

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 back office, and not breathing.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the flower pail at the lighthouse.
- The ferry dock was clean – no sign of the oil can.

WHAT THEY SAID

Lior: I spent the whole evening at the ferry dock.
Iris: The back office? I did not set foot in it.
Gus: I never left Lior's side.
Finn: I was with Ada.
Ada: If you find the hammer, you find where I was.
Hana: Whoever had the flower pail was with me.

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

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CASE 02

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

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The post office was clean – no sign of the flower pail.
- The oil can was never at the garage.

WHAT THEY SAID

Hana: You will find me at the garage, and nowhere else.
Esme: I never went near the studio.
Sol: Ask Hana – we were together.
Iris: If you find the flower pail, you find where I was.
Ada: I never left Ora's side.
Ora: The bolt cutter was in my hands.

POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
GARAGE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
STUDIO (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)

- Nothing puts the bolt cutter at the cobblers.
- The library was clean – no sign of the key blank.

WHAT THEY SAID

Cira: I was with Mira.
Dev: The library? I did not set foot in it.
Mira: I was at the tailor shop.
Lior: I never left Ada's side.
Bo: I was the one carrying the bolt cutter.
Ada: I had the oil can.

COBBLERS 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
CLOCK TOWER 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

They carried the debt collector 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 studio was clean – no sign of the kettle.
- The kettle was never at the back office.
- Nothing puts the wrench at the studio.

WHAT THEY SAID

Bo: You will find me at the studio, and nowhere else.
Ada: I was at the back office.
Esme: The wrench was never in my hands.
Kit: I was with Gus.
Lior: I had the hammer.
Gus: Bo and I were together the whole time.

CLOCK TOWER 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
STUDIO 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
BACK OFFICE 1 chair	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 05

The tax inspector was found dead at the bakery.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the oil can at the market.
- They recovered the rope from the surgery.

WHAT THEY SAID

Gus: I was with Lior.
 Lior: I could not tell you where the glass plate was.
 Sol: Whoever had the oil can was not with me.
 Finn: The oil can was in the room I was in.
 Kit: If you find the glass plate, you find where I was.
 Ora: Ask Finn – we were together.

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

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CASE 06

The debt collector was found face down at the tailor shop.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The knife was never at the workshop.
- Nothing puts the knife at the library.
- The tailor shop was clean – no sign of the knife.
- The poison bottle was never at the workshop.

WHAT THEY SAID

Ada: I had the hammer.
 Ora: Ask Kit – we were together.
 Dev: The tailor shop? I did not set foot in it.
 Finn: I had the poison bottle.
 Kit: I was with Ada.
 Gus: I could not tell you where the poison bottle was.

WORKSHOP 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
TAILOR SHOP (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE
FERRY DOCK 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	Gus	alone at the back office	Gus said: "I never left Lior's side." Lior was at the ferry dock, and Gus was at the back office. They were not together.
Case 02	Sol	alone at the studio	Sol said: "Ask Hana – we were together." Hana was at the garage, and Sol was at the studio. They were not together.
Case 03	Cira	alone at the library	Cira said: "I was with Mira." Mira was at the tailor shop, and Cira was at the library. They were not together.
Case 04	Kit	alone at the tailor shop	Kit said: "I was with Gus." Gus was at the studio, and Kit was at the tailor shop. They were not together.
Case 05	Ora	alone at the bakery	Ora said: "Ask Finn – we were together." Finn was at the garage, and Ora was at the bakery. They were not together.
Case 06	Ora	alone at the tailor shop	Ora said: "Ask Kit – we were together." Kit was at the workshop, and Ora was at the tailor shop. They were not together.