

Red-Handed Hard

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

CASE 01

The debt collector 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 clock tower was clean – no sign of the bee smoker.
- The rope was found at the bakery.

WHAT THEY SAID

Esme: Ask Mira – we were together.
Mira: Kit and I were together the whole time.
Iris: The rope was nowhere near me.
Lior: If you find the bee smoker, you find where I was.
Kit: Whoever had the knife was with me.
Finn: The bee smoker was nowhere near me.

CLOCK TOWER 2 chairs	_____	EVIDENCE
MARKET 2 chairs	_____	EVIDENCE
BAKERY 1 chair	_____	EVIDENCE
SALOON (SCENE) 1 chair	_____	EVIDENCE

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CASE 02

They carried the stranger off the evening ferry out of the back office at first light.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The rolling pin turned up at the back office.
- The library was clean – no sign of the brass key.

WHAT THEY SAID

Bo: I was with Jax.
Cira: I could not tell you where the rolling pin was.
Jax: I was at the workshop.
Ora: I never left Hana's side.
Hana: I was the one carrying the bloodied cloth.
Sol: Whoever had the brass key was with me.

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

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CASE 03

The company man was found at the back office, and not breathing.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the crowbar at the cobblers.
- The lighthouse was clean – no sign of the crowbar.
- The crowbar was never at the back office.
- Nothing puts the poison bottle at the lighthouse.

WHAT THEY SAID

Sol: The kettle was never in my hands.
Bo: If you find the kettle, you find where I was.
Hana: Ask Mira – we were together.
Ora: The poison bottle was never in my hands.
Mira: I never left Ada's side.
Ada: I was at the lighthouse.

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

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CASE 04

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The lighthouse was clean – no sign of the brass key.
- The brass key was never at the back office.
- Nothing puts the knife at the back office.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ada: You will find me at the lighthouse, and nowhere else.
Ora: I never touched the tankard.
Finn: The knife was in the room I was in.
Kit: Ada and I were together the whole time.
Sol: I never left Kit's side.
Iris: The tankard was nowhere near me.

LIGHTHOUSE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
GARAGE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
BAKERY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 05

A man nobody in town knew 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 kettle was never at the studio.
- Nothing puts the kettle at the library.
- The studio was clean – no sign of the revolver.

WHAT THEY SAID

Lior: I was at the library.
 Bo: Ora and I were together the whole time.
 Jax: Wherever the revolver was, I was not.
 Ora: I was with Esme.
 Finn: The wrench was in the room I was in.
 Esme: You will find me at the studio, and nowhere else.

STUDIO 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
FERRY DOCK 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY 1 chair	EVIDENCE
APIARY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 06

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the poison bottle at the saloon.
- The garage was clean – no sign of the poison bottle.
- The hammer was never at the garage.

WHAT THEY SAID

Gus: Ask Esme – we were together.
 Sol: You will find me at the garage, and nowhere else.
 Finn: Whoever had the kettle was not with me.
 Esme: I spent the whole evening at the saloon.
 Hana: Ask Gus – we were together.
 Cira: I had the hammer.

SALOON 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
GARAGE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
MARKET 1 chair	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP (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 saloon	Esme said: "Ask Mira — we were together." Mira was at the clock tower, and Esme was at the saloon. They were not together.
Case 02	Bo	alone at the back office	Bo said: "I was with Jax." Jax was at the workshop, and Bo was at the back office. They were not together.
Case 03	Hana	alone at the back office	Hana said: "Ask Mira — we were together." Mira was at the lighthouse, and Hana was at the back office. They were not together.
Case 04	Sol	alone at the bakery	Sol said: "I never left Kit's side." Kit was at the lighthouse, and Sol was at the bakery. They were not together.
Case 05	Bo	alone at the apiary	Bo said: "Ora and I were together the whole time." Ora was at the studio, and Bo was at the apiary. They were not together.
Case 06	Hana	alone at the tailor shop	Hana said: "Ask Gus — we were together." Gus was at the saloon, and Hana was at the tailor shop. They were not together.