

Red-Handed Expert

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

CASE 01

The company man was found dead at the post office.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The brass key turned up at the clock tower.
- The tailor shop was clean – no sign of the crowbar.
- The ledger was never at the tailor shop.

WHAT THEY SAID

Sol: I spent the whole evening at the tailor shop.
Jax: Wherever the key blank was, I was not.
Gus: I never went near the post office.
Cira: I was with Jax.
Iris: If you find the ledger, you find where I was.
Dev: Iris and I were together the whole time.

CLOCK TOWER 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SALOON 1 chair	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
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CASE 02

They carried the new foreman out of the market at first light.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the glass plate at the library.
- The lighthouse was clean – no sign of the glass plate.
- The bloodied cloth was never at the library.
- Nothing puts the bloodied cloth at the lighthouse.
- The library was clean – no sign of the tankard.

WHAT THEY SAID

Nils: I was nowhere near the market all evening.
Dev: Jax and I were together the whole time.
Jax: I had the bloodied cloth.
Ora: The poison bottle was nowhere near me.
Kit: Ask Ora – we were together.
Esme: Whoever had the poison bottle was with me.

LIBRARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIGHTHOUSE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
COBBLERS 1 chair	EVIDENCE
MARKET (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
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CASE 03

A shot was heard at the apiary. A traveller off the mainland boat did not get up.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- They recovered the glass plate from the back office.
- The kettle was never at the bakery.
- Nothing puts the basket at the bakery.

WHAT THEY SAID

Iris: I could not tell you where the glass plate was.
Dev: I never touched the bolt cutter.
Nils: I was nowhere near the apiary all evening.
Hana: I never left Esme's side.
Esme: Whoever had the basket was with me.
Ada: Ask Dev – we were together.

BAKERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
CLOCK TOWER 1 chair	EVIDENCE
APIARY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

They carried the mine agent out of the library at first light.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- They recovered the crowbar from the workshop.
- The oil can was never at the market.
- Nothing puts the basket at the market.

WHAT THEY SAID

Gus: Ask Sol – we were together.
Lior: Whoever had the basket was not with me.
Jax: I never left Ora's side.
Ora: I could not tell you where the brass key was.
Hana: I was at the market.
Sol: The basket was in my hands.

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

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CASE 05

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The tankard was never at the saloon.
- Nothing puts the tankard at the cobblers.
- The saloon was clean – no sign of the basket.
- The basket was never at the cobblers.
- Nothing puts the knife at the saloon.

WHAT THEY SAID

Nils: I had the basket.
 Finn: Ask Gus – we were together.
 Hana: The library? I did not set foot in it.
 Lior: I never went near the library.
 Gus: The ledger was in the room I was in.
 Sol: Ask Finn – we were together.

SALOON 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
COBBLERS 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
FERRY DOCK 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 06

A shot was heard at the back office. The night clerk did not get up.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The kettle was found at the cobblers.
- Nothing puts the bolt cutter at the lighthouse.
- The lighthouse was clean – no sign of the basket.

WHAT THEY SAID

Cira: Whoever had the basket was with me.
 Kit: Finn and I were together the whole time.
 Esme: I never left Cira's side.
 Gus: I never went near the back office.
 Sol: I was nowhere near the back office all evening.
 Finn: I could not tell you where the lantern was.

LIGHTHOUSE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
COBBLERS 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
FERRY DOCK 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 post office	Dev said: "Iris and I were together the whole time." Iris was at the saloon, and Dev was at the post office. They were not together.
Case 02	Dev	alone at the market	Dev said: "Jax and I were together the whole time." Jax was at the cobblers, and Dev was at the market. They were not together.
Case 03	Hana	alone at the apiary	Hana said: "I never left Esme's side." Esme was at the clock tower, and Hana was at the apiary. They were not together.
Case 04	Gus	alone at the library	Gus said: "Ask Sol – we were together." Sol was at the ferry dock, and Gus was at the library. They were not together.
Case 05	Sol	alone at the library	Sol said: "Ask Finn – we were together." Finn was at the saloon, and Sol was at the library. They were not together.
Case 06	Esme	alone at the back office	Esme said: "I never left Cira's side." Cira was at the ferry dock, and Esme was at the back office. They were not together.