

Red-Handed Hard

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

CASE 01

A man nobody in town knew was found dead at the apiary.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The tailor shop was clean – no sign of the hammer.
- The ledger was found at the saloon.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ora: If you find the basket, you find where I was.
 Kit: I never left Gus's side.
 Gus: The basket was nowhere near me.
 Mira: I was the one carrying the hammer.
 Nils: I never went near the apiary.
 Finn: I never left Mira's side.

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

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CASE 02

A shot was heard at the back office. The company man 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)

- Nothing puts the kettle at the bakery.
- They recovered the knife from the workshop.

WHAT THEY SAID

Dev: I was nowhere near the back office all evening.
 Esme: Wherever the rolling pin was, I was not.
 Ora: Ask Jax – we were together.
 Jax: The kettle was in the room I was in.
 Lior: If you find the rolling pin, you find where I was.
 Gus: I was with Esme.

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

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CASE 03

The night clerk was found dead at the saloon.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The back office was clean – no sign of the oil can.
- The poison bottle was found at the library.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ada: If you find the oil can, you find where I was.
Hana: Ada and I were together the whole time.
Dev: The oil can was never in my hands.
Gus: Wherever the basket was, I was not.
Esme: Ask Gus – we were together.
Ora: The basket was in the room I was in.

LIBRARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP 1 chair	EVIDENCE
SALOON (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

The insurance man was found face down at the workshop.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The flower pail was never at the lighthouse.
- Nothing puts the flower pail at the surgery.
- The lighthouse was clean – no sign of the lantern.

WHAT THEY SAID

Finn: I was at the lighthouse.
Lior: I never left Bo's side.
Sol: I was the one carrying the lantern.
Jax: I was at the surgery.
Nils: The glass plate was nowhere near me.
Bo: I never left Jax's side.

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

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CASE 05

A traveller off the mainland boat was found face down at the lighthouse.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the tankard at the cobblers.
- The lighthouse was clean – no sign of the tankard.
- The wrench was never at the cobblers.

WHAT THEY SAID

Kit: I spent the whole evening at the cobblers.
 Finn: Ask Kit – we were together.
 Dev: Whoever had the brass key was with me.
 Hana: The brass key was in the room I was in.
 Ora: You will find me at the garage, and nowhere else.
 Gus: Ask Finn – we were together.

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

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CASE 06

The mine agent was found at the lighthouse, and not breathing.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The hammer was never at the surgery.
- Nothing puts the hammer at the ferry dock.
- The surgery was clean – no sign of the lantern.

WHAT THEY SAID

Jax: Ask Bo – we were together.
 Hana: The basket was in my hands.
 Lior: You will find me at the ferry dock, and nowhere else.
 Finn: I was with Jax.
 Bo: I spent the whole evening at the surgery.
 Iris: I was the one carrying the basket.

SURGERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
FERRY DOCK 1 chair	EVIDENCE
LIGHTHOUSE (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	Finn	alone at the apiary	Finn said: "I never left Mira's side." Mira was at the library, and Finn was at the apiary. They were not together.
Case 02	Ora	alone at the back office	Ora said: "Ask Jax – we were together." Jax was at the clock tower, and Ora was at the back office. They were not together.
Case 03	Hana	alone at the saloon	Hana said: "Ada and I were together the whole time." Ada was at the tailor shop, and Hana was at the saloon. They were not together.
Case 04	Lior	alone at the workshop	Lior said: "I never left Bo's side." Bo was at the surgery, and Lior was at the workshop. They were not together.
Case 05	Gus	alone at the lighthouse	Gus said: "Ask Finn – we were together." Finn was at the cobblers, and Gus was at the lighthouse. They were not together.
Case 06	Finn	alone at the lighthouse	Finn said: "I was with Jax." Jax was at the surgery, and Finn was at the lighthouse. They were not together.