

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 dead at the garage.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The market was clean – no sign of the wrench.
- The wrench was never at the workshop.
- Nothing puts the crowbar at the workshop.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ada: You will find me at the market, and nowhere else.
Mira: Whoever had the revolver was not with me.
Dev: I spent the whole evening at the workshop.
Nils: I was the one carrying the crowbar.
Ora: Gus and I were together the whole time.
Gus: I never left Ada's side.

MARKET 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
WORKSHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SURGERY 1 chair	EVIDENCE
GARAGE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 02

A shot was heard at the clock tower. The debt collector did not get up.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the revolver at the ferry dock.
- The surgery was clean – no sign of the ledger.

WHAT THEY SAID

Gus: The hammer was in my hands.
Jax: I never left Kit's side.
Kit: I was at the ferry dock.
Ora: Ask Gus – we were together.
Esme: Wherever the revolver was, I was not.
Hana: Whoever had the ledger was with me.

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

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CASE 03

The tax inspector was found face down at the workshop.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The market was clean – no sign of the hammer.
- The hammer was never at the workshop.
- Nothing puts the key blank at the market.

WHAT THEY SAID

Jax: You will find me at the market, and nowhere else.
Dev: I never went near the workshop.
Hana: I was with Jax.
Esme: If you find the kettle, you find where I was.
Lior: I was at the saloon.
Nils: I never left Hana's side.

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

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CASE 04

A shot was heard at the cobblers. The tax inspector did not get up.

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 glass plate.
- The glass plate was never at the tailor shop.
- Nothing puts the crowbar at the bakery.
- The bakery was clean – no sign of the knife.

WHAT THEY SAID

Bo: The cobblers? I did not set foot in it.
Gus: I was at the tailor shop.
Jax: Ask Nils – we were together.
Lior: You will find me at the bakery, and nowhere else.
Nils: I never left Gus's side.
Mira: The crowbar was in my hands.

BAKERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
COBBLERS (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 05

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- They recovered the rope from the cobblers.
- The bolt cutter was never at the lighthouse.

WHAT THEY SAID

Lior: The cobblers? I did not set foot in it.
Hana: I had the knife.
Esme: I was with Dev.
Dev: You will find me at the post office, and nowhere else.
Kit: Hana and I were together the whole time.
Ora: The bolt cutter was in my hands.

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

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CASE 06

They carried the debt collector out of the library at first light.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- They recovered the hammer from the clock tower.
- The knife was never at the back office.

WHAT THEY SAID

Dev: I could not tell you where the knife was.
Hana: Whoever had the lantern was with me.
Finn: I was with Jax.
Jax: I was the one carrying the knife.
Nils: Esme and I were together the whole time.
Esme: The lantern was nowhere near me.

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

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Answer Key — Red-Handed Hard

Solve before peeking. The liar is the one who was alone at the scene.

Case 01	Ora	alone at the garage	Ora said: "Gus and I were together the whole time." Gus was at the market, and Ora was at the garage. They were not together.
Case 02	Jax	alone at the clock tower	Jax said: "I never left Kit's side." Kit was at the ferry dock, and Jax was at the clock tower. They were not together.
Case 03	Nils	alone at the workshop	Nils said: "I never left Hana's side." Hana was at the market, and Nils was at the workshop. They were not together.
Case 04	Jax	alone at the cobblers	Jax said: "Ask Nils — we were together." Nils was at the tailor shop, and Jax was at the cobblers. They were not together.
Case 05	Esme	alone at the cobblers	Esme said: "I was with Dev." Dev was at the post office, and Esme was at the cobblers. They were not together.
Case 06	Finn	alone at the library	Finn said: "I was with Jax." Jax was at the garage, and Finn was at the library. They were not together.