

Red-Handed Medium

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

CASE 01

A traveller off the mainland boat was found face down at the surgery.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- The hammer turned up at the post office.

WHAT THEY SAID

Gus: I spent the whole evening at the post office.
Ada: I was the one carrying the key blank.
Bo: I never touched the key blank.
Iris: Ada and I were together the whole time.
Esme: I never left Iris's side.

POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
GARAGE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SURGERY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 02

A man nobody in town knew 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)

- The wrench turned up at the apiary.

WHAT THEY SAID

Sol: The bolt cutter was nowhere near me.
Cira: I could not tell you where the rope was.
Nils: I never left Hana's side.
Kit: The rope was in the room I was in.
Hana: Ask Cira – we were together.

MARKET 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
APIARY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
WORKSHOP (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 03

They carried the new foreman out of the library at first light.

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 post office.
- Nothing puts the poison bottle at the surgery.
- The post office was clean – no sign of the basket.

WHAT THEY SAID

Bo: I never went near the library.
Esme: Nils and I were together the whole time.
Nils: I never left Ada's side.
Ora: I never touched the crowbar.
Ada: The basket was never in my hands.

POST OFFICE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SURGERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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CASE 04

They carried the tax inspector out of the bakery at first light.

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

FOUND AT THE SCENE (always true)

- Nothing puts the hammer at the back office.

WHAT THEY SAID

Finn: The hammer was nowhere near me.
Mira: I was with Lior.
Iris: I had the kettle.
Cira: Mira and I were together the whole time.
Lior: You will find me at the back office, and nowhere else.

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

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CASE 05

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 rolling pin turned up at the surgery.

WHAT THEY SAID

Dev: The key blank was never in my hands.
 Esme: Wherever the poison bottle was, I was not.
 Kit: Esme and I were together the whole time.
 Ora: The poison bottle was in my hands.
 Gus: I was with Kit.

SURGERY 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIGHTHOUSE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIBRARY (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 basket was found at the lighthouse.

WHAT THEY SAID

Dev: Whoever had the revolver was not with me.
 Gus: I never left Ada's side.
 Cira: I could not tell you where the brass key was.
 Ada: Ask Cira – we were together.
 Hana: The brass key was in the room I was in.

GARAGE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
LIGHTHOUSE 2 chairs	EVIDENCE
SALOON (SCENE) 1 chair	EVIDENCE

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Answer Key — Red-Handed Medium

Solve before peeking. The liar is the one who was alone at the scene.

Case 01	Esme	alone at the surgery	Esme said: "I never left Iris's side." Iris was at the garage, and Esme was at the surgery. They were not together.
Case 02	Nils	alone at the workshop	Nils said: "I never left Hana's side." Hana was at the apiary, and Nils was at the workshop. They were not together.
Case 03	Esme	alone at the library	Esme said: "Nils and I were together the whole time." Nils was at the post office, and Esme was at the library. They were not together.
Case 04	Cira	alone at the bakery	Cira said: "Mira and I were together the whole time." Mira was at the back office, and Cira was at the bakery. They were not together.
Case 05	Gus	alone at the library	Gus said: "I was with Kit." Kit was at the surgery, and Gus was at the library. They were not together.
Case 06	Gus	alone at the saloon	Gus said: "I never left Ada's side." Ada was at the lighthouse, and Gus was at the saloon. They were not together.