

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 library, and the keeper never woke.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the crowbar at the ferry dock.
- The market was clean – no sign of the crowbar.
- The brass key was never at the ferry dock.
- Nothing puts the kettle at the ferry dock.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ada: Ask Nils – we were together.
Hana: Wherever the kettle was, I was not.
Gus: I was at the ferry dock.
Nils: I spent the whole evening at the market.
Esme: Ask Ada – we were together.
Mira: I had the kettle.

FERRY DOCK 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
MARKET 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
SALOON 1 chair	EVIDENCE
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CASE 02

The night clerk was found at the surgery, and not breathing.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the glass plate at the clock tower.
- They recovered the lantern from the garage.

WHAT THEY SAID

Mira: The bolt cutter was in my hands.
Lior: I could not tell you where the glass plate was.
Ora: Whoever had the glass plate was with me.
Jax: Ask Ora – we were together.
Bo: I could not tell you where the bolt cutter was.
Hana: I never left Bo's side.

CLOCK TOWER 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
GARAGE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SURGERY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
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CASE 03

A man nobody in town knew 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)

- They recovered the tankard from the clock tower.
- The knife was found at the cobblers.

WHAT THEY SAID

Finn: Wherever the brass key was, I was not.
Kit: Whoever had the tankard was not with me.
Ora: I never left Cira's side.
Esme: I was with Finn.
Hana: Whoever had the brass key was with me.
Cira: I spent the whole evening at the library.

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

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CASE 04

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the oil can at the garage.
- They recovered the tankard from the studio.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ora: The bolt cutter was in the room I was in.
Mira: I could not tell you where the bolt cutter was.
Sol: Ask Ada – we were together.
Bo: Mira and I were together the whole time.
Finn: The library? I did not set foot in it.
Ada: I had the oil can.

GARAGE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
STUDIO 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP 1 chair	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 05

The new foreman was found face down at the apiary.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The wrench was never at the lighthouse.
- Nothing puts the wrench at the bakery.
- The lighthouse was clean – no sign of the rope.
- The revolver was never at the lighthouse.

WHAT THEY SAID

Mira: I never left Nils's side.
 Lior: I was nowhere near the apiary all evening.
 Ada: I was the one carrying the revolver.
 Bo: I was at the bakery.
 Finn: I was nowhere near the apiary all evening.
 Nils: I was with Bo.

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

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CASE 06

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

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

WHAT THEY SAID

Finn: I was with Ada.
 Esme: I was at the garage.
 Mira: The basket was never in my hands.
 Nils: The market? I did not set foot in it.
 Ada: I was with Esme.
 Hana: The basket was in my hands.

STUDIO 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
GARAGE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
FERRY DOCK 1 chair	EVIDENCE
MARKET (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 library
Esme said: "Ask Ada — we were together." Ada was at the market, and Esme was at the library. They were not together.		

Case 02	Jax	alone at the surgery
Jax said: "Ask Ora — we were together." Ora was at the back office, and Jax was at the surgery. They were not together.		

Case 03	Ora	alone at the clock tower
Ora said: "I never left Cira's side." Cira was at the library, and Ora was at the clock tower. They were not together.		

Case 04	Sol	alone at the library
Sol said: "Ask Ada — we were together." Ada was at the tailor shop, and Sol was at the library. They were not together.		

Case 05	Mira	alone at the apiary
Mira said: "I never left Nils's side." Nils was at the bakery, and Mira was at the apiary. They were not together.		

Case 06	Finn	alone at the market
Finn said: "I was with Ada." Ada was at the garage, and Finn was at the market. They were not together.		