

Red-Handed Hard

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

CASE 01

They carried the company man out of the tailor shop at first light.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The saloon was clean – no sign of the kettle.
- The hammer was found at the ferry dock.

WHAT THEY SAID

Jax: Ask Lior – we were together.
 Sol: I had the revolver.
 Hana: I never left Gus's side.
 Lior: I was the one carrying the kettle.
 Bo: I never went near the tailor shop.
 Gus: The revolver was never in my hands.

FERRY DOCK 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SALOON 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIGHTHOUSE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP (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 was found at the post office.
- Nothing puts the knife at the tailor shop.

WHAT THEY SAID

Nils: Whoever had the wrench was not with me.
 Ada: Iris and I were together the whole time.
 Iris: You will find me at the tailor shop, and nowhere else.
 Cira: Whoever had the knife was not with me.
 Sol: The wrench was in the room I was in.
 Finn: Nils and I were together the whole time.

POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
GARAGE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP 1 chair	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 03

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The rolling pin turned up at the tailor shop.
- The post office was clean – no sign of the flower pail.

WHAT THEY SAID

Sol: The flower pail was nowhere near me.
Gus: Bo and I were together the whole time.
Cira: Whoever had the flower pail was with me.
Bo: The revolver was in the room I was in.
Finn: Ask Gus – we were together.
Dev: I never went near the lighthouse.

POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
MARKET 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP 1 chair	EVIDENCE
LIGHTHOUSE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

The new foreman was found dead 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 kettle.
- The kettle was never at the back office.
- Nothing puts the hammer at the back office.

WHAT THEY SAID

Sol: I could not tell you where the basket was.
Kit: I never went near the apiary.
Hana: The hammer was in the room I was in.
Gus: I never left Mira's side.
Esme: I was with Gus.
Mira: I spent the whole evening at the clock tower.

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

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CASE 05

A stranger off the evening ferry 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)

- They recovered the basket from the apiary.
- The bolt cutter was never at the workshop.

WHAT THEY SAID

Dev: Sol and I were together the whole time.
Esme: I never left Dev's side.
Kit: I was nowhere near the garage all evening.
Sol: You will find me at the workshop, and nowhere else.
Gus: Whoever had the knife was with me.
Bo: The knife was nowhere near me.

WORKSHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
APIARY 1 chair	EVIDENCE
GARAGE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 06

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The surgery was clean – no sign of the flower pail.
- The flower pail was never at the market.
- Nothing puts the revolver at the market.

WHAT THEY SAID

Iris: You will find me at the surgery, and nowhere else.
Esme: Whoever had the basket was not with me.
Sol: The revolver was in my hands.
Finn: I never left Iris's side.
Jax: I never went near the saloon.
Ora: Ask Finn – we were together.

SURGERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
MARKET 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
CLOCK TOWER 1 chair	EVIDENCE
SALOON (SCENE) 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	Jax	alone at the tailor shop	Jax said: "Ask Lior — we were together." Lior was at the lighthouse, and Jax was at the tailor shop. They were not together.
Case 02	Ada	alone at the back office	Ada said: "Iris and I were together the whole time." Iris was at the tailor shop, and Ada was at the back office. They were not together.
Case 03	Finn	alone at the lighthouse	Finn said: "Ask Gus — we were together." Gus was at the post office, and Finn was at the lighthouse. They were not together.
Case 04	Esme	alone at the apiary	Esme said: "I was with Gus." Gus was at the clock tower, and Esme was at the apiary. They were not together.
Case 05	Esme	alone at the garage	Esme said: "I never left Dev's side." Dev was at the workshop, and Esme was at the garage. They were not together.
Case 06	Ora	alone at the saloon	Ora said: "Ask Finn — we were together." Finn was at the surgery, and Ora was at the saloon. They were not together.