- The oil can was never at the library.
- Nothing puts the bolt cutter at the garage.

WHAT THEY SAID

Dev: Ask Gus – we were together.
 Nils: The rolling pin was never in my hands.
 Cira: The market? I did not set foot in it.
 Gus: I was with Lior.
 Jax: The oil can was in my hands.
 Lior: If you find the rolling pin, you find where I was.

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

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CASE 04

A shot was heard at the ferry dock. The tax inspector did not get up.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The bakery was clean – no sign of the key blank.
- The key blank was never at the library.
- Nothing puts the rope at the bakery.
- The library was clean – no sign of the rope.
- The kettle was never at the bakery.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ora: The ferry dock? I did not set foot in it.
 Bo: I had the rope.
 Nils: Ask Esme – we were together.
 Ada: I could not tell you where the rolling pin was.
 Hana: I had the rolling pin.
 Esme: I was with Hana.

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

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CASE 05

A shot was heard at the ferry dock. A stranger off the evening ferry did not get up.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The crowbar was never at the post office.
- The bolt cutter turned up at the clock tower.
- The post office was clean – no sign of the revolver.

WHAT THEY SAID

Nils: Ora and I were together the whole time.
Jax: I never left Ada's side.
Lior: The ferry dock? I did not set foot in it.
Esme: I was at the post office.
Ada: The brass key was nowhere near me.
Ora: If you find the revolver, you find where I was.

CLOCK TOWER 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SALOON 1 chair	EVIDENCE
FERRY DOCK (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 06

The debt collector was found face down at the workshop.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The poison bottle was never at the apiary.
- Nothing puts the poison bottle at the post office.
- The apiary was clean – no sign of the brass key.
- The brass key was never at the post office.
- Nothing puts the basket at the apiary.

WHAT THEY SAID

Sol: Finn and I were together the whole time.
Cira: The bee smoker was in the room I was in.
Bo: I was with Ada.
Ada: Whoever had the brass key was with me.
Mira: I was nowhere near the workshop all evening.
Finn: Wherever the bee smoker was, I was not.

APIARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
WORKSHOP (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	Dev	alone at the studio	Dev said: "Ask Esme – we were together." Esme was at the tailor shop, and Dev was at the studio. They were not together.
Case 02	Hana	alone at the back office	Hana said: "I never left Bo's side." Bo was at the cobblers, and Hana was at the back office. They were not together.
Case 03	Dev	alone at the market	Dev said: "Ask Gus – we were together." Gus was at the garage, and Dev was at the market. They were not together.
Case 04	Nils	alone at the ferry dock	Nils said: "Ask Esme – we were together." Esme was at the bakery, and Nils was at the ferry dock. They were not together.
Case 05	Nils	alone at the ferry dock	Nils said: "Ora and I were together the whole time." Ora was at the saloon, and Nils was at the ferry dock. They were not together.
Case 06	Bo	alone at the workshop	Bo said: "I was with Ada." Ada was at the back office, and Bo was at the workshop. They were not together.