

Red-Handed Hard

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

CASE 01

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

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

WHAT THEY SAID

Sol: You will find me at the surgery, and nowhere else.
Ora: I was at the bakery.
Gus: I never left Mira's side.
Mira: I was with Ora.
Finn: Whoever had the bolt cutter was with me.
Hana: The bolt cutter was in the room I was in.

SALOON 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BAKERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SURGERY 1 chair	EVIDENCE
COBBLERS (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 02

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the lantern at the cobblers.
- They recovered the key blank from the surgery.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ora: The lantern was nowhere near me.
Hana: Ask Mira – we were together.
Kit: I had the lantern.
Dev: I never left Kit's side.
Mira: Wherever the knife was, I was not.
Sol: I had the knife.

SURGERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
COBBLERS 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
GARAGE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
BAKERY 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 03

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the bolt cutter at the post office.
- The lighthouse was clean – no sign of the bolt cutter.
- The knife was never at the post office.

WHAT THEY SAID

Kit: The rolling pin was in the room I was in.
Sol: Lior and I were together the whole time.
Dev: I never went near the lighthouse.
Iris: I spent the whole evening at the post office.
Lior: Ask Iris – we were together.
Cira: I was at the back office.

POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
STUDIO 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIGHTHOUSE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

They carried the traveller off the mainland boat 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 kettle was never at the apiary.
- Nothing puts the rolling pin at the apiary.
- The tailor shop was clean – no sign of the rolling pin.
- The wrench was never at the apiary.

WHAT THEY SAID

Kit: I was with Ada.
Finn: The rolling pin was in my hands.
Gus: Finn and I were together the whole time.
Iris: I never went near the bakery.
Cira: The wrench was in the room I was in.
Ada: Wherever the wrench was, I was not.

APIARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BAKERY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
GARAGE 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 05

They carried the tax inspector 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)

- Nothing puts the basket at the market.
- The post office was clean – no sign of the basket.
- The hammer was never at the market.
- Nothing puts the hammer at the post office.
- The market was clean – no sign of the bolt cutter.

WHAT THEY SAID

Finn: The basket was never in my hands.
Cira: I was the one carrying the basket.
Mira: I never touched the basket.
Hana: I never left Lior's side.
Lior: Wherever the bolt cutter was, I was not.
Sol: Ask Cira – we were together.

MARKET 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
APIARY 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 06

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- They recovered the tankard from the ferry dock.
- The wrench was found at the market.

WHAT THEY SAID

Lior: The tailor shop? I did not set foot in it.
Gus: I was at the ferry dock.
Hana: I never left Sol's side.
Sol: Wherever the key blank was, I was not.
Iris: Ask Gus – we were together.
Esme: The key blank was in my hands.

MARKET 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SALOON 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
FERRY DOCK 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	Gus	alone at the cobblers	Gus said: "I never left Mira's side." Mira was at the bakery, and Gus was at the cobblers. They were not together.
Case 02	Dev	alone at the garage	Dev said: "I never left Kit's side." Kit was at the bakery, and Dev was at the garage. They were not together.
Case 03	Sol	alone at the lighthouse	Sol said: "Lior and I were together the whole time." Lior was at the post office, and Sol was at the lighthouse. They were not together.
Case 04	Gus	alone at the bakery	Gus said: "Finn and I were together the whole time." Finn was at the garage, and Gus was at the bakery. They were not together.
Case 05	Sol	alone at the back office	Sol said: "Ask Cira – we were together." Cira was at the apiary, and Sol was at the back office. They were not together.
Case 06	Iris	alone at the tailor shop	Iris said: "Ask Gus – we were together." Gus was at the ferry dock, and Iris was at the tailor shop. They were not together.