

Red-Handed Hard

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

CASE 01

The debt collector 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)

- They recovered the bolt cutter from the tailor shop.
- The key blank was never at the cobblers.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ada: Mira and I were together the whole time.
 Jax: I never left Iris's side.
 Mira: The kettle was never in my hands.
 Cira: I was the one carrying the kettle.
 Iris: Whoever had the key blank was with me.
 Sol: The key blank was nowhere near me.

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

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CASE 02

They carried the company man out of the studio at first light.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The tankard was never at the clock tower.
- Nothing puts the lantern at the garage.

WHAT THEY SAID

Bo: I never left Ada's side.
 Finn: The tankard was in my hands.
 Ada: You will find me at the garage, and nowhere else.
 Lior: I had the ledger.
 Hana: The lantern was nowhere near me.
 Kit: I was with Lior.

CLOCK TOWER 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
GARAGE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
STUDIO (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 03

A man nobody in town knew was found face down at the studio.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the key blank at the ferry dock.
- The market was clean – no sign of the key blank.
- The revolver was never at the ferry dock.

WHAT THEY SAID

Hana: The revolver was in the room I was in.
 Ora: Wherever the glass plate was, I was not.
 Kit: I was with Dev.
 Esme: Ask Kit – we were together.
 Sol: Wherever the revolver was, I was not.
 Dev: I was at the market.

FERRY DOCK 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
MARKET 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SURGERY 1 chair	EVIDENCE
STUDIO (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

They carried the traveller off the mainland boat out of the tailor shop at first light.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The bloodied cloth was never at the workshop.
- The poison bottle turned up at the garage.

WHAT THEY SAID

Dev: Whoever had the bloodied cloth was not with me.
 Ora: The crowbar was never in my hands.
 Kit: Bo and I were together the whole time.
 Bo: Whoever had the bloodied cloth was with me.
 Nils: The crowbar was in the room I was in.
 Iris: Ask Ora – we were together.

GARAGE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
WORKSHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SALOON 1 chair	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 05

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the hammer at the back office.
- The lighthouse was clean – no sign of the hammer.
- The basket was never at the back office.

WHAT THEY SAID

Gus: I never left Iris's side.
Iris: I was with Esme.
Cira: I had the wrench.
Esme: I spent the whole evening at the back office.
Dev: If you find the wrench, you find where I was.
Mira: I was at the lighthouse.

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

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CASE 06

A traveller off the mainland boat was found face down 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)

- The glass plate was never at the ferry dock.
- Nothing puts the brass key at the cobblers.
- The ferry dock was clean – no sign of the ledger.

WHAT THEY SAID

Jax: I never went near the clock tower.
Finn: I spent the whole evening at the ferry dock.
Sol: I could not tell you where the glass plate was.
Iris: Whoever had the brass key was with me.
Nils: Finn and I were together the whole time.
Dev: I never left Nils's side.

FERRY DOCK 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
COBBLERS 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
CLOCK TOWER (SCENE) 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	Jax	alone at the clock tower	Jax said: "I never left Iris's side." Iris was at the ferry dock, and Jax was at the clock tower. They were not together.
Case 02	Bo	alone at the studio	Bo said: "I never left Ada's side." Ada was at the garage, and Bo was at the studio. They were not together.
Case 03	Esme	alone at the studio	Esme said: "Ask Kit — we were together." Kit was at the market, and Esme was at the studio. They were not together.
Case 04	Kit	alone at the tailor shop	Kit said: "Bo and I were together the whole time." Bo was at the saloon, and Kit was at the tailor shop. They were not together.
Case 05	Gus	alone at the studio	Gus said: "I never left Iris's side." Iris was at the back office, and Gus was at the studio. They were not together.
Case 06	Dev	alone at the clock tower	Dev said: "I never left Nils's side." Nils was at the ferry dock, and Dev was at the clock tower. They were not together.