

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 post office. The new foreman did not get up.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the ledger at the studio.
- The surgery was clean – no sign of the ledger.
- The bloodied cloth was never at the studio.

WHAT THEY SAID

Sol: I spent the whole evening at the surgery.
 Iris: I was with Sol.
 Ora: Whoever had the rolling pin was not with me.
 Finn: The bloodied cloth was in my hands.
 Lior: You will find me at the studio, and nowhere else.
 Esme: I was with Iris.

STUDIO 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SURGERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
WORKSHOP 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 02

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The rope was found at the back office.
- The ledger turned up at the workshop.

WHAT THEY SAID

Esme: I was at the clock tower.
 Sol: Ask Esme – we were together.
 Gus: If you find the oil can, you find where I was.
 Ada: Whoever had the oil can was not with me.
 Finn: I was with Ada.
 Mira: I could not tell you where the rope was.

WORKSHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
APIARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
CLOCK TOWER 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 03

They carried the stranger off the evening ferry out of the garage at first light.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The rolling pin was found at the lighthouse.
- Nothing puts the glass plate at the apiary.

WHAT THEY SAID

Nils: Whoever had the glass plate was not with me.
Hana: Gus and I were together the whole time.
Finn: If you find the glass plate, you find where I was.
Esme: I was with Hana.
Gus: The bolt cutter was in the room I was in.
Bo: Wherever the rolling pin was, I was not.

APIARY 2 chairs	_____	EVIDENCE
MARKET 2 chairs	_____	EVIDENCE
LIGHTHOUSE 1 chair	_____	EVIDENCE
GARAGE (SCENE) 1 chair	_____	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

The new foreman was found at the tailor shop, and not breathing.

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 clock tower.
- The poison bottle turned up at the post office.

WHAT THEY SAID

Jax: I never went near the tailor shop.
Esme: The flower pail was in my hands.
Finn: I never left Esme's side.
Gus: Whoever had the bloodied cloth was with me.
Nils: The poison bottle was never in my hands.
Iris: Finn and I were together the whole time.

CLOCK TOWER 2 chairs	_____	EVIDENCE
WORKSHOP 2 chairs	_____	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE 1 chair	_____	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP (SCENE) 1 chair	_____	EVIDENCE

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CASE 05

The company man 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)

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

WHAT THEY SAID

Nils: I was with Ora.
Ora: You will find me at the cobblers, and nowhere else.
Lior: I never touched the hammer.
Gus: I never left Nils's side.
Mira: I was the one carrying the hammer.
Dev: Whoever had the rope was not with me.

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

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CASE 06

A shot was heard at the library. A man nobody in town knew did not get up.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the hammer at the surgery.
- The bakery was clean – no sign of the hammer.
- The hammer was never at the market.
- Nothing puts the glass plate at the surgery.
- The bakery was clean – no sign of the glass plate.

WHAT THEY SAID

Bo: The crowbar was in the room I was in.
Lior: You will find me at the bakery, and nowhere else.
Ora: I never touched the crowbar.
Mira: I was nowhere near the library all evening.
Cira: Ask Lior – we were together.
Finn: Cira and I were together the whole time.

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

NOTES

Answer Key — Red-Handed Hard

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

Case 01	Esme	alone at the post office	Esme said: "I was with Iris." Iris was at the surgery, and Esme was at the post office. They were not together.
Case 02	Sol	alone at the back office	Sol said: "Ask Esme — we were together." Esme was at the clock tower, and Sol was at the back office. They were not together.
Case 03	Esme	alone at the garage	Esme said: "I was with Hana." Hana was at the apiary, and Esme was at the garage. They were not together.
Case 04	Iris	alone at the tailor shop	Iris said: "Finn and I were together the whole time." Finn was at the clock tower, and Iris was at the tailor shop. They were not together.
Case 05	Gus	alone at the post office	Gus said: "I never left Nils's side." Nils was at the cobblers, and Gus was at the post office. They were not together.
Case 06	Finn	alone at the library	Finn said: "Cira and I were together the whole time." Cira was at the bakery, and Finn was at the library. They were not together.