

Red-Handed Hard

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

CASE 01

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The garage was clean – no sign of the lantern.
- The wrench was never at the saloon.

WHAT THEY SAID

Esme: You will find me at the garage, and nowhere else.
Jax: I never touched the glass plate.
Bo: The wrench was in the room I was in.
Hana: I was with Ora.
Cira: I never touched the lantern.
Ora: Esme and I were together the whole time.

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

NOTES

CASE 02

A traveller off the mainland boat was found dead at the cobblers.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The back office was clean – no sign of the oil can.
- The brass key was never at the clock tower.

WHAT THEY SAID

Sol: If you find the rope, you find where I was.
Finn: I was with Sol.
Ada: Ask Kit – we were together.
Kit: You will find me at the clock tower, and nowhere else.
Nils: I had the oil can.
Iris: I was nowhere near the cobblers all evening.

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

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CASE 03

The company man was found at the clock tower, and not breathing.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the tankard at the cobblers.
- The tailor shop was clean – no sign of the tankard.
- The kettle was never at the cobblers.

WHAT THEY SAID

Lior: The kettle was nowhere near me.
Jax: You will find me at the cobblers, and nowhere else.
Ada: I was at the tailor shop.
Finn: I never left Hana's side.
Dev: I was the one carrying the bolt cutter.
Hana: Ask Jax – we were together.

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

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CASE 04

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The knife was never at the library.
- Nothing puts the knife at the market.
- The library was clean – no sign of the rolling pin.

WHAT THEY SAID

Mira: I had the rolling pin.
Iris: Finn and I were together the whole time.
Finn: If you find the lantern, you find where I was.
Nils: I was with Jax.
Jax: The knife was in my hands.
Ada: The back office? I did not set foot in it.

LIBRARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
MARKET 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SURGERY 1 chair	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE (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 key blank at the apiary.
- They recovered the poison bottle from the saloon.

WHAT THEY SAID

Hana: I was with Cira.
 Jax: Wherever the key blank was, I was not.
 Cira: Whoever had the key blank was with me.
 Bo: The knife was in the room I was in.
 Ada: Wherever the knife was, I was not.
 Sol: Ask Ada – we were together.

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

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CASE 06

A shot was heard at the back office. The mine agent did not get up.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The garage was clean – no sign of the ledger.
- The rolling pin was found at the surgery.

WHAT THEY SAID

Iris: I could not tell you where the rolling pin was.
 Mira: Whoever had the ledger was with me.
 Cira: I was nowhere near the back office all evening.
 Esme: I was with Kit.
 Hana: Ask Esme – we were together.
 Kit: The glass plate was in my hands.

GARAGE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SURGERY 1 chair	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE (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	Hana	alone at the cobblers	Hana said: "I was with Ora." Ora was at the garage, and Hana was at the cobblers. They were not together.
Case 02	Ada	alone at the cobblers	Ada said: "Ask Kit — we were together." Kit was at the clock tower, and Ada was at the cobblers. They were not together.
Case 03	Finn	alone at the clock tower	Finn said: "I never left Hana's side." Hana was at the cobblers, and Finn was at the clock tower. They were not together.
Case 04	Nils	alone at the back office	Nils said: "I was with Jax." Jax was at the surgery, and Nils was at the back office. They were not together.
Case 05	Hana	alone at the studio	Hana said: "I was with Cira." Cira was at the tailor shop, and Hana was at the studio. They were not together.
Case 06	Hana	alone at the back office	Hana said: "Ask Esme — we were together." Esme was at the garage, and Hana was at the back office. They were not together.