

Red-Handed Hard

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

CASE 01

The night clerk was found at the library, and not breathing.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The lantern was never at the apiary.
- Nothing puts the lantern at the post office.
- The post office was clean – no sign of the tankard.

WHAT THEY SAID

Finn: I was at the apiary.
Jax: The bloodied cloth was nowhere near me.
Gus: I was the one carrying the tankard.
Sol: Kit and I were together the whole time.
Esme: I spent the whole evening at the post office.
Kit: I was with Finn.

APIARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
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CASE 02

A shot was heard at the saloon. The night clerk did not get up.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The key blank was never at the surgery.
- Nothing puts the key blank at the cobblers.
- The saloon was clean – no sign of the key blank.
- The basket was never at the surgery.

WHAT THEY SAID

Jax: I never went near the saloon.
Gus: I spent the whole evening at the surgery.
Cira: I could not tell you where the rope was.
Dev: Nils and I were together the whole time.
Nils: I never left Gus's side.
Sol: I was the one carrying the rope.

SURGERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
COBBLERS 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SALOON (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP 1 chair	EVIDENCE
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CASE 03

A stranger off the evening ferry 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 tankard at the saloon.
- The library was clean – no sign of the tankard.
- The ledger was never at the library.
- Nothing puts the crowbar at the saloon.

WHAT THEY SAID

Jax: I never left Gus's side.
Dev: You will find me at the saloon, and nowhere else.
Gus: Ask Dev – we were together.
Esme: I spent the whole evening at the library.
Hana: The cobblers? I did not set foot in it.
Lior: I had the ledger.

SALOON 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
COBBLERS (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
WORKSHOP 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

A man nobody in town knew was found at the saloon, and not breathing.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- They recovered the kettle from the apiary.
- The bolt cutter was never at the cobblers.

WHAT THEY SAID

Bo: You will find me at the cobblers, and nowhere else.
Esme: Ask Cira – we were together.
Gus: The basket was in the room I was in.
Ada: The saloon? I did not set foot in it.
Cira: I was with Bo.
Dev: The basket was nowhere near me.

COBBLERS 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
STUDIO 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
APIARY 1 chair	EVIDENCE
SALOON (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 05

They carried the man nobody in town knew out of the garage at first light.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The key blank was found at the garage.
- Nothing puts the hammer at the post office.
- The studio was clean – no sign of the hammer.

WHAT THEY SAID

Bo: I never left Nils's side.
Jax: The crowbar was in the room I was in.
Ora: Ask Bo – we were together.
Nils: I was at the post office.
Dev: The crowbar was nowhere near me.
Finn: The garage? I did not set foot in it.

POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
STUDIO 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
GARAGE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
BAKERY 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 06

A shot was heard at the garage. A stranger off the evening ferry did not get up.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The bolt cutter was never at the library.
- Nothing puts the bolt cutter at the back office.
- The library was clean – no sign of the crowbar.

WHAT THEY SAID

Mira: I had the crowbar.
Esme: Ask Iris – we were together.
Hana: The garage? I did not set foot in it.
Iris: I had the oil can.
Nils: The bolt cutter was in the room I was in.
Jax: Ask Nils – we were together.

LIBRARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
GARAGE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
APIARY 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 library	Sol said: "Kit and I were together the whole time." Kit was at the apiary, and Sol was at the library. They were not together.
Case 02	Dev	alone at the saloon	Dev said: "Nils and I were together the whole time." Nils was at the surgery, and Dev was at the saloon. They were not together.
Case 03	Jax	alone at the cobblers	Jax said: "I never left Gus's side." Gus was at the saloon, and Jax was at the cobblers. They were not together.
Case 04	Esme	alone at the saloon	Esme said: "Ask Cira – we were together." Cira was at the cobblers, and Esme was at the saloon. They were not together.
Case 05	Ora	alone at the garage	Ora said: "Ask Bo – we were together." Bo was at the post office, and Ora was at the garage. They were not together.
Case 06	Jax	alone at the garage	Jax said: "Ask Nils – we were together." Nils was at the apiary, and Jax was at the garage. They were not together.