

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 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)

- Nothing puts the oil can at the garage.
- The post office was clean – no sign of the oil can.
- The rolling pin was never at the garage.
- Nothing puts the knife at the garage.

WHAT THEY SAID

Kit: I was with Ada.
 Lior: Ask Mira – we were together.
 Mira: Whoever had the oil can was with me.
 Ada: The knife was nowhere near me.
 Finn: The saloon? I did not set foot in it.
 Hana: Whoever had the knife was with me.

GARAGE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BAKERY 1 chair	EVIDENCE
SALOON (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
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CASE 02

The mine agent was found face down at the clock tower.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The revolver was found at the lighthouse.
- Nothing puts the bee smoker at the cobblers.

WHAT THEY SAID

Sol: Whoever had the bolt cutter was not with me.
 Jax: Nils and I were together the whole time.
 Ada: I was the one carrying the bolt cutter.
 Dev: I never went near the clock tower.
 Nils: I spent the whole evening at the cobblers.
 Finn: Jax and I were together the whole time.

COBBLERS 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SURGERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIGHTHOUSE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
CLOCK TOWER (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
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CASE 03

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 flower pail was never at the clock tower.
- Nothing puts the flower pail at the lighthouse.
- The back office was clean – no sign of the flower pail.
- The revolver was never at the clock tower.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ada: I was with Sol.
 Kit: The glass plate was nowhere near me.
 Sol: Dev and I were together the whole time.
 Jax: I never touched the revolver.
 Dev: The glass plate was in the room I was in.
 Cira: If you find the revolver, you find where I was.

CLOCK TOWER 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIGHTHOUSE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
FERRY DOCK 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

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

WHAT THEY SAID

Sol: Ora and I were together the whole time.
 Esme: I never left Ada's side.
 Jax: If you find the key blank, you find where I was.
 Iris: Whoever had the basket was not with me.
 Ada: I spent the whole evening at the surgery.
 Ora: Wherever the key blank was, I was not.

APIARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SALOON 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SURGERY 1 chair	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 05

They carried the mine agent out of the workshop at first light.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the ledger at the lighthouse.
- They recovered the rolling pin from the garage.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ada: I never left Dev's side.
 Kit: If you find the lantern, you find where I was.
 Mira: Whoever had the ledger was with me.
 Jax: The lantern was never in my hands.
 Bo: Wherever the ledger was, I was not.
 Dev: I was with Kit.

LIGHTHOUSE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
GARAGE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
WORKSHOP (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 06

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)

- The lighthouse was clean – no sign of the hammer.
- The hammer was never at the post office.
- Nothing puts the basket at the lighthouse.

WHAT THEY SAID

Finn: You will find me at the apiary, and nowhere else.
 Nils: Kit and I were together the whole time.
 Esme: The key blank was in the room I was in.
 Kit: I was with Cira.
 Cira: I was at the lighthouse.
 Ora: I was nowhere near the post office all evening.

MARKET 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIGHTHOUSE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
POST OFFICE (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	Lior	alone at the saloon	Lior said: "Ask Mira — we were together." Mira was at the bakery, and Lior was at the saloon. They were not together.
Case 02	Finn	alone at the clock tower	Finn said: "Jax and I were together the whole time." Jax was at the cobblers, and Finn was at the clock tower. They were not together.
Case 03	Ada	alone at the back office	Ada said: "I was with Sol." Sol was at the clock tower, and Ada was at the back office. They were not together.
Case 04	Esme	alone at the post office	Esme said: "I never left Ada's side." Ada was at the surgery, and Esme was at the post office. They were not together.
Case 05	Ada	alone at the workshop	Ada said: "I never left Dev's side." Dev was at the lighthouse, and Ada was at the workshop. They were not together.
Case 06	Nils	alone at the post office	Nils said: "Kit and I were together the whole time." Kit was at the lighthouse, and Nils was at the post office. They were not together.