

Red-Handed Hard

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

CASE 01

A traveller off the mainland boat was found at the tailor shop, and not breathing.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The lantern was never at the library.
- Nothing puts the lantern at the studio.
- The library was clean – no sign of the bolt cutter.

WHAT THEY SAID

Bo: Whoever had the lantern was with me.
Sol: I was with Iris.
Iris: Ask Esme – we were together.
Jax: Whoever had the bolt cutter was with me.
Esme: The brass key was in my hands.
Dev: The tailor shop? I did not set foot in it.

LIBRARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
STUDIO 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
BAKERY 1 chair	EVIDENCE
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CASE 02

The mine agent was found face down at the saloon.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The garage was clean – no sign of the flower pail.
- The kettle was never at the post office.
- Nothing puts the rope at the garage.

WHAT THEY SAID

Hana: I never left Nils's side.
Ora: Whoever had the kettle was with me.
Kit: The flower pail was nowhere near me.
Lior: I could not tell you where the flower pail was.
Bo: I was at the garage.
Nils: I was with Bo.

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

A shot was heard at the bakery. The mine agent did not get up.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The bee smoker was never at the studio.
- Nothing puts the bee smoker at the surgery.
- The studio was clean – no sign of the wrench.

WHAT THEY SAID

Jax: Whoever had the bee smoker was with me.
 Gus: I was with Cira.
 Cira: Ask Esme – we were together.
 Dev: I had the wrench.
 Mira: I was nowhere near the bakery all evening.
 Esme: I was the one carrying the bloodied cloth.

STUDIO 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SURGERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP 1 chair	EVIDENCE
BAKERY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The clock tower was clean – no sign of the key blank.
- The key blank was never at the ferry dock.
- Nothing puts the key blank at the back office.
- The clock tower was clean – no sign of the flower pail.

WHAT THEY SAID

Gus: The back office? I did not set foot in it.
 Kit: Whoever had the flower pail was with me.
 Nils: Ora and I were together the whole time.
 Ora: I never left Iris's side.
 Iris: I had the lantern.
 Sol: The flower pail was nowhere near me.

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

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CASE 05

A shot was heard at the library. The debt collector 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 ledger was never at the surgery.
- Nothing puts the ledger at the garage.
- The surgery was clean – no sign of the rope.
- The kettle was never at the surgery.

WHAT THEY SAID

Kit: Ask Sol – we were together.
Sol: I spent the whole evening at the garage.
Finn: If you find the kettle, you find where I was.
Iris: I never touched the kettle.
Nils: I was nowhere near the library all evening.
Ada: Kit and I were together the whole time.

SURGERY 2 chairs	_____	_____	EVIDENCE
GARAGE 2 chairs	_____	_____	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY (SCENE) 1 chair	_____	_____	EVIDENCE
STUDIO 1 chair	_____	_____	EVIDENCE

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CASE 06

A shot was heard at the ferry dock. The insurance man did not get up.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The rope was never at the library.
- The revolver turned up at the saloon.

WHAT THEY SAID

Jax: Whoever had the rope was with me.
Ora: Ask Hana – we were together.
Hana: Wherever the knife was, I was not.
Lior: I never left Jax's side.
Kit: The knife was in my hands.
Gus: I could not tell you where the rope was.

SALOON 2 chairs	_____	_____	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY 2 chairs	_____	_____	EVIDENCE
FERRY DOCK (SCENE) 1 chair	_____	_____	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP 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	Sol	alone at the tailor shop	Sol said: "I was with Iris." Iris was at the library, and Sol was at the tailor shop. They were not together.
Case 02	Hana	alone at the saloon	Hana said: "I never left Nils's side." Nils was at the garage, and Hana was at the saloon. They were not together.
Case 03	Gus	alone at the bakery	Gus said: "I was with Cira." Cira was at the studio, and Gus was at the bakery. They were not together.
Case 04	Nils	alone at the back office	Nils said: "Ora and I were together the whole time." Ora was at the clock tower, and Nils was at the back office. They were not together.
Case 05	Ada	alone at the library	Ada said: "Kit and I were together the whole time." Kit was at the garage, and Ada was at the library. They were not together.
Case 06	Lior	alone at the ferry dock	Lior said: "I never left Jax's side." Jax was at the tailor shop, and Lior was at the ferry dock. They were not together.