

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 back office, and the keeper never woke.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The glass plate was never at the lighthouse.
- Nothing puts the glass plate at the garage.
- The lighthouse was clean – no sign of the bloodied cloth.

WHAT THEY SAID

Mira: I had the bloodied cloth.
 Sol: I was with Jax.
 Finn: I could not tell you where the glass plate was.
 Kit: Cira and I were together the whole time.
 Jax: The glass plate was in the room I was in.
 Cira: If you find the rolling pin, you find where I was.

LIGHTHOUSE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
GARAGE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
COBBLERS 1 chair	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
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CASE 02

The company man 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 brass key was never at the cobblers.
- Nothing puts the brass key at the saloon.
- The cobblers was clean – no sign of the rolling pin.

WHAT THEY SAID

Esme: I was at the cobblers.
 Hana: I was with Esme.
 Iris: I could not tell you where the rolling pin was.
 Gus: I was at the market.
 Nils: I never left Gus's side.
 Finn: If you find the poison bottle, you find where I was.

COBBLERS 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
CLOCK TOWER 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SALOON (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
MARKET 1 chair	EVIDENCE
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CASE 03

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)

- Nothing puts the revolver at the clock tower.
- The garage was clean – no sign of the revolver.
- The wrench was never at the clock tower.
- Nothing puts the rope at the clock tower.

WHAT THEY SAID

Iris: The wrench was in the room I was in.
 Bo: I was with Kit.
 Cira: I had the revolver.
 Jax: Cira and I were together the whole time.
 Finn: Wherever the rope was, I was not.
 Kit: I never touched the wrench.

CLOCK TOWER 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
GARAGE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
SALOON 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

They carried the mine agent 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 rolling pin at the surgery.
- The cobblers was clean – no sign of the poison bottle.
- The flower pail was never at the cobblers.

WHAT THEY SAID

Mira: I was with Gus.
 Gus: Ask Cira – we were together.
 Jax: I was at the cobblers.
 Sol: The flower pail was in my hands.
 Hana: Wherever the rolling pin was, I was not.
 Cira: I was at the surgery.

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

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CASE 05

A stranger off the evening ferry was found at the bakery, and not breathing.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- They recovered the poison bottle from the library.
- The key blank was found at the tailor shop.

WHAT THEY SAID

Bo: I was the one carrying the brass key.
 Esme: Whoever had the poison bottle was not with me.
 Dev: I never left Ora's side.
 Ada: Wherever the brass key was, I was not.
 Ora: I was at the library.
 Finn: Ada and I were together the whole time.

LIGHTHOUSE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY 1 chair	EVIDENCE
BAKERY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 06

The company man was found face down at the bakery.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The hammer was never at the library.
- The poison bottle turned up at the saloon.

WHAT THEY SAID

Kit: I never went near the bakery.
 Finn: Bo and I were together the whole time.
 Jax: I never left Ada's side.
 Bo: I was at the saloon.
 Gus: The hammer was in the room I was in.
 Ada: I was the one carrying the bloodied cloth.

LIBRARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SALOON 1 chair	EVIDENCE
BAKERY (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	Sol	alone at the back office	Sol said: "I was with Jax." Jax was at the cobblers, and Sol was at the back office. They were not together.
Case 02	Nils	alone at the saloon	Nils said: "I never left Gus's side." Gus was at the market, and Nils was at the saloon. They were not together.
Case 03	Jax	alone at the post office	Jax said: "Cira and I were together the whole time." Cira was at the saloon, and Jax was at the post office. They were not together.
Case 04	Mira	alone at the back office	Mira said: "I was with Gus." Gus was at the surgery, and Mira was at the back office. They were not together.
Case 05	Dev	alone at the bakery	Dev said: "I never left Ora's side." Ora was at the library, and Dev was at the bakery. They were not together.
Case 06	Finn	alone at the bakery	Finn said: "Bo and I were together the whole time." Bo was at the saloon, and Finn was at the bakery. They were not together.