

Red-Handed Expert

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

CASE 01

A traveller off the mainland boat was found dead 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)

- Nothing puts the tankard at the market.
- The market was clean – no sign of the crowbar.
- The lantern was found at the post office.

WHAT THEY SAID

Cira: The ledger was nowhere near me.
 Bo: The clock tower? I did not set foot in it.
 Kit: I had the crowbar.
 Jax: I was with Kit.
 Mira: Ask Cira – we were together.
 Lior: I was at the market.

POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
MARKET 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
CLOCK TOWER (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
BAKERY 1 chair	EVIDENCE
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CASE 02

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)

- Nothing puts the flower pail at the back office.
- The back office was clean – no sign of the basket.
- The crowbar was found at the bakery.

WHAT THEY SAID

Cira: I was with Dev.
 Jax: The library? I did not set foot in it.
 Dev: I had the basket.
 Iris: The ledger was never in my hands.
 Gus: I was with Iris.
 Ora: I was at the back office.

BAKERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
CLOCK TOWER 1 chair	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
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CASE 03

The tax inspector was found dead at the workshop.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The clock tower was clean – no sign of the poison bottle.
- The brass key was found at the post office.
- Nothing puts the crowbar at the clock tower.

WHAT THEY SAID

Iris: I was with Esme.
 Lior: I never touched the poison bottle.
 Bo: Sol and I were together the whole time.
 Sol: If you find the crowbar, you find where I was.
 Cira: I never touched the poison bottle.
 Esme: The flower pail was nowhere near me.

CLOCK TOWER 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
WORKSHOP (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
LIGHTHOUSE 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the glass plate at the market.
- The workshop was clean – no sign of the glass plate.
- The brass key was never at the market.
- Nothing puts the brass key at the workshop.
- The market was clean – no sign of the rolling pin.

WHAT THEY SAID

Cira: I was with Jax.
 Jax: Wherever the rolling pin was, I was not.
 Iris: I never went near the tailor shop.
 Lior: The brass key was in the room I was in.
 Nils: I was with Lior.
 Ora: I never went near the tailor shop.

MARKET 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
WORKSHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
APIARY 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 05

They carried the man nobody in town knew out of the apiary at first light.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The lantern turned up at the cobblers.
- The clock tower was clean – no sign of the tankard.
- The brass key was never at the clock tower.

WHAT THEY SAID

Gus: The tankard was nowhere near me.
Cira: Dev and I were together the whole time.
Jax: I never touched the tankard.
Mira: The oil can was never in my hands.
Dev: If you find the brass key, you find where I was.
Kit: Mira and I were together the whole time.

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

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CASE 06

They carried the tax inspector out of the ferry dock at first light.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The rope was never at the surgery.
- The crowbar turned up at the clock tower.
- The surgery was clean – no sign of the lantern.

WHAT THEY SAID

Esme: Ask Ada – we were together.
Bo: I spent the whole evening at the surgery.
Jax: The ferry dock? I did not set foot in it.
Iris: I was with Kit.
Kit: The kettle was nowhere near me.
Ada: If you find the lantern, you find where I was.

SURGERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
CLOCK TOWER 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
FERRY DOCK (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE 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	Jax	alone at the clock tower	Jax said: "I was with Kit." Kit was at the bakery, and Jax was at the clock tower. They were not together.
Case 02	Cira	alone at the library	Cira said: "I was with Dev." Dev was at the clock tower, and Cira was at the library. They were not together.
Case 03	Bo	alone at the workshop	Bo said: "Sol and I were together the whole time." Sol was at the lighthouse, and Bo was at the workshop. They were not together.
Case 04	Nils	alone at the tailor shop	Nils said: "I was with Lior." Lior was at the apiary, and Nils was at the tailor shop. They were not together.
Case 05	Cira	alone at the apiary	Cira said: "Dev and I were together the whole time." Dev was at the ferry dock, and Cira was at the apiary. They were not together.
Case 06	Esme	alone at the ferry dock	Esme said: "Ask Ada – we were together." Ada was at the post office, and Esme was at the ferry dock. They were not together.