

Red-Handed Hard

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

CASE 01

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The studio was clean – no sign of the oil can.
- The oil can was never at the bakery.
- Nothing puts the ledger at the studio.

WHAT THEY SAID

Gus: I could not tell you where the ledger was.
 Bo: I had the crowbar.
 Hana: Nils and I were together the whole time.
 Nils: I never left Mira's side.
 Jax: I was at the workshop.
 Mira: I spent the whole evening at the studio.

BACK OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
STUDIO 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BAKERY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
WORKSHOP 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 02

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 saloon was clean – no sign of the key blank.
- The key blank was never at the library.
- Nothing puts the basket at the library.

WHAT THEY SAID

Gus: Ada and I were together the whole time.
 Bo: I had the basket.
 Ada: I spent the whole evening at the saloon.
 Kit: Wherever the ledger was, I was not.
 Nils: Whoever had the ledger was not with me.
 Finn: I never left Gus's side.

SALOON 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
CLOCK TOWER 1 chair	EVIDENCE
MARKET (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 03

A shot was heard at the library. The company man 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 wrench at the clock tower.
- They recovered the bloodied cloth from the apiary.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ora: The rolling pin was never in my hands.
 Gus: I was the one carrying the rolling pin.
 Iris: I never left Kit's side.
 Esme: The wrench was never in my hands.
 Jax: Ask Ora – we were together.
 Kit: Whoever had the wrench was with me.

CLOCK TOWER 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
APIARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
SURGERY 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The brass key turned up at the ferry dock.
- The lighthouse was clean – no sign of the kettle.

WHAT THEY SAID

Dev: I was with Gus.
 Sol: I was the one carrying the poison bottle.
 Gus: Whoever had the kettle was with me.
 Finn: I was nowhere near the post office all evening.
 Hana: Wherever the poison bottle was, I was not.
 Nils: Ask Hana – we were together.

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

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CASE 05

A traveller off the mainland boat was found dead at the ferry dock.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The knife turned up at the saloon.
- The lighthouse was clean – no sign of the bloodied cloth.

WHAT THEY SAID

Mira: The bloodied cloth was nowhere near me.
Hana: I was with Ada.
Dev: I never went near the ferry dock.
Ada: Cira and I were together the whole time.
Gus: If you find the bloodied cloth, you find where I was.
Cira: Whoever had the basket was with me.

LIGHTHOUSE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SALOON 1 chair	EVIDENCE
FERRY DOCK (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 06

The insurance man 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)

- Nothing puts the brass key at the library.
- The post office was clean – no sign of the brass key.
- The tankard was never at the post office.

WHAT THEY SAID

Mira: The tankard was in my hands.
Gus: I could not tell you where the tankard was.
Hana: I was at the library.
Dev: I never left Hana's side.
Jax: Wherever the revolver was, I was not.
Nils: Ask Dev – we were together.

LIBRARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
APIARY 1 chair	EVIDENCE
COBBLERS (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	Hana	alone at the bakery	Hana said: "Nils and I were together the whole time." Nils was at the studio, and Hana was at the bakery. They were not together.
Case 02	Finn	alone at the market	Finn said: "I never left Gus's side." Gus was at the saloon, and Finn was at the market. They were not together.
Case 03	Iris	alone at the library	Iris said: "I never left Kit's side." Kit was at the surgery, and Iris was at the library. They were not together.
Case 04	Dev	alone at the post office	Dev said: "I was with Gus." Gus was at the market, and Dev was at the post office. They were not together.
Case 05	Hana	alone at the ferry dock	Hana said: "I was with Ada." Ada was at the lighthouse, and Hana was at the ferry dock. They were not together.
Case 06	Nils	alone at the cobblers	Nils said: "Ask Dev — we were together." Dev was at the library, and Nils was at the cobblers. They were not together.
