

Red-Handed Expert

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

CASE 01

A man nobody in town knew was found dead at the lighthouse.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the knife at the back office.
- They recovered the bee smoker from the library.
- The lantern was never at the back office.

WHAT THEY SAID

Iris: Ask Ora – we were together.
Mira: Wherever the revolver was, I was not.
Ora: I had the lantern.
Gus: I was with Mira.
Finn: Wherever the bee smoker was, I was not.
Nils: I never touched the lantern.

LIBRARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIGHTHOUSE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
BAKERY 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 02

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- They recovered the wrench from the post office.
- The oil can was never at the apiary.
- Nothing puts the bee smoker at the apiary.

WHAT THEY SAID

Hana: I could not tell you where the wrench was.
Jax: Whoever had the bee smoker was not with me.
Dev: The bee smoker was in the room I was in.
Iris: I could not tell you where the rolling pin was.
Mira: Ask Dev – we were together.
Finn: Iris and I were together the whole time.

POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
APIARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
WORKSHOP 1 chair	EVIDENCE
COBBLERS (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 03

A stranger off the evening ferry was found dead at the tailor shop.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The apiary was clean – no sign of the brass key.
- The basket was found at the cobblers.
- Nothing puts the kettle at the apiary.

WHAT THEY SAID

Jax: I could not tell you where the hammer was.
 Kit: Cira and I were together the whole time.
 Lior: The kettle was nowhere near me.
 Dev: Wherever the brass key was, I was not.
 Cira: I had the kettle.
 Sol: Jax and I were together the whole time.

COBBLERS 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
APIARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY 1 chair	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

A traveller off the mainland boat 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)

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

WHAT THEY SAID

Nils: Whoever had the tankard was with me.
 Mira: The tankard was never in my hands.
 Hana: The garage? I did not set foot in it.
 Lior: Whoever had the key blank was with me.
 Jax: I was with Lior.
 Gus: Ask Jax – we were together.

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

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CASE 05

They carried the company man 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)

- The garage was clean – no sign of the tankard.
- The tankard was never at the market.
- Nothing puts the bolt cutter at the garage.
- The market was clean – no sign of the bolt cutter.
- The lantern was never at the garage.

WHAT THEY SAID

Gus: I was with Jax.
 Jax: Whoever had the bolt cutter was with me.
 Esme: The poison bottle was in my hands.
 Bo: Wherever the bolt cutter was, I was not.
 Cira: I never went near the surgery.
 Nils: Ask Esme – we were together.

GARAGE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
MARKET 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SURGERY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 06

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)

- The hammer was never at the post office.
- Nothing puts the hammer at the apiary.
- The post office was clean – no sign of the rolling pin.
- The rolling pin was never at the apiary.
- Nothing puts the brass key at the post office.

WHAT THEY SAID

Dev: I never left Ada's side.
 Hana: I was with Cira.
 Ada: Wherever the brass key was, I was not.
 Finn: I never touched the flower pail.
 Cira: The rolling pin was in my hands.
 Gus: I could not tell you where the rolling pin was.

POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
APIARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BAKERY 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	Iris	alone at the lighthouse	Iris said: "Ask Ora – we were together." Ora was at the bakery, and Iris was at the lighthouse. They were not together.
Case 02	Mira	alone at the cobblers	Mira said: "Ask Dev – we were together." Dev was at the workshop, and Mira was at the cobblers. They were not together.
Case 03	Kit	alone at the tailor shop	Kit said: "Cira and I were together the whole time." Cira was at the library, and Kit was at the tailor shop. They were not together.
Case 04	Gus	alone at the garage	Gus said: "Ask Jax – we were together." Jax was at the back office, and Gus was at the garage. They were not together.
Case 05	Gus	alone at the surgery	Gus said: "I was with Jax." Jax was at the library, and Gus was at the surgery. They were not together.
Case 06	Hana	alone at the back office	Hana said: "I was with Cira." Cira was at the bakery, and Hana was at the back office. They were not together.
