

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 ferry dock.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The rolling pin turned up at the library.
- The back office was clean – no sign of the kettle.

WHAT THEY SAID

Nils: The oil can was in my hands.
 Finn: I could not tell you where the oil can was.
 Dev: Ask Finn – we were together.
 Ora: Hana and I were together the whole time.
 Hana: If you find the kettle, you find where I was.
 Bo: I never went near the ferry dock.

LIBRARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
FERRY DOCK (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
SALOON 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 02

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The rope turned up at the library.
- The workshop was clean – no sign of the basket.

WHAT THEY SAID

Esme: The flower pail was nowhere near me.
 Sol: I was with Bo.
 Kit: Whoever had the rope was not with me.
 Mira: The basket was in the room I was in.
 Finn: I never left Sol's side.
 Bo: Whoever had the flower pail was with me.

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

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CASE 03

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The poison bottle was never at the studio.
- The rolling pin turned up at the lighthouse.

WHAT THEY SAID

Lior: I never touched the crowbar.
 Nils: The poison bottle was nowhere near me.
 Finn: You will find me at the studio, and nowhere else.
 Mira: I never left Finn's side.
 Ada: The crowbar was in my hands.
 Dev: Ask Lior – we were together.

LIGHTHOUSE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
MARKET 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
STUDIO 1 chair	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

The night clerk 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)

- Nothing puts the kettle at the clock tower.
- The apiary was clean – no sign of the kettle.
- The bolt cutter was never at the clock tower.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ora: I never left Cira's side.
 Hana: I was with Ora.
 Gus: I had the hammer.
 Dev: I spent the whole evening at the apiary.
 Cira: You will find me at the clock tower, and nowhere else.
 Kit: Whoever had the bolt cutter was not with me.

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

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CASE 05

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 wrench turned up at the garage.
- The surgery was clean – no sign of the lantern.

WHAT THEY SAID

Sol: The brass key was nowhere near me.
Cira: Sol and I were together the whole time.
Iris: I never went near the cobblers.
Lior: The brass key was in my hands.
Jax: You will find me at the surgery, and nowhere else.
Gus: Jax and I were together the whole time.

GARAGE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SURGERY 1 chair	EVIDENCE
COBBLERS (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 06

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

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

WHAT THEY SAID

Sol: I never touched the glass plate.
Nils: The glass plate was in the room I was in.
Hana: Jax and I were together the whole time.
Jax: I had the knife.
Cira: I was nowhere near the saloon all evening.
Iris: Ask Sol – we were together.

GARAGE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SALOON (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
BAKERY 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 ferry dock	Ora said: "Hana and I were together the whole time." Hana was at the saloon, and Ora was at the ferry dock. They were not together.
Case 02	Finn	alone at the market	Finn said: "I never left Sol's side." Sol was at the workshop, and Finn was at the market. They were not together.
Case 03	Mira	alone at the library	Mira said: "I never left Finn's side." Finn was at the studio, and Mira was at the library. They were not together.
Case 04	Hana	alone at the workshop	Hana said: "I was with Ora." Ora was at the clock tower, and Hana was at the workshop. They were not together.
Case 05	Gus	alone at the cobblers	Gus said: "Jax and I were together the whole time." Jax was at the surgery, and Gus was at the cobblers. They were not together.
Case 06	Hana	alone at the saloon	Hana said: "Jax and I were together the whole time." Jax was at the bakery, and Hana was at the saloon. They were not together.
