

Red-Handed Hard

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

CASE 01

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the bolt cutter at the back office.
- The saloon was clean – no sign of the bolt cutter.
- The poison bottle was never at the back office.

WHAT THEY SAID

Sol: I spent the whole evening at the back office.
Cira: I never left Sol's side.
Bo: I was with Cira.
Mira: The tankard was in my hands.
Iris: I was the one carrying the tankard.
Hana: I was at the saloon.

BACK OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
WORKSHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SALOON 1 chair	EVIDENCE
SURGERY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 02

A shot was heard at the apiary. A traveller off the mainland boat did not get up.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The brass key was never at the lighthouse.
- The rope turned up at the clock tower.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ora: I was with Esme.
Finn: The brass key was in my hands.
Nils: If you find the knife, you find where I was.
Lior: I never left Finn's side.
Ada: I was nowhere near the apiary all evening.
Esme: I could not tell you where the knife was.

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

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CASE 03

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)

- They recovered the poison bottle from the workshop.
- The rope was never at the tailor shop.
- Nothing puts the crowbar at the tailor shop.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ora: Wherever the crowbar was, I was not.
Ada: I never left Ora's side.
Lior: The poison bottle was nowhere near me.
Jax: I was the one carrying the crowbar.
Gus: I was at the workshop.
Sol: I never left Gus's side.

TAILOR SHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
COBBLERS 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
WORKSHOP 1 chair	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

A shot was heard at the library. A traveller off the mainland boat did not get up.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The knife was never at the post office.
- Nothing puts the knife at the garage.
- The post office was clean – no sign of the glass plate.
- The hammer was never at the post office.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ada: I had the glass plate.
Dev: I never left Nils's side.
Cira: Wherever the glass plate was, I was not.
Nils: I was at the garage.
Ora: I spent the whole evening at the post office.
Kit: I never left Dev's side.

POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
GARAGE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
APIARY 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 05

The tax inspector was found at the saloon, and not breathing.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The flower pail turned up at the ferry dock.
- The bakery was clean – no sign of the rolling pin.

WHAT THEY SAID

Iris: The rolling pin was never in my hands.
Ada: I was the one carrying the rolling pin.
Sol: Finn and I were together the whole time.
Hana: The bolt cutter was in the room I was in.
Ora: I was with Ada.
Finn: I never touched the bolt cutter.

BAKERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
FERRY DOCK 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
SALOON (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 06

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

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

WHAT THEY SAID

Cira: If you find the basket, you find where I was.
Bo: I was with Nils.
Mira: I spent the whole evening at the back office.
Lior: I could not tell you where the hammer was.
Nils: I never left Mira's side.
Sol: The basket was never in my hands.

BACK OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SALOON 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
STUDIO 1 chair	EVIDENCE
APIARY (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 **Bo** alone at the surgery
Bo said: "I was with Cira." Cira was at the back office, and Bo was at the surgery. They were not together.

Case 02 **Lior** alone at the apiary
Lior said: "I never left Finn's side." Finn was at the cobblers, and Lior was at the apiary. They were not together.

Case 03 **Sol** alone at the back office
Sol said: "I never left Gus's side." Gus was at the workshop, and Sol was at the back office. They were not together.

Case 04 **Kit** alone at the library
Kit said: "I never left Dev's side." Dev was at the garage, and Kit was at the library. They were not together.

Case 05 **Ora** alone at the saloon
Ora said: "I was with Ada." Ada was at the back office, and Ora was at the saloon. They were not together.

Case 06 **Bo** alone at the apiary
Bo said: "I was with Nils." Nils was at the back office, and Bo was at the apiary. They were not together.