

Red-Handed Hard

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

CASE 01

A stranger off the evening ferry was found dead at the library.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the bloodied cloth at the lighthouse.
- The lighthouse was clean – no sign of the basket.
- The basket was never at the market.
- Nothing puts the brass key at the lighthouse.

WHAT THEY SAID

Hana: Ask Ora – we were together.
 Kit: Dev and I were together the whole time.
 Ora: I had the basket.
 Bo: The brass key was in my hands.
 Nils: I could not tell you where the bloodied cloth was.
 Dev: Whoever had the brass key was not with me.

LIGHTHOUSE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
MARKET 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
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CASE 02

A stranger off the evening ferry was found dead at the garage.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the basket at the back office.
- The saloon was clean – no sign of the bee smoker.

WHAT THEY SAID

Dev: I was nowhere near the garage all evening.
 Mira: I never left Bo's side.
 Bo: Whoever had the poison bottle was with me.
 Hana: I spent the whole evening at the saloon.
 Ada: Hana and I were together the whole time.
 Esme: I had the basket.

BACK OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
WORKSHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SALOON 1 chair	EVIDENCE
GARAGE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
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CASE 03

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the knife at the library.
- They recovered the flower pail from the post office.

WHAT THEY SAID

Iris: The flower pail was nowhere near me.
 Ada: Ask Sol – we were together.
 Cira: I never touched the rope.
 Finn: The knife was in the room I was in.
 Bo: If you find the rope, you find where I was.
 Sol: Ask Bo – we were together.

LIBRARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
WORKSHOP (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

A man nobody in town knew 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 market was clean – no sign of the hammer.
- The revolver was never at the market.
- Nothing puts the revolver at the surgery.
- The market was clean – no sign of the knife.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ada: Wherever the knife was, I was not.
 Finn: I never went near the ferry dock.
 Esme: Ask Gus – we were together.
 Kit: Ada and I were together the whole time.
 Jax: Whoever had the knife was with me.
 Gus: The revolver was in the room I was in.

MARKET 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SURGERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
FERRY DOCK (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 05

They carried the stranger off the evening ferry 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 post office was clean – no sign of the revolver.
- The bolt cutter was never at the clock tower.

WHAT THEY SAID

Nils: Ask Iris – we were together.
Sol: I had the bolt cutter.
Mira: I never left Nils's side.
Iris: You will find me at the post office, and nowhere else.
Ora: I never touched the revolver.
Ada: The tankard was nowhere near me.

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

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CASE 06

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 rolling pin turned up at the cobblers.
- The workshop was clean – no sign of the bolt cutter.

WHAT THEY SAID

Lior: The bolt cutter was nowhere near me.
Jax: I was with Dev.
Sol: Whoever had the bolt cutter was with me.
Kit: I was nowhere near the post office all evening.
Hana: I never left Jax's side.
Dev: I had the oil can.

WORKSHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SALOON 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
COBBLERS 1 chair	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE (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 library
Hana said: "Ask Ora — we were together." Ora was at the post office, and Hana was at the library. They were not together.		

Case 02	Ada	alone at the garage
Ada said: "Hana and I were together the whole time." Hana was at the saloon, and Ada was at the garage. They were not together.		

Case 03	Ada	alone at the workshop
Ada said: "Ask Sol — we were together." Sol was at the library, and Ada was at the workshop. They were not together.		

Case 04	Esme	alone at the ferry dock
Esme said: "Ask Gus — we were together." Gus was at the library, and Esme was at the ferry dock. They were not together.		

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

Case 06	Hana	alone at the post office
Hana said: "I never left Jax's side." Jax was at the workshop, and Hana was at the post office. They were not together.		