

Red-Handed Expert

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

CASE 01

They carried the tax inspector out of the bakery at first light.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The workshop was clean – no sign of the bolt cutter.
- The bolt cutter was never at the clock tower.
- Nothing puts the ledger at the workshop.
- The clock tower was clean – no sign of the ledger.
- The rope was never at the workshop.

WHAT THEY SAID

Nils: Hana and I were together the whole time.
Dev: Whoever had the ledger was with me.
Hana: The rope was never in my hands.
Ada: I could not tell you where the glass plate was.
Ora: Dev and I were together the whole time.
Bo: I was nowhere near the bakery all evening.

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

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The tankard turned up at the studio.
- The cobblers was clean – no sign of the ledger.
- The brass key was never at the cobblers.

WHAT THEY SAID

Cira: The tankard was nowhere near me.
Sol: The market? I did not set foot in it.
Jax: I never touched the key blank.
Ora: The brass key was in my hands.
Esme: I never left Jax's side.
Kit: I was with Ora.

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

The new foreman 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 revolver at the library.
- They recovered the kettle from the market.
- The basket was never at the library.

WHAT THEY SAID

Sol: The basket was nowhere near me.
Cira: I was the one carrying the basket.
Gus: Whoever had the ledger was not with me.
Nils: Ask Cira – we were together.
Bo: Gus and I were together the whole time.
Dev: I was at the library.

MARKET 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SURGERY 1 chair	EVIDENCE
CLOCK TOWER (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

The night clerk was found dead 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 flower pail turned up at the apiary.
- The lighthouse was clean – no sign of the crowbar.
- The oil can was never at the lighthouse.

WHAT THEY SAID

Sol: The oil can was in my hands.
Ora: I could not tell you where the knife was.
Jax: I never went near the back office.
Mira: Sol and I were together the whole time.
Gus: The back office? I did not set foot in it.
Hana: I was with Ora.

LIGHTHOUSE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
APIARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 05

A shot was heard at the ferry dock. The mine agent 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)

- Nothing puts the poison bottle at the saloon.
- The library was clean – no sign of the poison bottle.
- The tankard was never at the saloon.
- Nothing puts the tankard at the library.
- The saloon was clean – no sign of the rope.

WHAT THEY SAID

Sol: I was nowhere near the ferry dock all evening.
Lior: Jax and I were together the whole time.
Bo: Whoever had the crowbar was not with me.
Dev: The rope was nowhere near me.
Mira: Ask Bo – we were together.
Jax: Whoever had the tankard was with me.

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

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CASE 06

A stranger off the evening ferry was found face down at the library.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The oil can was found at the market.
- Nothing puts the wrench at the post office.
- The post office was clean – no sign of the glass plate.

WHAT THEY SAID

Esme: Whoever had the glass plate was with me.
Sol: I was nowhere near the library all evening.
Mira: The library? I did not set foot in it.
Hana: Esme and I were together the whole time.
Iris: The bee smoker was nowhere near me.
Dev: I was with Iris.

POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
MARKET 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
FERRY DOCK 1 chair	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY (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	Ora	alone at the bakery	Ora said: "Dev and I were together the whole time." Dev was at the market, and Ora was at the bakery. They were not together.
Case 02	Kit	alone at the market	Kit said: "I was with Ora." Ora was at the saloon, and Kit was at the market. They were not together.
Case 03	Nils	alone at the clock tower	Nils said: "Ask Cira – we were together." Cira was at the surgery, and Nils was at the clock tower. They were not together.
Case 04	Mira	alone at the back office	Mira said: "Sol and I were together the whole time." Sol was at the post office, and Mira was at the back office. They were not together.
Case 05	Lior	alone at the ferry dock	Lior said: "Jax and I were together the whole time." Jax was at the garage, and Lior was at the ferry dock. They were not together.
Case 06	Hana	alone at the library	Hana said: "Esme and I were together the whole time." Esme was at the ferry dock, and Hana was at the library. They were not together.
