

Red-Handed Expert

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

CASE 01

A stranger off the evening ferry was found at the surgery, and not breathing.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The knife turned up at the library.
- The market was clean – no sign of the brass key.
- The key blank was never at the market.

WHAT THEY SAID

Lior: The knife was never in my hands.
Bo: I was with Iris.
Nils: I never went near the surgery.
Esme: Sol and I were together the whole time.
Iris: Wherever the hammer was, I was not.
Sol: I had the key blank.

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

NOTES

CASE 02

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The surgery was clean – no sign of the kettle.
- The glass plate was never at the surgery.
- The basket turned up at the lighthouse.

WHAT THEY SAID

Finn: Ask Jax – we were together.
Ada: Whoever had the kettle was not with me.
Jax: The tankard was nowhere near me.
Lior: If you find the glass plate, you find where I was.
Nils: I never went near the saloon.
Hana: Lior and I were together the whole time.

LIGHTHOUSE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SURGERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
GARAGE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
SALOON (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 03

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 hammer was never at the ferry dock.
- Nothing puts the hammer at the garage.
- The ferry dock was clean – no sign of the rolling pin.
- The rolling pin was never at the garage.
- Nothing puts the knife at the ferry dock.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ada: I never went near the market.
Dev: The hammer was nowhere near me.
Esme: Wherever the knife was, I was not.
Iris: Esme and I were together the whole time.
Cira: I never left Bo's side.
Bo: I was the one carrying the rolling pin.

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

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CASE 04

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 post office was clean – no sign of the bee smoker.
- The bee smoker was never at the surgery.
- Nothing puts the kettle at the post office.
- The surgery was clean – no sign of the kettle.
- The knife was never at the post office.

WHAT THEY SAID

Nils: If you find the kettle, you find where I was.
Iris: Whoever had the rope was with me.
Finn: I never left Nils's side.
Gus: I could not tell you where the kettle was.
Ora: I never touched the kettle.
Ada: Iris and I were together the whole time.

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

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CASE 05

A man nobody in town knew was found at the apiary, and not breathing.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The tailor shop was clean – no sign of the bolt cutter.
- The bolt cutter was never at the saloon.
- Nothing puts the oil can at the tailor shop.
- The saloon was clean – no sign of the oil can.
- The bee smoker was never at the tailor shop.

WHAT THEY SAID

Mira: I never left Cira's side.
 Esme: I was with Mira.
 Cira: The key blank was in my hands.
 Iris: Wherever the key blank was, I was not.
 Sol: I had the oil can.
 Ora: I was nowhere near the apiary all evening.

TAILOR SHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SALOON 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
FERRY DOCK 1 chair	EVIDENCE
APIARY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 06

The tax inspector 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)

- They recovered the kettle from the surgery.
- The ledger was never at the workshop.
- Nothing puts the revolver at the workshop.

WHAT THEY SAID

Nils: The post office? I did not set foot in it.
 Esme: Whoever had the revolver was not with me.
 Finn: I was with Ada.
 Ada: I could not tell you where the rolling pin was.
 Hana: I had the revolver.
 Lior: I never left Hana's side.

WORKSHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SURGERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIGHTHOUSE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
POST 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	Esme	alone at the surgery
Esme said: "Sol and I were together the whole time." Sol was at the bakery, and Esme was at the surgery. They were not together.		

Case 02	Hana	alone at the saloon
Hana said: "Lior and I were together the whole time." Lior was at the garage, and Hana was at the saloon. They were not together.		

Case 03	Cira	alone at the market
Cira said: "I never left Bo's side." Bo was at the workshop, and Cira was at the market. They were not together.		

Case 04	Finn	alone at the apiary
Finn said: "I never left Nils's side." Nils was at the back office, and Finn was at the apiary. They were not together.		

Case 05	Esme	alone at the apiary
Esme said: "I was with Mira." Mira was at the tailor shop, and Esme was at the apiary. They were not together.		

Case 06	Lior	alone at the post office
Lior said: "I never left Hana's side." Hana was at the lighthouse, and Lior was at the post office. They were not together.		
