

Red-Handed Hard

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

CASE 01

A shot was heard at the ferry dock. The tax inspector 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 bee smoker at the garage.
- The library was clean – no sign of the flower pail.
- The rolling pin was never at the garage.

WHAT THEY SAID

Gus: I was nowhere near the ferry dock all evening.
Jax: Wherever the bee smoker was, I was not.
Nils: I never left Kit's side.
Esme: I spent the whole evening at the garage.
Ora: If you find the flower pail, you find where I was.
Kit: Esme and I were together the whole time.

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

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CASE 02

A shot was heard at the lighthouse. The new foreman did not get up.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the glass plate at the lighthouse.
- They recovered the crowbar from the library.

WHAT THEY SAID

Bo: I never left Dev's side.
Cira: I was the one carrying the oil can.
Ora: I never went near the lighthouse.
Jax: The oil can was nowhere near me.
Lior: I never left Jax's side.
Dev: I was at the post office.

LIBRARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
STUDIO 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIGHTHOUSE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 03

They carried the tax inspector out of the clock tower at first light.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The studio was clean – no sign of the rope.
- The poison bottle was never at the market.
- Nothing puts the oil can at the market.

WHAT THEY SAID

Nils: Wherever the rope was, I was not.
 Iris: I never left Lior's side.
 Bo: I was with Iris.
 Lior: You will find me at the studio, and nowhere else.
 Mira: I never went near the clock tower.
 Dev: The poison bottle was in the room I was in.

MARKET 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
STUDIO 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
CLOCK TOWER (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

The new foreman was found face down at the garage.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The hammer was found at the post office.
- Nothing puts the basket at the bakery.

WHAT THEY SAID

Nils: Whoever had the basket was not with me.
 Mira: Ask Ada – we were together.
 Ada: I could not tell you where the kettle was.
 Dev: I never left Kit's side.
 Kit: The basket was in the room I was in.
 Lior: If you find the kettle, you find where I was.

POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BAKERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
GARAGE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 05

The company man was found face down at the cobblers.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the bloodied cloth at the post office.
- The market was clean – no sign of the bloodied cloth.
- The flower pail was never at the post office.
- Nothing puts the oil can at the post office.

WHAT THEY SAID

Sol: I never left Lior's side.
 Nils: If you find the oil can, you find where I was.
 Esme: I never went near the cobblers.
 Dev: I spent the whole evening at the market.
 Lior: I never left Dev's side.
 Gus: I was at the post office.

POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
MARKET 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIGHTHOUSE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
COBBLERS (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 06

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the hammer at the workshop.
- The lighthouse was clean – no sign of the hammer.
- The revolver was never at the lighthouse.

WHAT THEY SAID

Gus: Ask Mira – we were together.
 Dev: I could not tell you where the brass key was.
 Mira: I was at the workshop.
 Iris: I was with Gus.
 Lior: The apiary? I did not set foot in it.
 Esme: Whoever had the revolver was with me.

WORKSHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIGHTHOUSE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
APIARY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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Answer Key — Red-Handed Hard

Solve before peeking. The liar is the one who was alone at the scene.

Case 01	Nils	alone at the ferry dock	Nils said: "I never left Kit's side." Kit was at the garage, and Nils was at the ferry dock. They were not together.
Case 02	Bo	alone at the lighthouse	Bo said: "I never left Dev's side." Dev was at the post office, and Bo was at the lighthouse. They were not together.
Case 03	Bo	alone at the clock tower	Bo said: "I was with Iris." Iris was at the studio, and Bo was at the clock tower. They were not together.
Case 04	Dev	alone at the garage	Dev said: "I never left Kit's side." Kit was at the library, and Dev was at the garage. They were not together.
Case 05	Sol	alone at the cobblers	Sol said: "I never left Lior's side." Lior was at the market, and Sol was at the cobblers. They were not together.
Case 06	Iris	alone at the apiary	Iris said: "I was with Gus." Gus was at the workshop, and Iris was at the apiary. They were not together.