

Red-Handed Hard

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

CASE 01

They carried the night clerk out of the surgery at first light.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The oil can was never at the library.
- Nothing puts the key blank at the lighthouse.
- The lighthouse was clean – no sign of the knife.

WHAT THEY SAID

Dev: I was with Gus.
 Sol: The key blank was in my hands.
 Kit: You will find me at the library, and nowhere else.
 Ada: I never touched the oil can.
 Gus: I was with Kit.
 Nils: You will find me at the lighthouse, and nowhere else.

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

CASE 02

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the ledger at the cobblers.
- The market was clean – no sign of the ledger.
- The bolt cutter was never at the cobblers.
- Nothing puts the flower pail at the cobblers.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ora: The flower pail was in the room I was in.
 Esme: The apiary? I did not set foot in it.
 Iris: Nils and I were together the whole time.
 Bo: I never left Finn's side.
 Nils: I could not tell you where the flower pail was.
 Finn: Whoever had the ledger was with me.

COBBLERS 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
MARKET 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
APIARY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
SURGERY 1 chair	EVIDENCE
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CASE 03

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The rope was never at the back office.
- Nothing puts the rope at the bakery.
- The bakery was clean – no sign of the ledger.
- The poison bottle was never at the back office.

WHAT THEY SAID

Hana: I never went near the apiary.
 Cira: The ledger was in the room I was in.
 Gus: Dev and I were together the whole time.
 Iris: I never left Gus's side.
 Dev: I spent the whole evening at the back office.
 Nils: I could not tell you where the ledger was.

BACK OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BAKERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
STUDIO 1 chair	EVIDENCE
APIARY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

The night clerk 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 clock tower was clean – no sign of the hammer.
- The hammer was never at the post office.
- Nothing puts the wrench at the post office.

WHAT THEY SAID

Iris: Esme and I were together the whole time.
 Bo: I never left Iris's side.
 Mira: The wrench was in my hands.
 Ora: I could not tell you where the knife was.
 Cira: I never touched the wrench.
 Esme: I spent the whole evening at the clock tower.

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

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CASE 05

A traveller off the mainland boat was found face down at the post office.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the key blank at the market.
- The bakery was clean – no sign of the key blank.
- The key blank was never at the post office.
- Nothing puts the basket at the market.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ada: I never left Iris's side.
 Ora: You will find me at the market, and nowhere else.
 Iris: Ask Ora – we were together.
 Kit: The bloodied cloth was nowhere near me.
 Hana: If you find the bloodied cloth, you find where I was.
 Esme: I never went near the post office.

MARKET 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BAKERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
SURGERY 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 06

The mine agent was found dead at the cobblers.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the bee smoker at the clock tower.
- The market was clean – no sign of the bee smoker.
- The poison bottle was never at the market.

WHAT THEY SAID

Nils: I was with Lior.
 Bo: Ask Nils – we were together.
 Finn: I never touched the tankard.
 Ora: I spent the whole evening at the market.
 Lior: You will find me at the clock tower, and nowhere else.
 Mira: I had the poison bottle.

CLOCK TOWER 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
MARKET 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
COBBLERS (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	Dev	alone at the surgery
Dev said: "I was with Gus." Gus was at the library, and Dev was at the surgery. They were not together.		
Case 02	Bo	alone at the apiary
Bo said: "I never left Finn's side." Finn was at the surgery, and Bo was at the apiary. They were not together.		
Case 03	Iris	alone at the apiary
Iris said: "I never left Gus's side." Gus was at the back office, and Iris was at the apiary. They were not together.		
Case 04	Bo	alone at the apiary
Bo said: "I never left Iris's side." Iris was at the clock tower, and Bo was at the apiary. They were not together.		
Case 05	Ada	alone at the post office
Ada said: "I never left Iris's side." Iris was at the market, and Ada was at the post office. They were not together.		
Case 06	Bo	alone at the cobblers
Bo said: "Ask Nils — we were together." Nils was at the clock tower, and Bo was at the cobblers. They were not together.		