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The Murder Mystery Advent Calendar

Twenty-four snowed-in murders in Juniper Falls, one behind every door from 1 December — gentle Monday cases, Sunday liars and a Christmas Eve finale. Every case has one answer you can reach by logic alone; the answers and step-by-step solutions are at the back.

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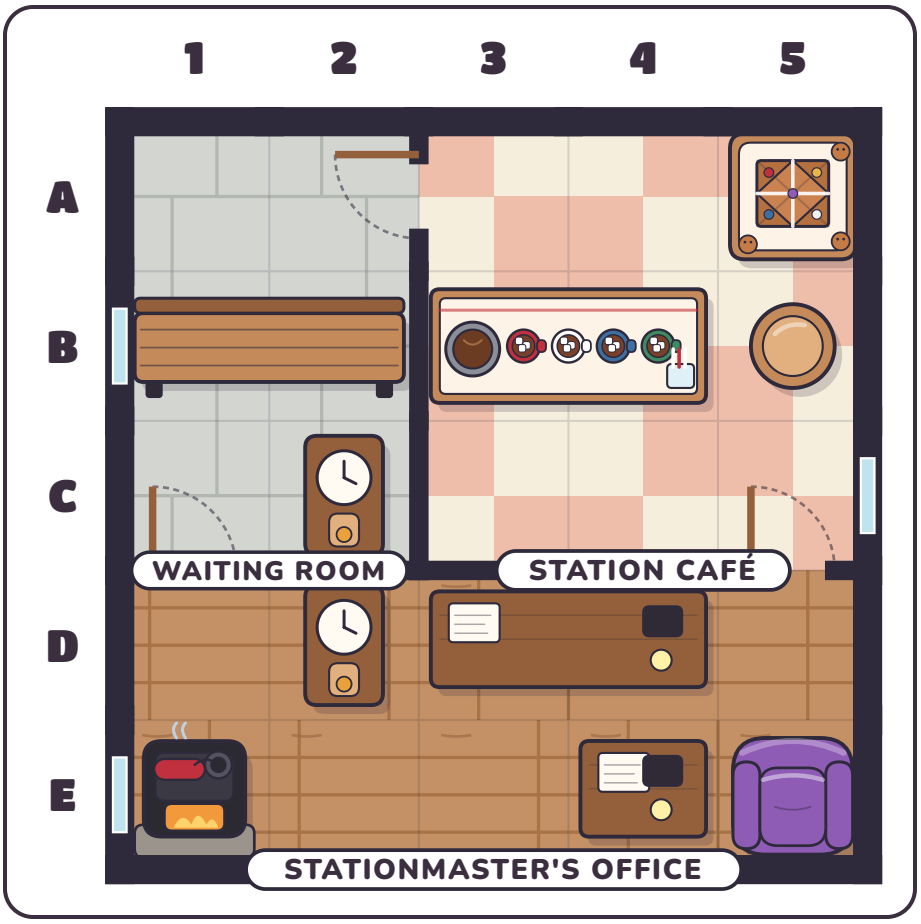
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Nobody Leaves the Snowbound Depot

Gideon found the last present under the tree. Somebody made sure it was the last thing **Gideon** found.

Set in Juniper Falls, the town from the book Room for Murder: Winter.



What the witnesses say



Dagny the sled racer
"She was beside a bench."



Lottie the pastry student
"She was beside an armchair."



Tobias the stationmaster
"He was beside the cocoa bar. He was not beside the gingerbread table."



Bram the retired ski instructor
"He was beside the grandfather clock."



Gideon the victim
Found dead — alone in a room with the killer.

CAN STAND / SIT ON

armchair · stool · bench

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

desk · grandfather clock · wood stove · cocoa bar · gingerbread table

The rules

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2. Nobody stands on solid furniture.
3. Every statement is true. "Beside" = the square directly next to it; north is up.
4. The victim was alone in a room with exactly one other person: the killer.

Your verdict

The killer was _____

in the _____

Solved in _____

Notes

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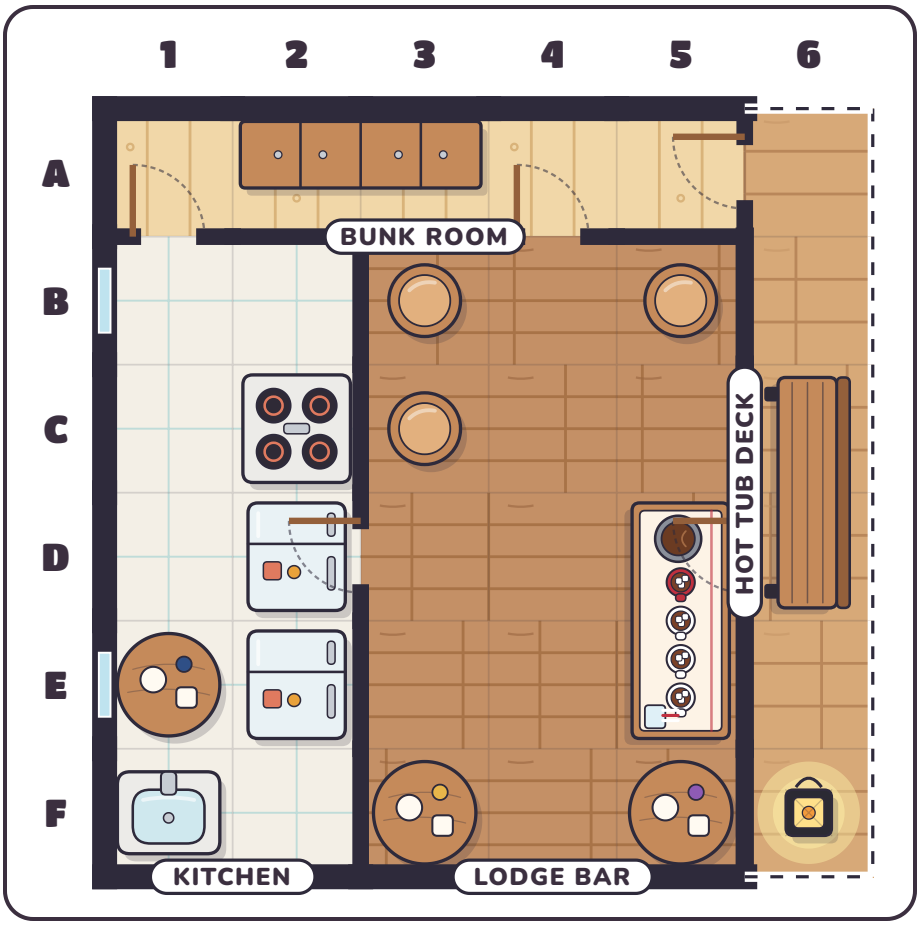
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Blizzard at the Ski Lodge

Cosmo knew who had been naughty this year. That was the problem.

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What the witnesses say



Benedict the vicar
"He was beside a table."



Henrietta the postmistress
"She was beside a stool. She was alone with Benedict."



Isolde the librarian
"She was in the Bunk Room."



Thea the pharmacist
"She was beside a lantern."



Quincy the photographer
"He was beside a table."



Cosmo the victim
Found dead — alone in a room with the killer.

CAN STAND / SIT ON

stool, bench

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table, stove, fridge, sink, wardrobe, cocoa bar, lantern

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The killer was _____

in the _____

Solved in _____

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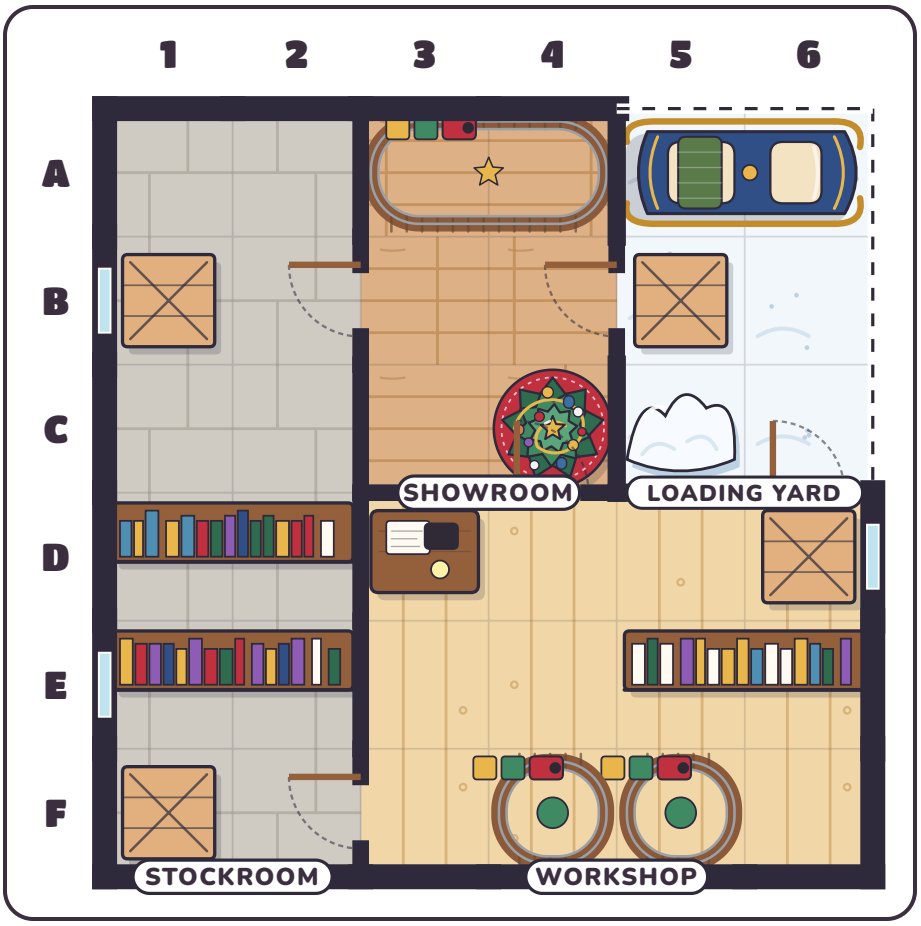
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Mistletoe at the Toy Workshop

Someone hung **Mina**'s stocking on the mantel. **Mina** won't be opening it.

Set in Juniper Falls, the town from the book Room for Murder: Winter.



What the witnesses say



Yara the barista
"She was diagonally next to Ivy. She was alone with Bram."



Juno the travel blogger
"She was beside the Christmas tree."



Ivy the Christmas-tree farmer
"She was beside a desk."



Bram the retired ski instructor
"He was beside a bookshelf."



Aurora the weather forecaster
"She was sitting in the sleigh."



Mina the victim
Found dead — alone in a room with the killer.

CAN STAND / SIT ON

sleigh

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

desk · bookshelf · crate

Christmas tree · snowdrift

toy train

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in the _____

Solved in _____

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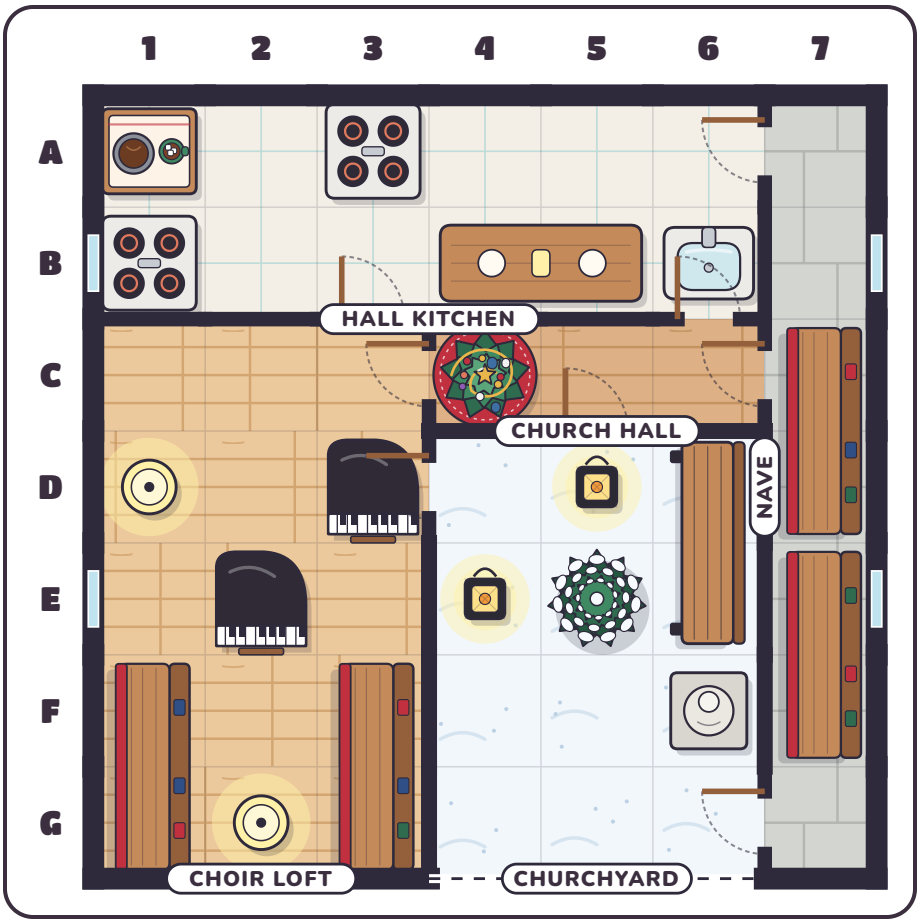
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Trouble at the Chapel

The ploughs won't come until morning. That gives you one night to find out who killed **Winnie**.

Set in Juniper Falls, the town from the book Room for Murder: Winter.



What the witnesses say



Marguerite the retired opera singer
"She was alone with Zeke. She was beside a lantern."



Bettina the ski-school owner
"There was the cocoa bar in her row."



Hamish the sleigh-ride driver
"There was a statue in his column."



Bram the retired ski instructor
"There was a snowy pine in his row. There was a lamp in his column."



Poppy the snowboarder
"She was in the Hall Kitchen. She was alone in the room."



Zeke the mountain rescuer
"He was beside a snowy pine."



Winnie the victim
Found dead — alone in a room with the killer.

CAN STAND / SIT ON

bench · pew

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table · piano · lamp · stove · sink · statue · Christmas tree · snowy pine · cocoa bar · lantern

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in the _____

Solved in _____

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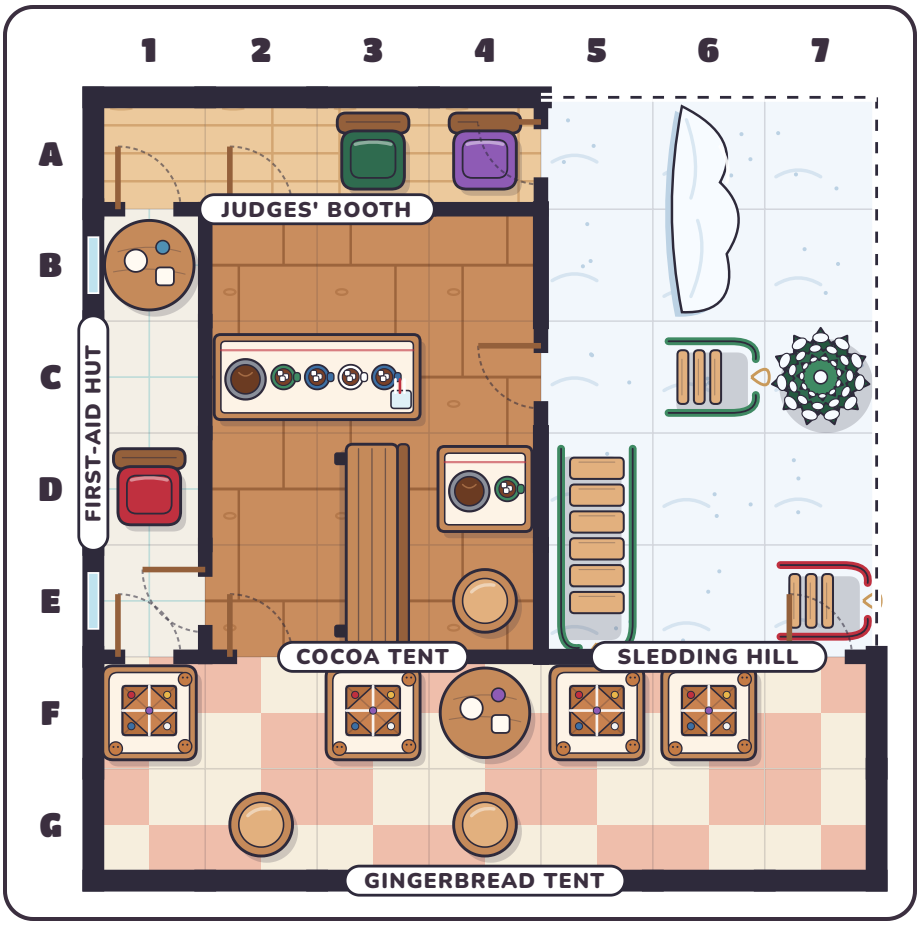
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Murder at the Winter Fair

The Christmas lights flickered twice. The second time, **Marguerite** screamed.

Set in Juniper Falls, the town from the book Room for Murder: Winter.



What the witnesses say



Stellan the reindeer keeper
"He was sitting in a chair."



Kasper the toymaker
"He was beside a snowy pine."



Benedict the vicar
"There was a snowy pine in his column. He was alone with Kasper."



Poppy the snowboarder
"There was the gingerbread table in her row."



Zeke the mountain rescuer
"He was somewhere west of Hazel. He was beside a stool."



Hazel the bookshop owner
"She was sitting in a chair."



Marguerite the victim
Found dead — alone in a room with the killer.

CAN STAND / SIT ON

chair · stool · bench · sled

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table · snowy pine · cocoa bar · gingerbread table · snowdrift

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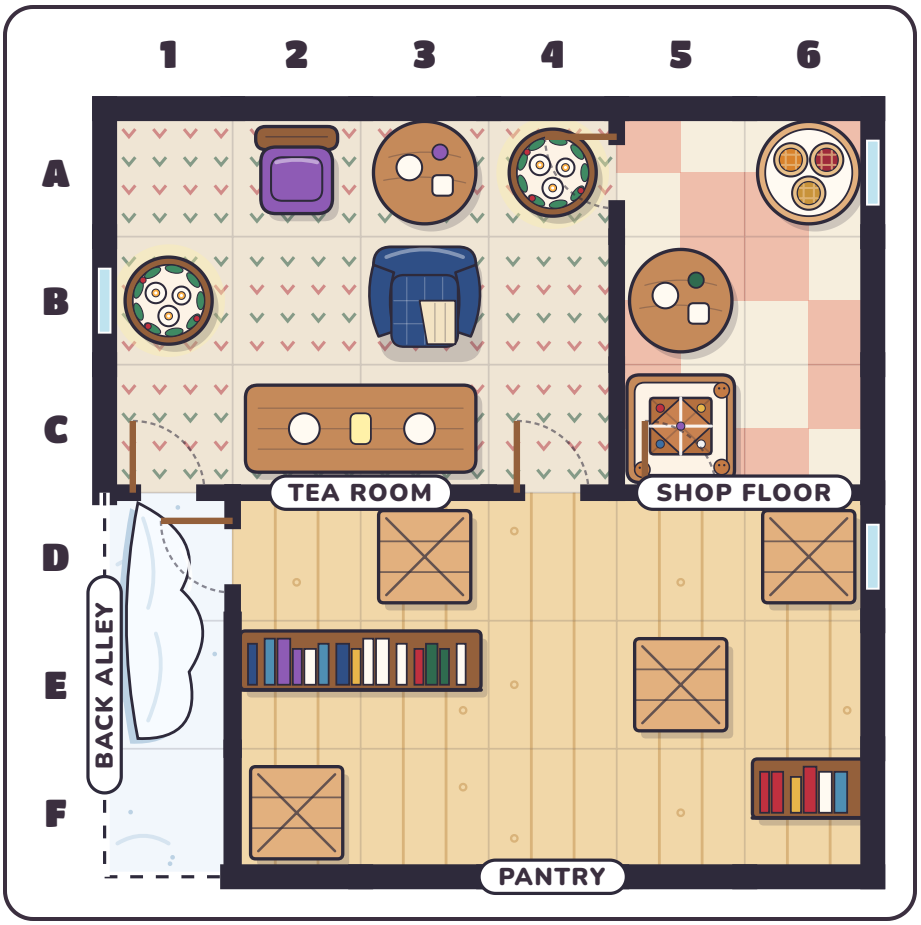
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Snowed In at the Gingerbread Bakery

The carol singers reached the third verse. **Cyrus** never reached the chorus.

Set in Juniper Falls, the town from the book Room for Murder: Winter.

Sunday special: one suspect is lying — the killer. Everyone else tells the truth.



What the witnesses say



Holly the gingerbread baker
"She was beside the gingerbread table."



Stellan the reindeer keeper
"He was beside a snowdrift."



Mortimer the night watchman
"He was beside a bookshelf."



Aurora the weather forecaster
"She was beside a table."



Fern the wreath maker
"She was sitting in a chair."



Cyrus the victim
Found dead — alone in a room with the killer.

CAN STAND / SIT ON

chair · wingback chair

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table · bookshelf · crate · pie table · gingerbread table · snowdrift · candle table

The rules

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Your verdict

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in the _____

Solved in _____

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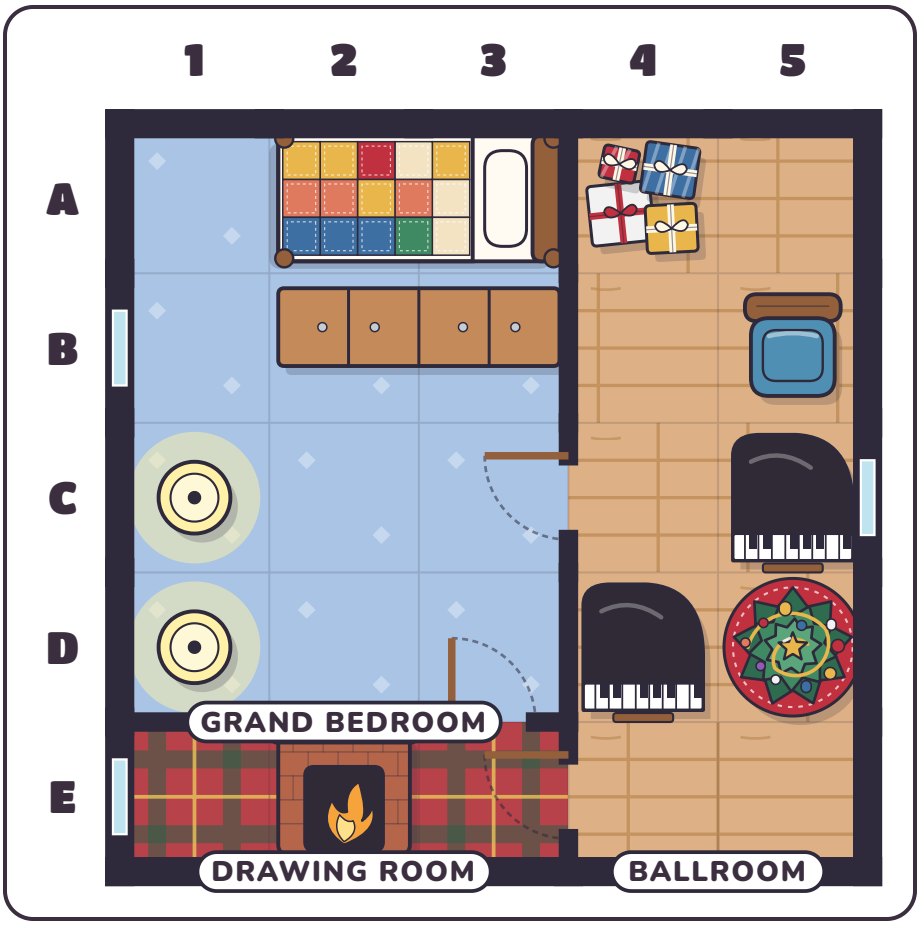
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A Cold Night at the Manor

Eight guests, one blizzard, and one very unlucky **Gideon**.

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What the witnesses say



Lars the ski-lift operator
"He was beside the fireplace."



Oskar the lodge chef
"He was beside a wardrobe. He was beside a lamp."



Ivy the Christmas-tree farmer
"She was beside a chair. She was not in a corner."



Fern the wreath maker
"She was beside a chair."



Gideon the victim
Found dead — alone in a room with the killer.

CAN STAND / SIT ON

chair · four-poster bed

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

piano · lamp · fireplace · wardrobe · Christmas tree · pile of presents

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Your verdict

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in the _____

Solved in _____

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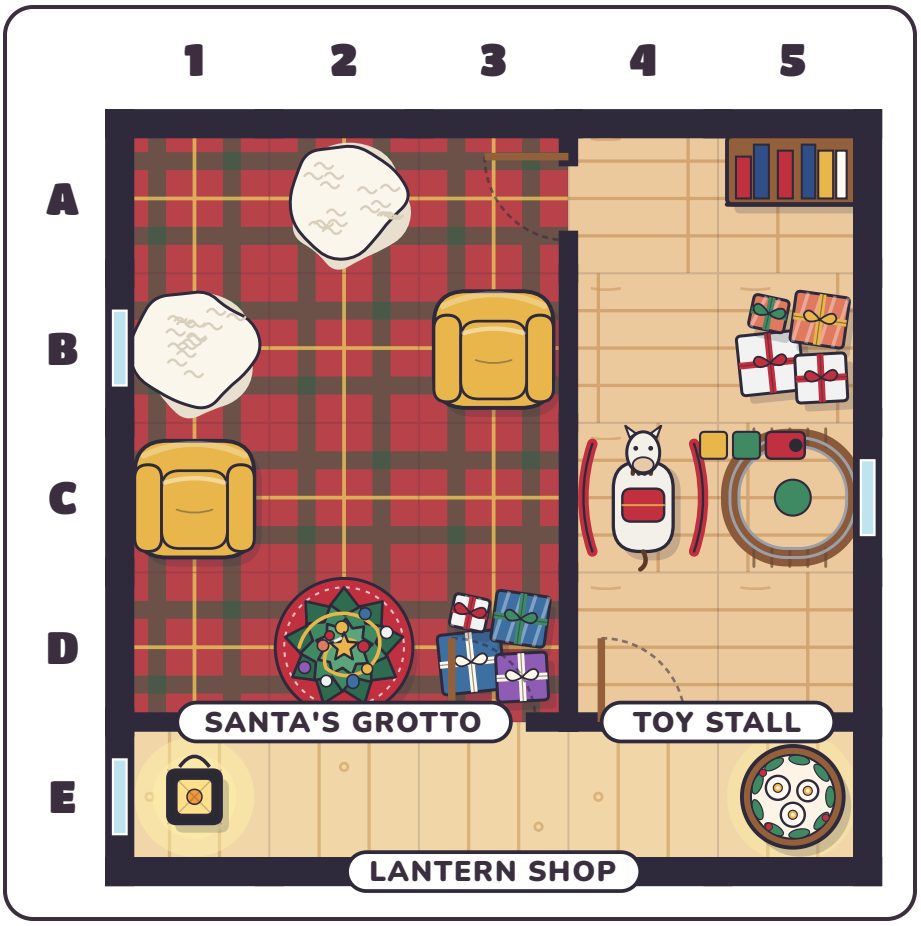
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The Christmas Market Mystery

Everyone swore they were wrapping presents. Somebody was lying, and **Bettina** paid for it.

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What the witnesses say



Cyrus the town mayor
"He was on the rocking horse."



Marguerite the retired opera singer
"She was standing on a sheepskin rug. She was beside an armchair."



Juno the travel blogger
"She was in the Lantern Shop. She was not beside any lantern."



Petra the ice-hotel architect
"She was beside the toy train."



Bettina the victim
Found dead — alone in a room with the killer.

CAN STAND / SIT ON

armchair · rocking horse · sheepskin rug

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

bookshelf · Christmas tree · pile of presents · lantern · toy train · candle table

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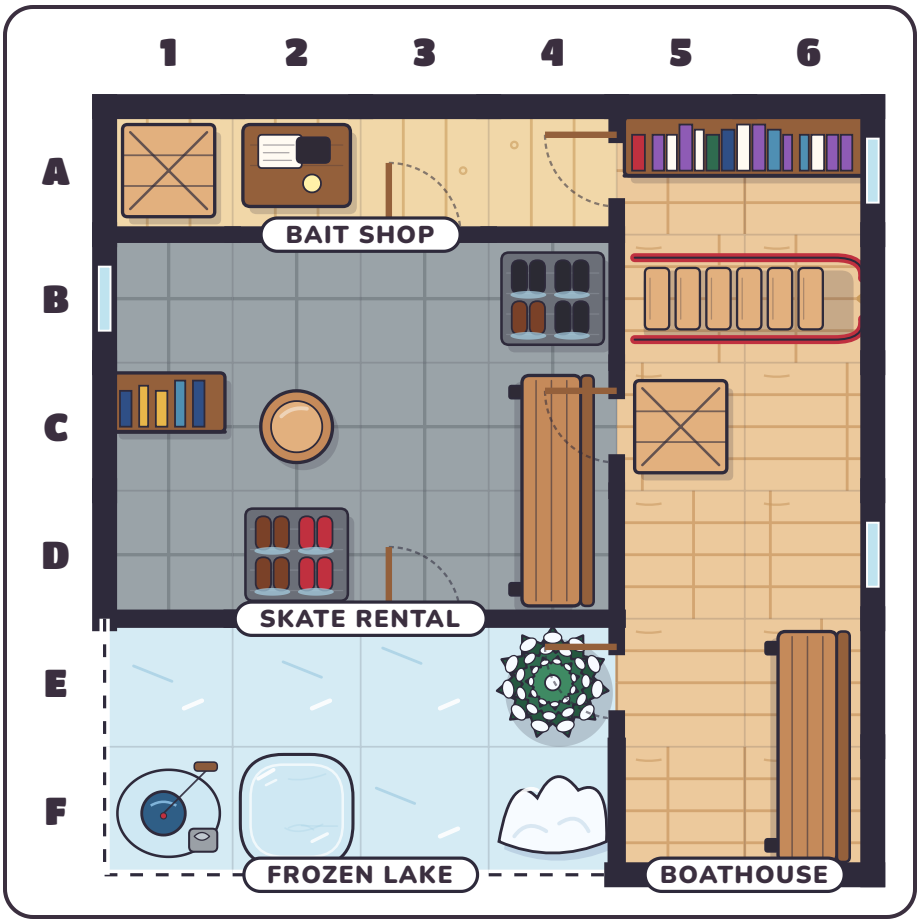
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First Frost at the Frozen Lake

The power line came down in the storm. When the generator kicked in, **Xavier** was lying by the fire.

Set in Juniper Falls, the town from the book Room for Murder: Winter.



What the witnesses say



Bram the retired ski instructor
"He was beside a sled."



Thea the pharmacist
"She was beside the ice."



Kit the chimney sweep
"He was beside a bench."



Lottie the pastry student
"She was in the Bait Shop."



Magnus the lumberjack
"He was in the same room as Kit."



Xavier the victim
Found dead — alone in a room with the killer.

CAN STAND / SIT ON

stool · bench · sled · ice

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

desk · bookshelf · crate · snowy pine · snowdrift · ice-fishing hole · boot rack

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in the _____

Solved in _____

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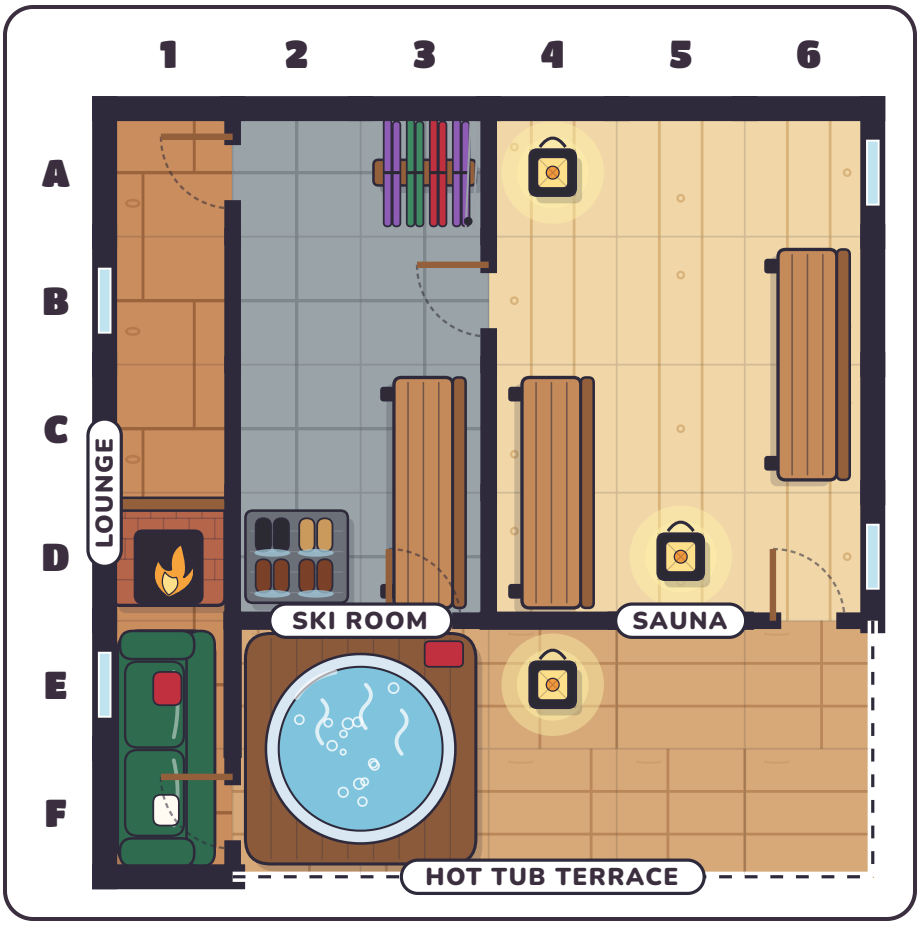
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Cocoa at the Chalet

Quincy went out to fetch more firewood. Only the footprints came back.

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What the witnesses say



Lars the ski-lift operator
"There was the fireplace in his column."



Magnus the lumberjack
"He was beside a lantern."



Petra the ice-hotel architect
"She was beside the ski rack. She was exactly one row north of Magnus."



Clementine the figure skater
"There was the boot rack in her column. There was a lantern in her row."



Oskar the lodge chef
"He was alone with Clementine. He was in a corner of a room."



Quincy the victim
Found dead — alone in a room with the killer.

CAN STAND / SIT ON

sofa · bench · hot tub

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

fireplace · ski rack · lantern · boot rack

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The killer was _____

in the _____

Solved in _____

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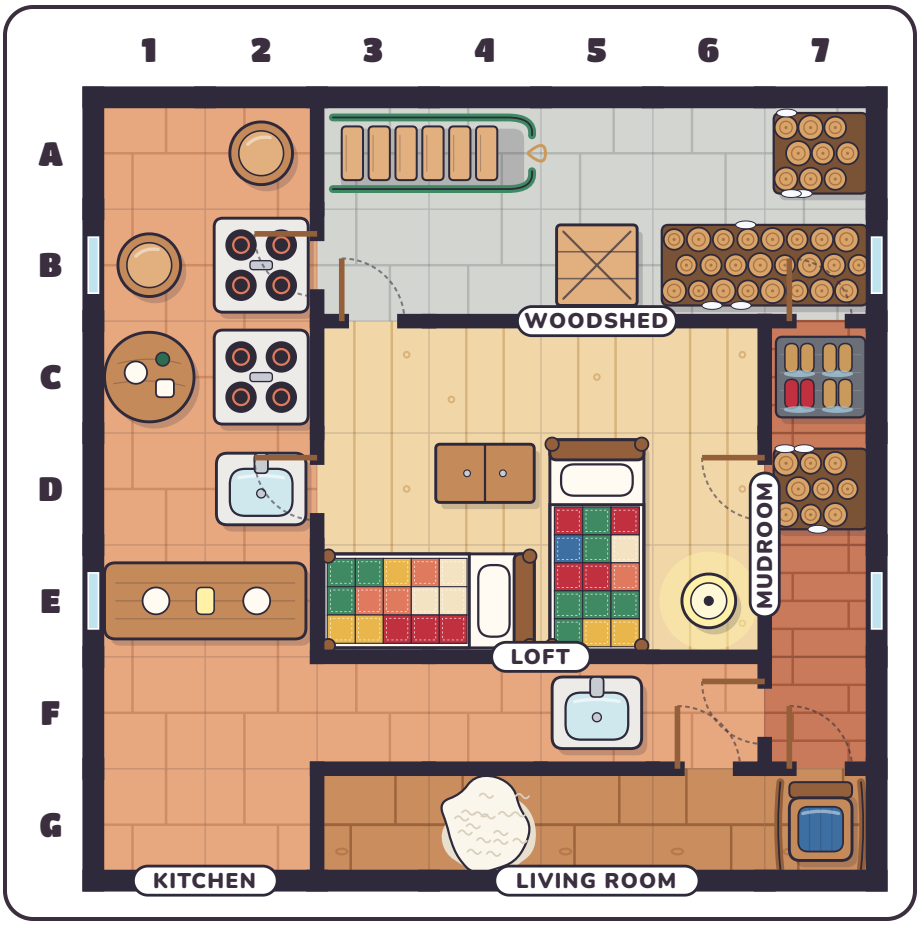
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Silent Night at the Log Cabin

The ice was thick enough to skate on. **Bettina** should have stayed off it.

Set in Juniper Falls, the town from the book Room for Murder: Winter.



What the witnesses say



Cosmo the radio DJ
"He was beside the woodpile."



Noelle the innkeeper
"She was somewhere west of Xavier. She was in a corner of a room."



Marguerite the retired opera singer
"She was somewhere west of Bram. She was in the Kitchen."



Nikolai the dog-sled musher
"He was in a corner of a room."



Bram the retired ski instructor
"He was beside a sled."



Xavier the hockey coach
"He was beside the stove."



Bettina the victim
Found dead — alone in a room with the killer.

CAN STAND / SIT ON

stool · rocking chair · sled · sheepskin rug · four-poster bed

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table · lamp · stove · sink · wardrobe · crate · woodpile · boot rack

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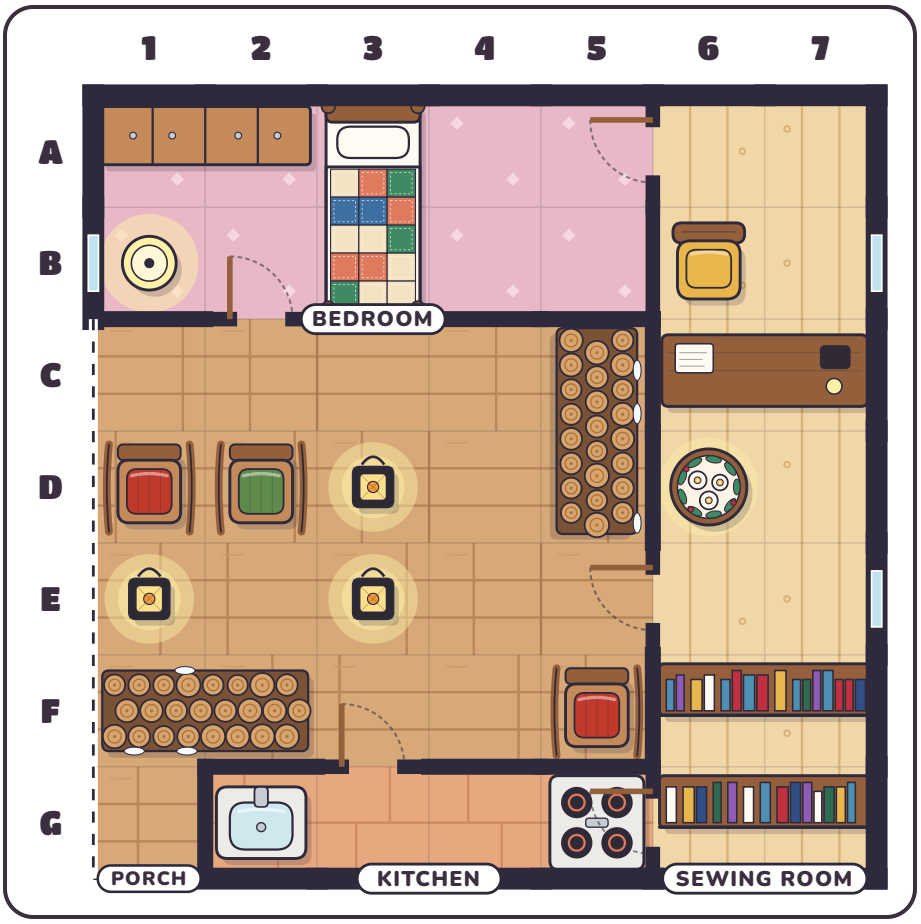
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The Cottage Affair

Poppy had just announced the Christmas raffle winner. It was the last announcement **Poppy** ever made.

Set in Juniper Falls, the town from the book Room for Murder: Winter.



What the witnesses say



Benedict the vicar
"He was diagonally next to Florian."



Kit the chimney sweep
"He was beside a rocking chair."



Zeke the mountain rescuer
"He was beside a sink. He was diagonally next to Petra."



Xavier the hockey coach
"He was beside a lantern. He was beside the woodpile."



Florian the chalet owner
"He was beside a chair."



Petra the ice-hotel architect
"She was in the same room as Kit."



Poppy the victim
Found dead — alone in a room with the killer.

CAN STAND / SIT ON

chair · rocking chair · four-poster bed

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

desk · bookshelf · lamp · stove · sink · wardrobe · woodpile · lantern · candle table

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in the _____

Solved in _____

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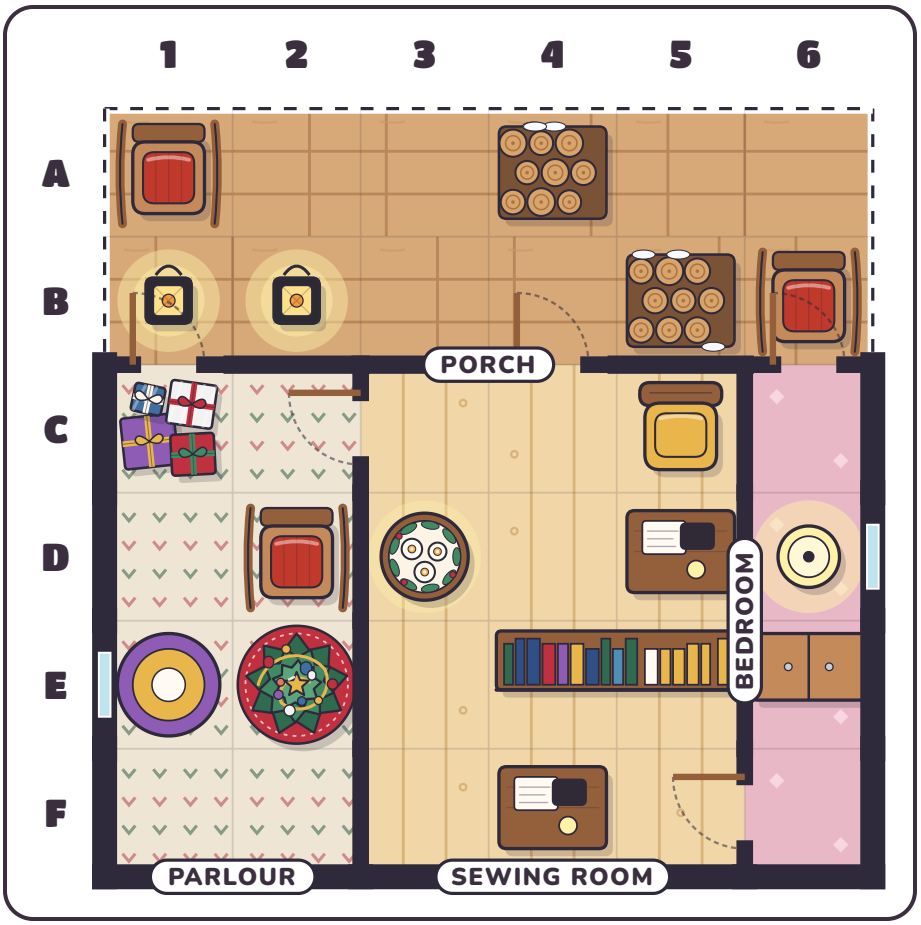
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Nobody Leaves the Cottage

The mistletoe was hung at seven. By eight, **Marguerite** had been kissed goodbye.

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Sunday special: one suspect is lying — the killer. Everyone else tells the truth.



What the witnesses say



Henrietta the postmistress
"She was beside a lantern."



Hamish the sleigh-ride driver
"He was beside a lamp."



Aurora the weather forecaster
"She was standing on a rug."



Isolde the librarian
"She was beside the candle table."



Tobias the stationmaster
"He was beside a rocking chair."



Marguerite the victim
Found dead — alone in a room with the killer.

CAN STAND / SIT ON

chair · rug · rocking chair

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

desk · bookshelf · lamp · wardrobe · Christmas tree · pile of presents · woodpile · lantern · candle table

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in the _____

Solved in _____

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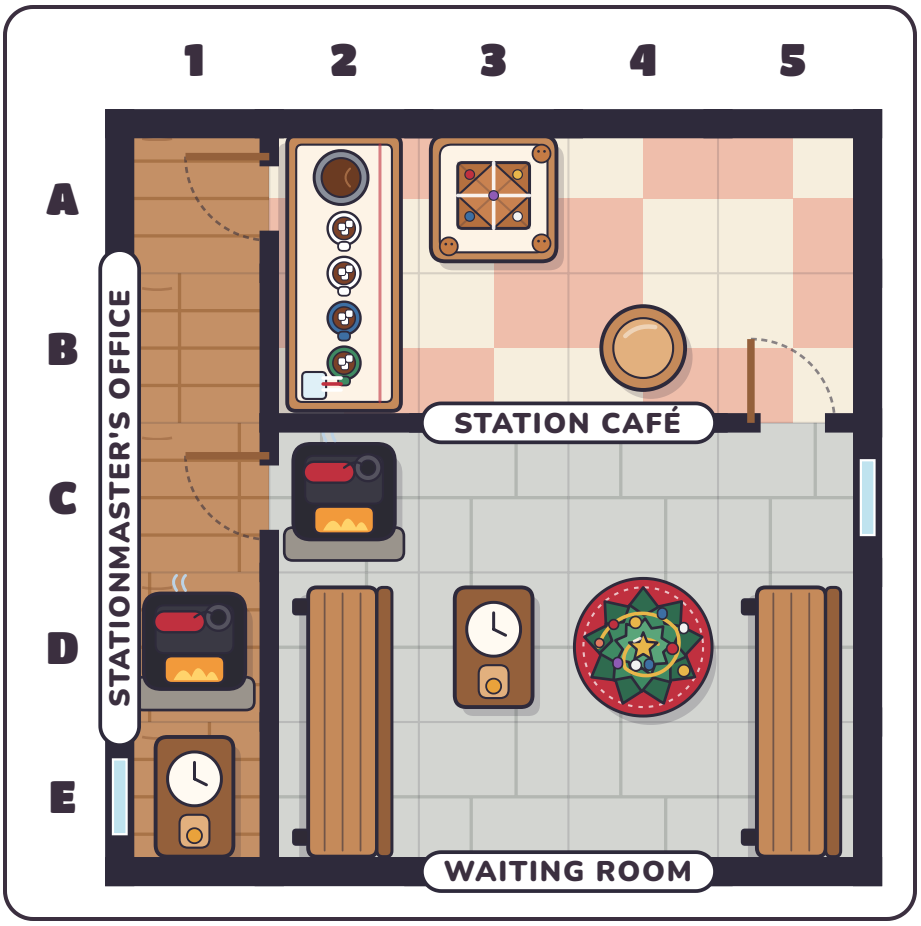
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A Cold Night at the Snowbound Depot

Bettina had been reading everyone's Christmas cards. One of them was a confession.

Set in Juniper Falls, the town from the book Room for Murder: Winter.



What the witnesses say



Pippa the hot-cocoa vendor
"She was sitting on a bench."



Lottie the pastry student
"She was beside the gingerbread table. She was not beside the cocoa bar."



Petra the ice-hotel architect
"She was beside the wood stove. She was in the Stationmaster's Office."



Juno the travel blogger
"She was beside the Christmas tree."



Bettina the victim
Found dead — alone in a room with the killer.

CAN STAND / SIT ON

stool · bench

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

grandfather clock · Christmas tree · wood stove · cocoa bar · gingerbread table

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The killer was _____

in the _____

Solved in _____

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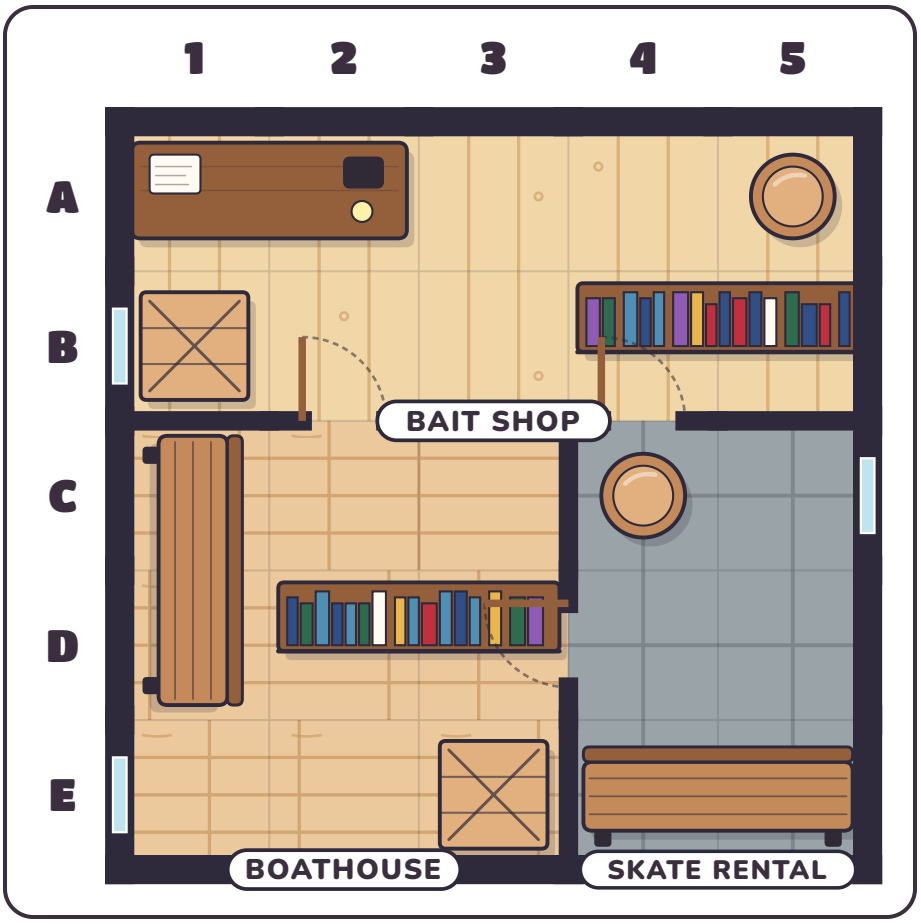
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The Frozen Lake Mystery

Nobody can get up the mountain and nobody can get down it. So whoever killed **Poppy** is still here.

Set in Juniper Falls, the town from the book Room for Murder: Winter.



What the witnesses say



Nell the jam maker
"She was not beside any crate."



Oskar the lodge chef
"He was beside a stool."



Zeke the mountain rescuer
"He was sitting on a bench. He was in a corner of a room."



Quincy the photographer
"He was in the Skate Rental. He was alone in the room."



Poppy the victim
Found dead — alone in a room with the killer.

CAN STAND / SIT ON

stool bench

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

desk bookshelf crate

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in the _____

Solved in _____

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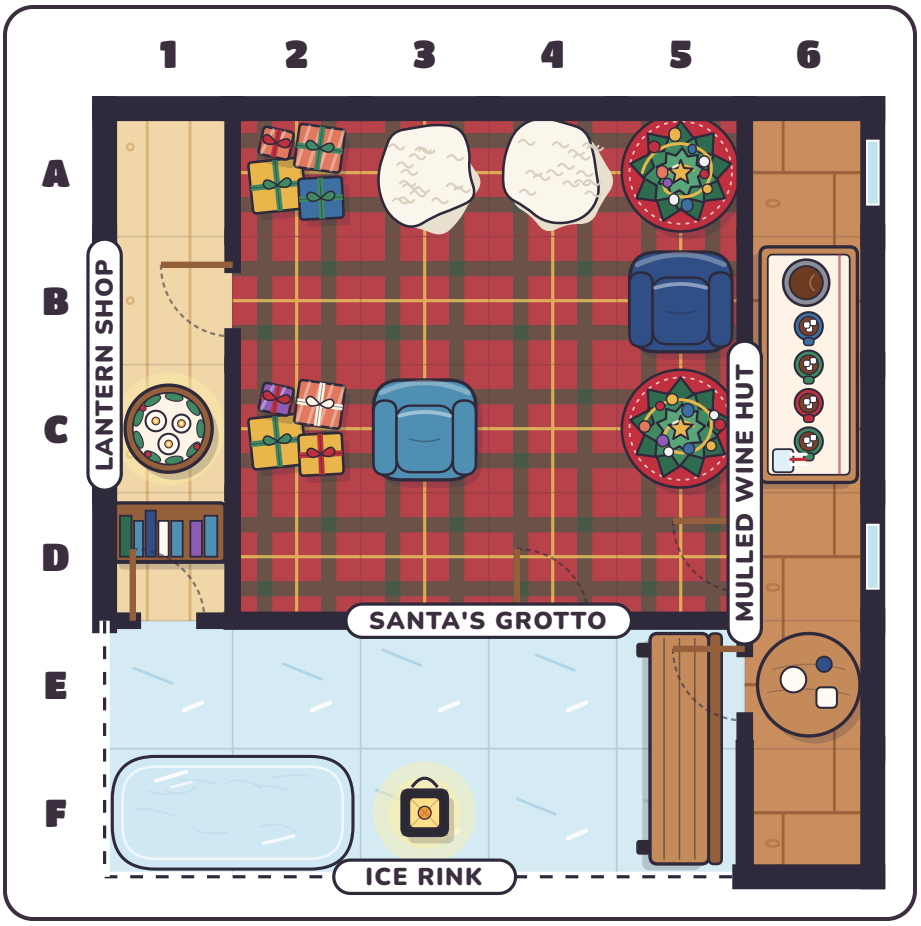
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Cocoa at the Christmas Market

The snowman had a carrot nose, two coal eyes and **Fern**'s scarf.

Set in Juniper Falls, the town from the book Room for Murder: Winter.



What the witnesses say



Nell the jam maker

"She was beside a lantern. She was not beside any bench."



Cosmo the radio DJ

"He was beside a pile of presents. He was in a corner of a room."



Xavier the hockey coach

"He was beside the candle table."



Gideon the clockmaker

"He was in the same room as Nell."



Lottie the pastry student

"She was beside the cocoa bar."



Fern the victim

Found dead — alone in a room with the killer.

CAN STAND / SIT ON

armchair · bench · ice · sheepskin rug

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table · bookshelf · Christmas tree · pile of presents · cocoa bar · lantern · candle table

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Your verdict

The killer was _____

in the _____

Solved in _____

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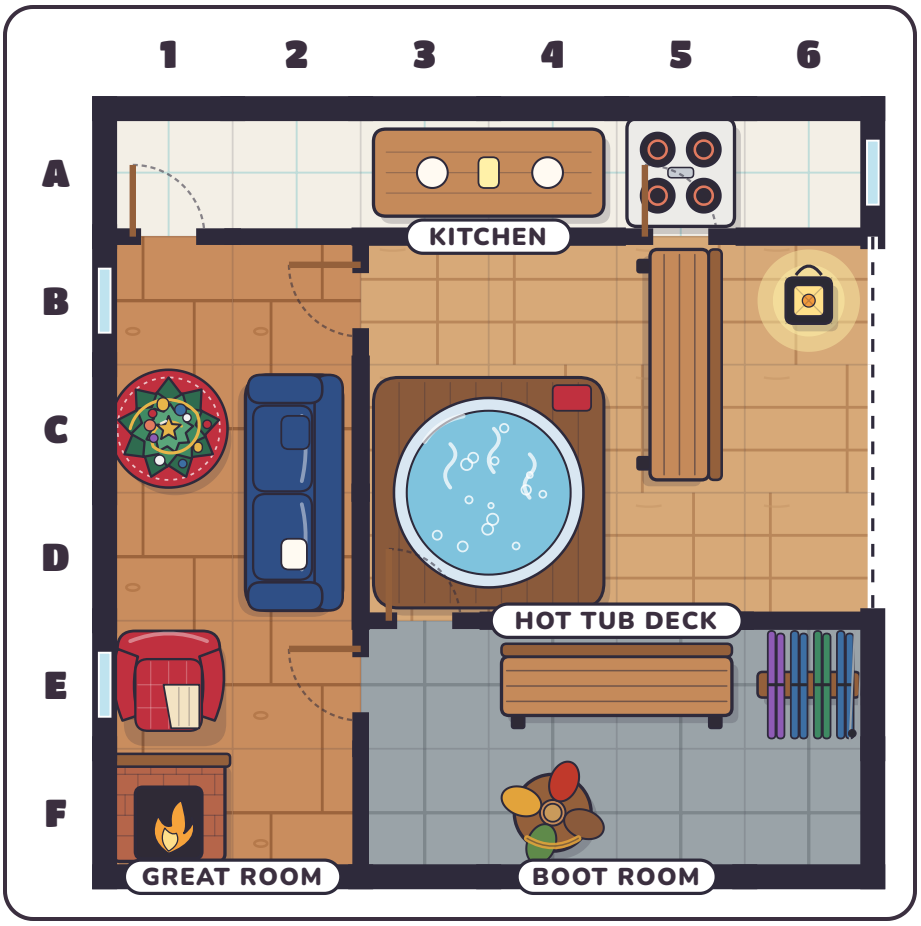
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The Ski Lodge Affair

The sleigh bells rang at nine. At ten, they rang for **Winnie**.

Set in Juniper Falls, the town from the book Room for Murder: Winter.



What the witnesses say



Hazel the bookshop owner
"She was beside the Christmas tree."



Oskar the lodge chef
"He was in the hot tub."



Bram the retired ski instructor
"He was sitting on a sofa. He was diagonally next to Mina."



Mina the Christmas-market organiser
"She was not beside the coat rack."



Pippa the hot-cocoa vendor
"She was beside the stove."



Winnie the victim
Found dead — alone in a room with the killer.

CAN STAND / SIT ON

sofa · bench · hot tub · wingback chair

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table · fireplace · stove · coat rack · Christmas tree · ski rack · lantern

The rules

1. Exactly one person in every row and every column.
2. Nobody stands on solid furniture.
3. Every statement is true. "Beside" = the square directly next to it; north is up.
4. The victim was alone in a room with exactly one other person: the killer.

Your verdict

The killer was _____

in the _____

Solved in _____

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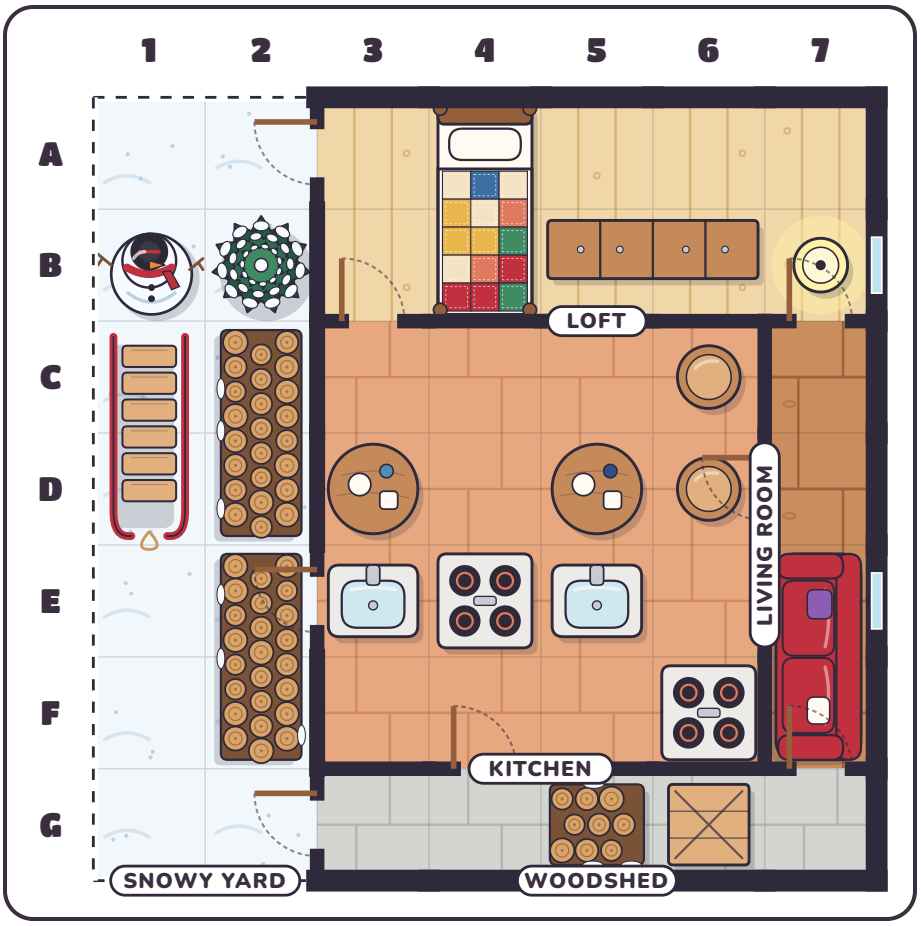
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First Frost at the Log Cabin

The cocoa was hot, the fire was roaring, and **Lottie** was stone cold.

Set in Juniper Falls, the town from the book Room for Murder: Winter.



What the witnesses say



Iggy the snow sculptor
"He was beside the snowman."



Isolde the librarian
"She was alone with Iggy."



Oskar the lodge chef
"He was somewhere north of Iggy. He was somewhere west of Zeke."



Cosmo the radio DJ
"He was beside a sofa. He was exactly one row north of Poppy."



Poppy the snowboarder
"She was somewhere west of Cosmo."



Zeke the mountain rescuer
"He was beside a wardrobe. There was the stove in his column."



Lottie the victim
Found dead — alone in a room with the killer.

CAN STAND / SIT ON

stool · sofa · sled · four-poster bed

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table · lamp · stove · sink · wardrobe · crate · snowy pine · snowman · woodpile

The rules

1. Exactly one person in every row and every column.
2. Nobody stands on solid furniture.
3. Every statement is true. "Beside" = the square directly next to it; north is up.
4. The victim was alone in a room with exactly one other person: the killer.

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The killer was _____

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Solved in _____

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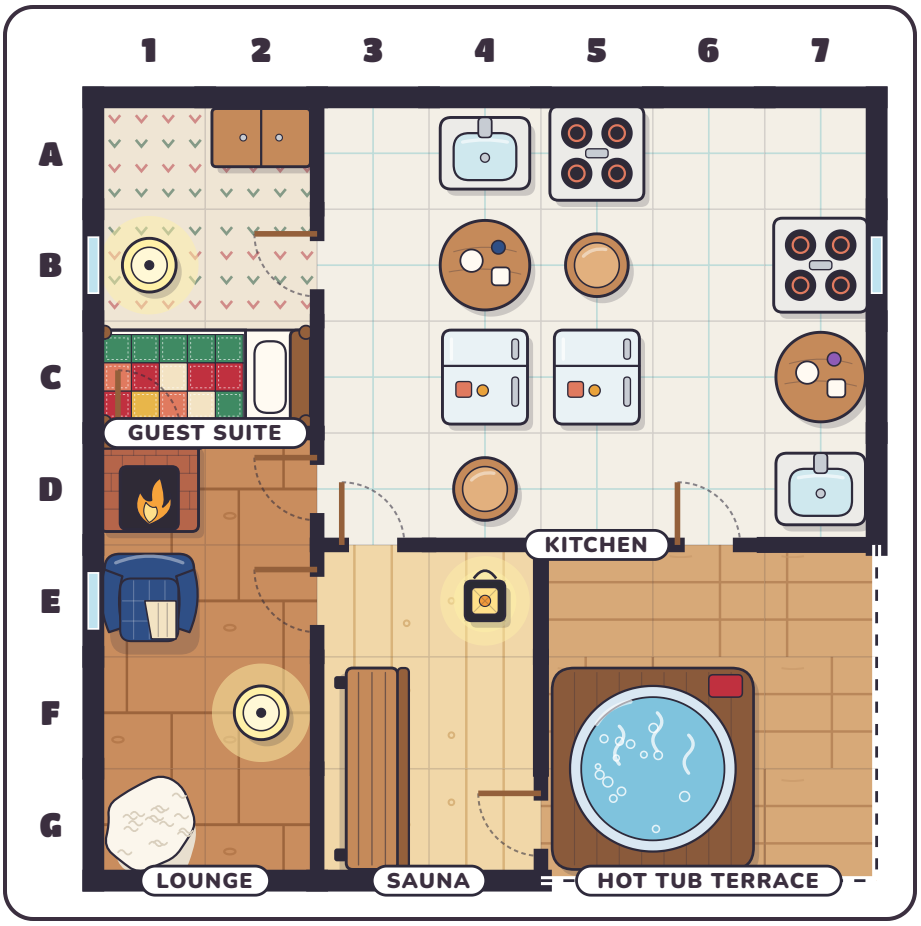
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Blizzard at the Chalet

Midnight struck, the fireworks went up — and **Rosalind** went down.

Set in Juniper Falls, the town from the book Room for Murder: Winter.



What the witnesses say



Gideon the clockmaker
"He was sitting on a bench. He was not in a corner."



Mina the Christmas-market organiser
"There was a sink in her row."



Vaughn the hotel heir
"There was the fridge in his column."



Jasper the ice-hockey captain
"He was beside a wardrobe."



Magnus the lumberjack
"There was a wardrobe in his row."



Petra the ice-hotel architect
"She was alone with Gideon."



Rosalind the victim
Found dead — alone in a room with the killer.

CAN STAND / SIT ON

stool · bench · hot tub · wingback chair · sheepskin rug · four-poster bed

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table · lamp · fireplace · stove · fridge · sink · wardrobe · lantern

The rules

1. Exactly one person in every row and every column.
2. Nobody stands on solid furniture.
3. Every statement is true. "Beside" = the square directly next to it; north is up.
4. The victim was alone in a room with exactly one other person: the killer.

Your verdict

The killer was _____

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Solved in _____

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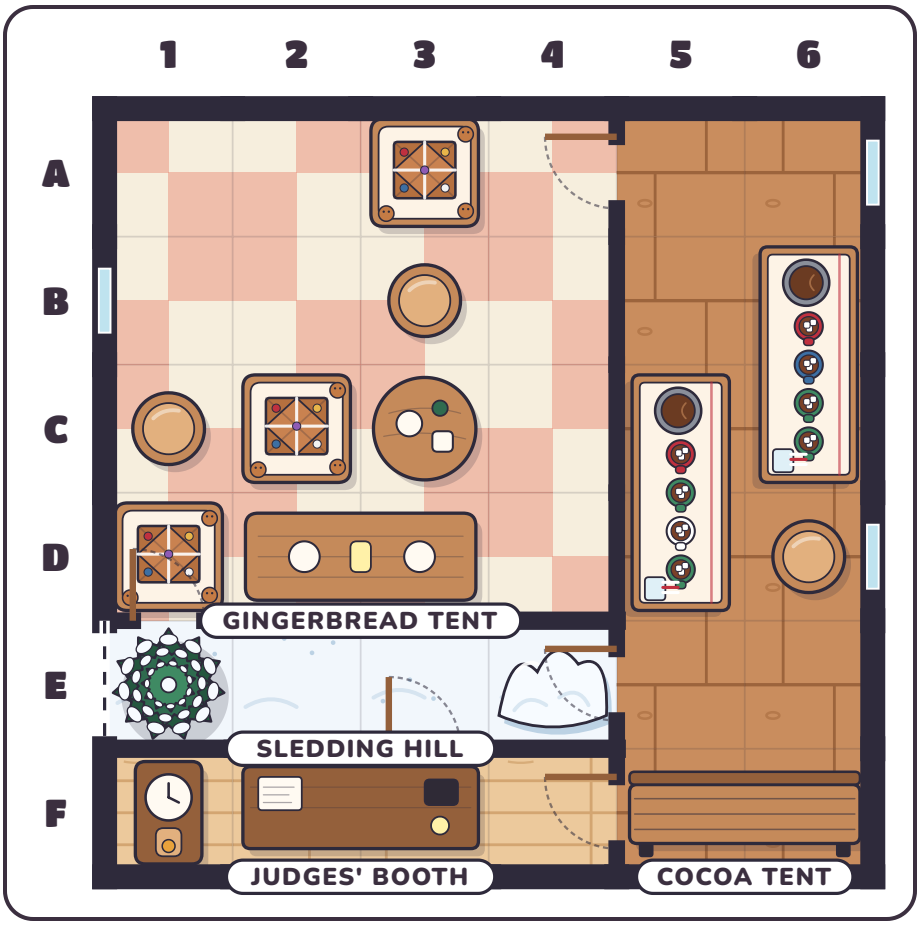
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Snowed In at the Winter Fair

The snow started at six. By midnight the pass was closed — and **Lottie** was dead.

Set in Juniper Falls, the town from the book Room for Murder: Winter.

Sunday special: one suspect is lying — the killer. Everyone else tells the truth.



What the witnesses say



Nell the jam maker
"She was beside the cocoa bar."



Henrietta the postmistress
"She was beside a table."



Thea the pharmacist
"She was beside the gingerbread table."



Xavier the hockey coach
"He was beside a desk."



Albie the toy-train enthusiast
"He was beside a snowy pine."



Lottie the victim
Found dead — alone in a room with the killer.

CAN STAND / SIT ON

stool bench

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table desk

grandfather clock snowy pine

cocoa bar gingerbread table

snowdrift

The rules

1. Exactly one person in every row and every column.
2. Nobody stands on solid furniture.
3. Every statement is true — except the killer's. "Beside" = the square directly next to it; north is up.
4. The victim was alone in a room with exactly one other person: the killer.

Your verdict

The killer was _____

in the _____

Solved in _____

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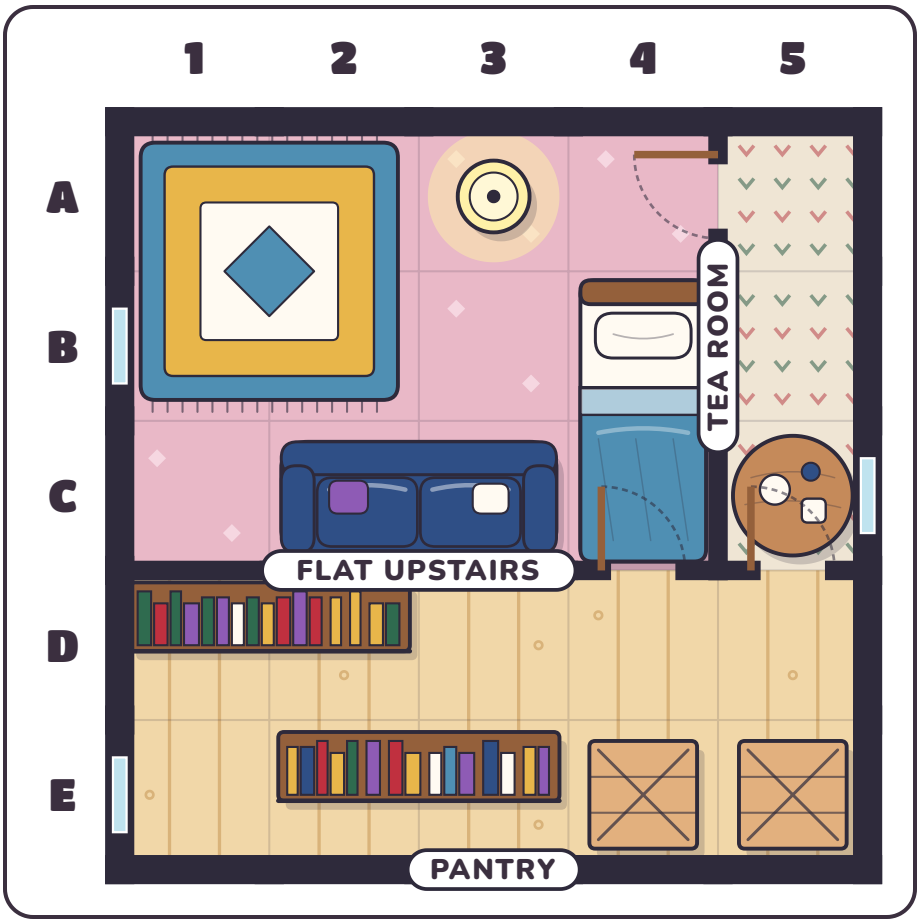
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The Longest Night at the Gingerbread Bakery

Iggy found the last present under the tree. Somebody made sure it was the last thing **Iggy** found.

Set in Juniper Falls, the town from the book Room for Murder: Winter.



What the witnesses say



Quincy the photographer
"He was beside a lamp. He was beside a bed."



Vaughn the hotel heir
"He was in the Flat Upstairs."



Nikolai the dog-sled musher
"He was in a corner of a room."



Odin the ice fisherman
"He was beside a table."



Iggy the victim
Found dead — alone in a room with the killer.

CAN STAND / SIT ON

sofa · bed · rug

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table · bookshelf · lamp · crate

The rules

1. Exactly one person in every row and every column.
2. Nobody stands on solid furniture.
3. Every statement is true. "Beside" = the square directly next to it; north is up.
4. The victim was alone in a room with exactly one other person: the killer.

Your verdict

The killer was _____

in the _____

Solved in _____

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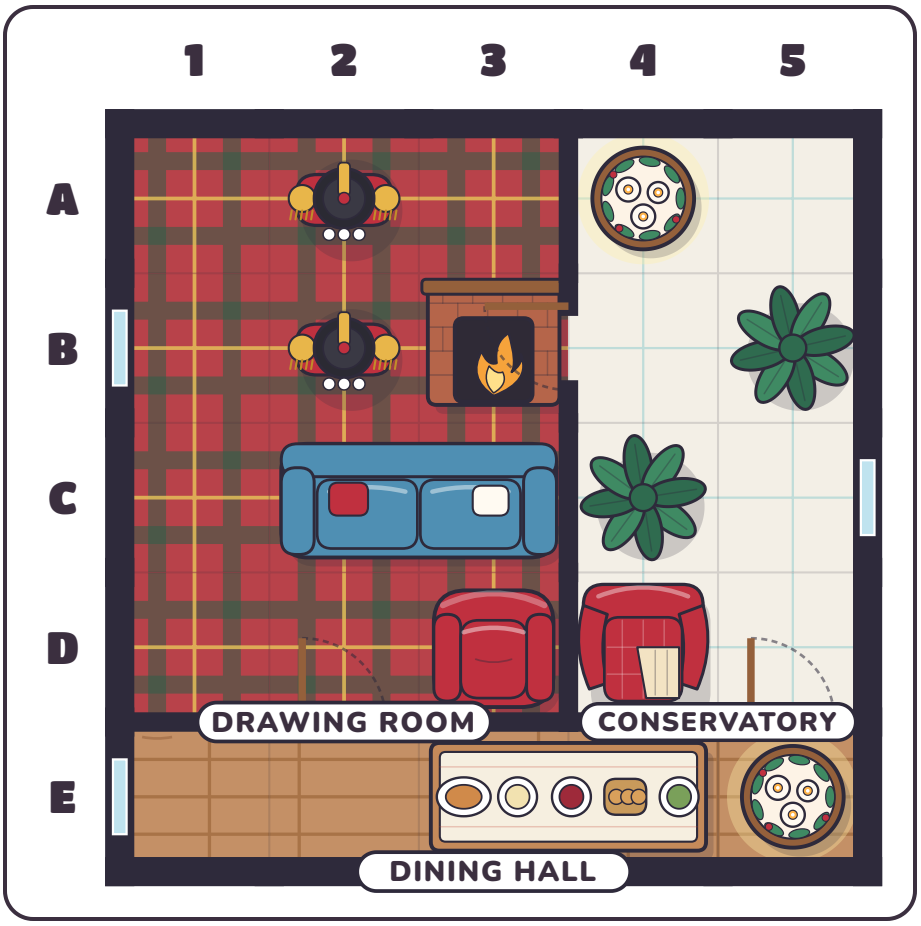
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Mistletoe at the Manor

Odin knew who had been naughty this year. That was the problem.

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What the witnesses say



Thea the pharmacist
"She was beside a plant."



Mortimer the night watchman
"He was sitting in a wingback chair."



Oskar the lodge chef
"He was beside the buffet table."



Dagny the sled racer
"She was beside the fireplace. She was beside the nutcracker."



Odin the victim
Found dead — alone in a room with the killer.

CAN STAND / SIT ON

armchair · sofa · wingback chair

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

plant · fireplace · buffet table · nutcracker · candle table

The rules

1. Exactly one person in every row and every column.
2. Nobody stands on solid furniture.
3. Every statement is true. "Beside" = the square directly next to it; north is up.
4. The victim was alone in a room with exactly one other person: the killer.

Your verdict

The killer was _____

in the _____

Solved in _____

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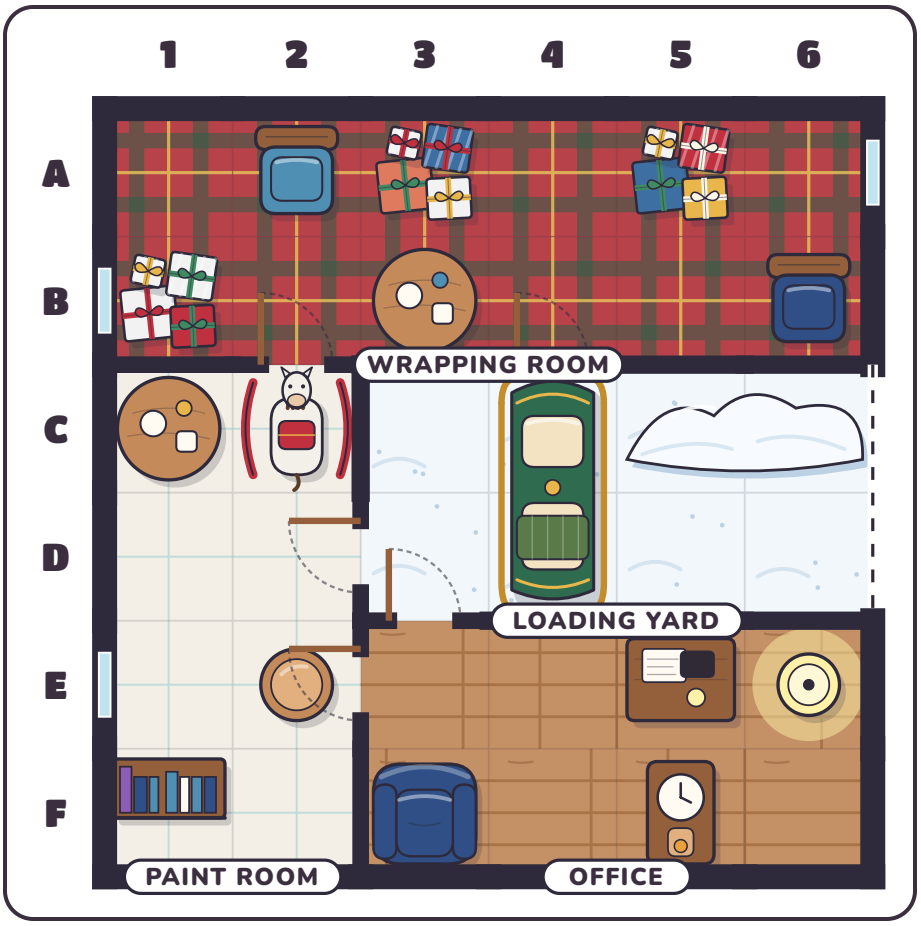
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Murder at the Toy Workshop

Someone hung **Noelle**'s stocking on the mantel. **Noelle** won't be opening it.

Set in Juniper Falls, the town from the book Room for Murder: Winter.



What the witnesses say



Cosmo the radio DJ
"He was in the same room as Thea."



Benedict the vicar
"He was on the rocking horse."



Delphine the candle maker
"She was sitting in an armchair."



Thea the pharmacist
"She was in a corner of a room."



Iggy the snow sculptor
"He was sitting in the sleigh."



Noelle the victim
Found dead — alone in a room with the killer.

CAN STAND / SIT ON

chair · armchair · stool · sleigh · rocking horse

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table · desk · bookshelf · lamp · grandfather clock · pile of presents · snowdrift

The rules

1. Exactly one person in every row and every column.
2. Nobody stands on solid furniture.
3. Every statement is true. "Beside" = the square directly next to it; north is up.
4. The victim was alone in a room with exactly one other person: the killer.

Your verdict

The killer was _____

in the _____

Solved in _____

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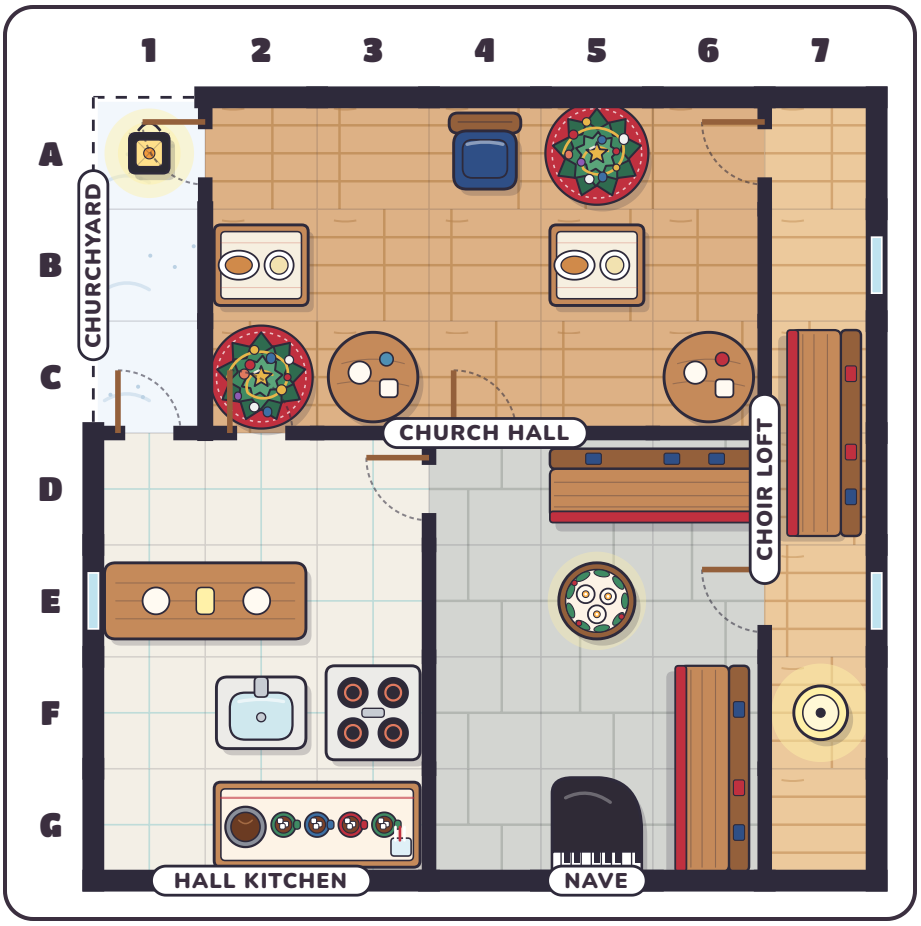
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Christmas Eve at the Chapel

The ploughs won't come until morning. That gives you one night to find out who killed **Iggy**.

Set in Juniper Falls, the town from the book Room for Murder: Winter.



What the witnesses say



Cosmo the radio DJ
"He was beside the piano. He was somewhere west of Winnie."



Petra the ice-hotel architect
"She was beside the stove."



Nell the jam maker
"She was beside a sink."



Kasper the toymaker
"He was in the same room as Nell."



Winnie the choir director
"There was the buffet table in her column."



Bram the retired ski instructor
"He was in a corner of a room. He was in the Choir Loft."



Iggy the victim
Found dead — alone in a room with the killer.

CAN STAND / SIT ON

chair · pew

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table · piano · lamp · stove · sink · buffet table · Christmas tree · cocoa bar · lantern · candle table

The rules

1. Exactly one person in every row and every column.
2. Nobody stands on solid furniture.
3. Every statement is true. "Beside" = the square directly next to it; north is up.
4. The victim was alone in a room with exactly one other person: the killer.

Your verdict

The killer was _____

in the _____

Solved in _____

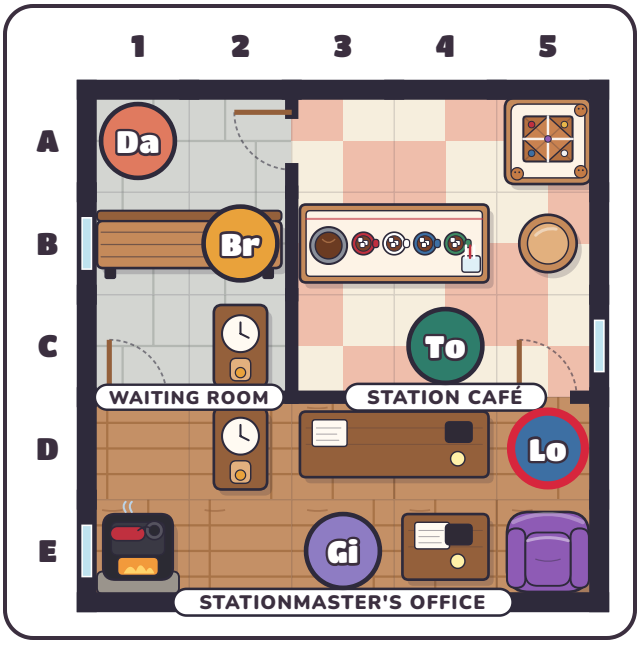
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Solution: Nobody Leaves the Snowbound Depot



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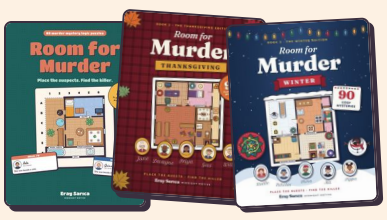
Lottie, the pastry student

The only other person in the Stationmaster's Office with Gideon.

Dagny A1 · Lottie D5 · Tobias C4 · Bram B2 · Gideon E3

How to solve it, step by step

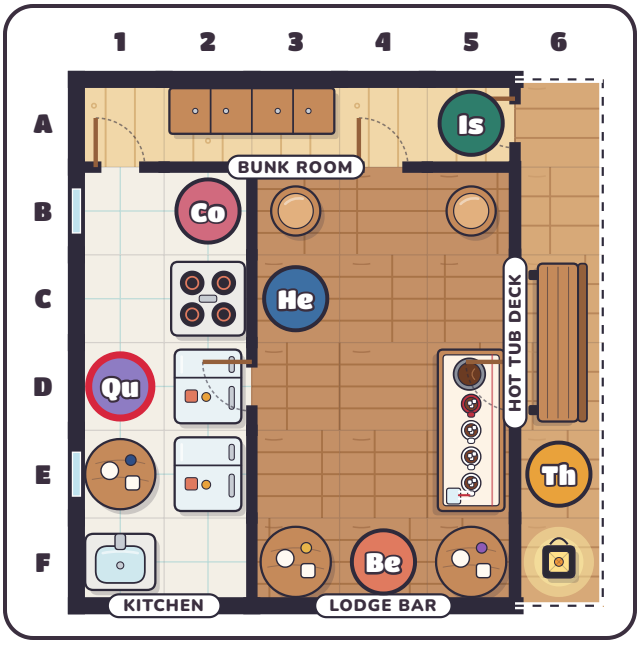
1. Lottie: “She was beside an armchair.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: D5.
2. Dagny and Tobias can only stand in rows A and C — 2 people for 2 rows, so those rows are theirs and nobody else can use them.
3. Column 4 still needs someone, and Tobias is the only one who can still stand in it. In column 4, “He was beside the cocoa bar. He was not beside the gingerbread table.” fits only C4.
4. Gideon, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: E3, in the Stationmaster's Office.
5. Bram: “He was beside the grandfather clock.” Of the squares that fit, only B2 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
6. Dagny: “She was beside a bench.” Of the squares that fit, only A1 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
7. Everyone is placed. Gideon lies in the Stationmaster's Office, and the only other person in there is Lottie. Lottie is the killer.



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Solution: Blizzard at the Ski Lodge



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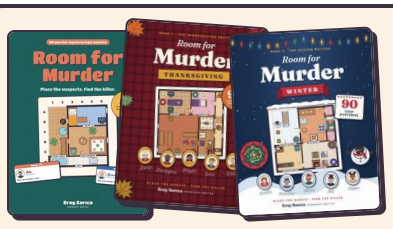
Quincy, the photographer

The only other person in the Kitchen with Cosmo.

Benedict F4 · Henrietta C3 · Isolde A5 · Thea E6
Quincy D1 · Cosmo B2

How to solve it, step by step

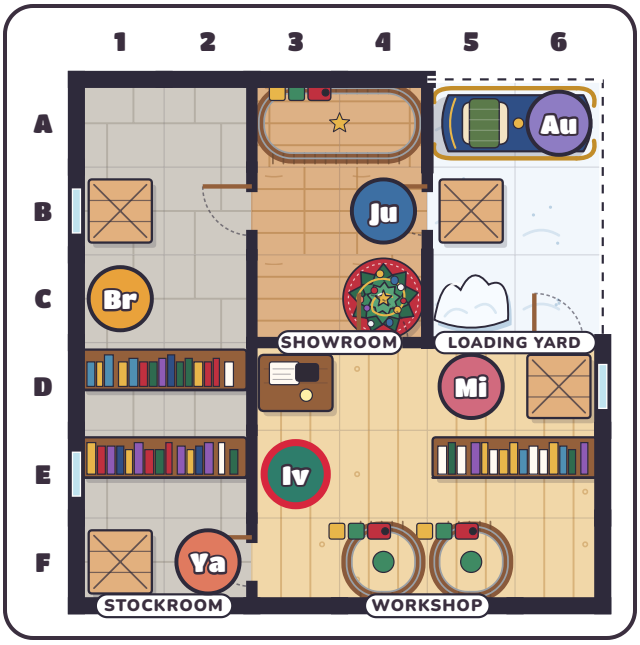
1. Thea: “She was beside a lantern.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: E6.
2. Column 2 still needs someone, and only Cosmo can still stand in it — so Cosmo is somewhere in column 2.
3. Row C still needs someone, and only Henrietta can still stand in it — so Henrietta is somewhere in row C.
4. Cosmo, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: B2, in the Kitchen.
5. Column 3 still needs someone, and Henrietta is the only one who can still stand in it. In column 3, “She was beside a stool. She was alone with Benedict.” fits only C3.
6. Benedict: “He was beside a table.” And Henrietta said: “She was alone with Benedict.” With Henrietta on C3, only F4 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
7. Quincy: “He was beside a table.” Of the squares that fit, only D1 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
8. Isolde: “She was in the Bunk Room.” Of the squares that fit, only A5 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
9. Everyone is placed. Cosmo lies in the Kitchen, and the only other person in there is Quincy. Quincy is the killer.



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Solution: Mistletoe at the Toy Workshop



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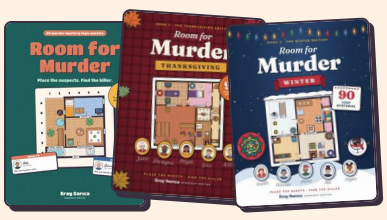
Ivy, the Christmas-tree farmer

The only other person in the Workshop with Mina.

Yara F2 · Juno B4 · Ivy E3 · Bram C1 · Aurora A6 · Mina D5

How to solve it, step by step

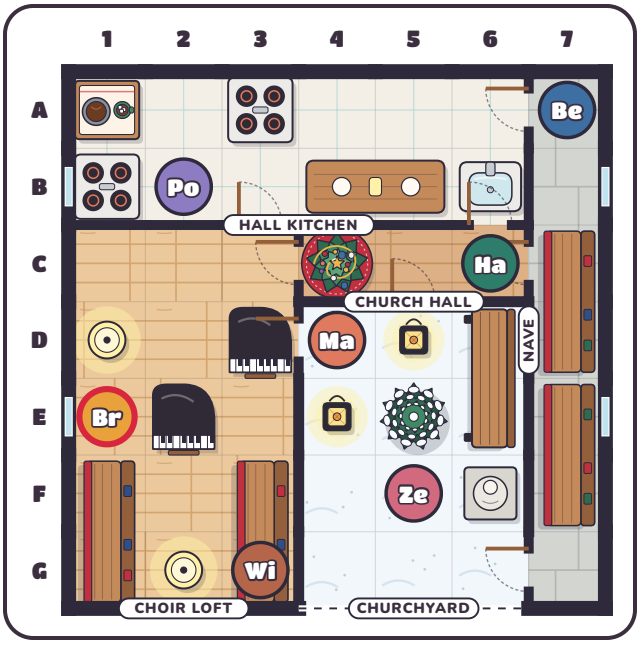
1. Yara and Bram were alone together, so they share a room — and the only room(s) where both can still stand: Stockroom and Workshop.
2. Every square left for Aurora is in row A, so row A is Aurora's — nobody else can be in row A.
3. Juno and Ivy can only stand in columns 3 and 4 — 2 people for 2 columns, so those columns are theirs and nobody else can use them.
4. Row E still needs someone, and Ivy is the only one who can still stand in it. In row E, "She was beside a desk." fits only E3.
5. Juno: "She was beside the Christmas tree." Of the squares that fit, only B4 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
6. Yara: "She was diagonally next to Ivy. She was alone with Bram." With Ivy on E3, only F2 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
7. Bram: "He was beside a bookshelf." And Yara said: "She was alone with Bram." With Yara on F2, only C1 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
8. Mina, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: D5, in the Workshop.
9. Aurora: "She was sitting in the sleigh." Of the squares that fit, only A6 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
10. Everyone is placed. Mina lies in the Workshop, and the only other person in there is Ivy. Ivy is the killer.



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Solution: Trouble at the Chapel



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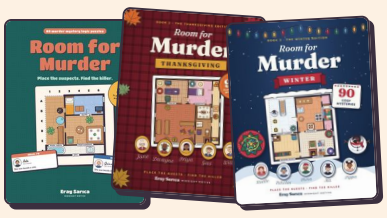
Bram, the retired ski instructor

The only other person in the Choir Loft with Winnie.

Marguerite D4 · Bettina A7 · Hamish C6 · Bram E1 · Poppy B2 · Zeke F5 · Winnie G3

How to solve it, step by step

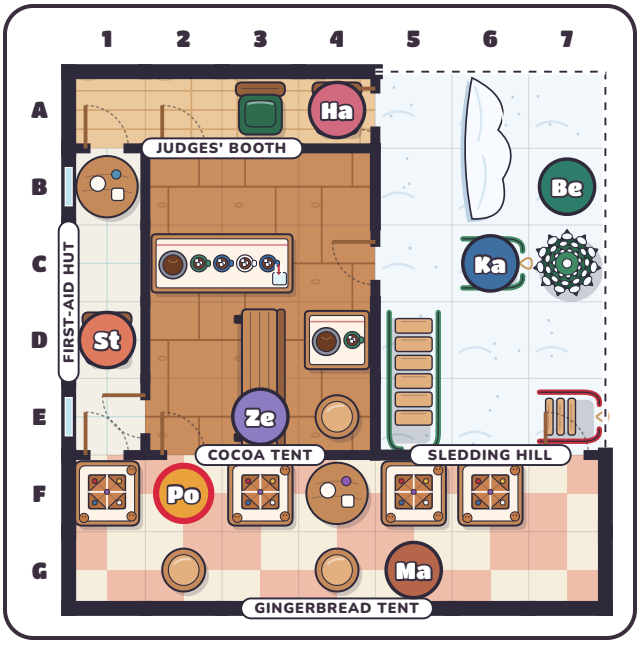
1. Bram: "There was a snowy pine in his row. There was a lamp in his column." Only one square on the whole plan fits: E1.
2. Zeke: "He was beside a snowy pine." Of the squares that fit, only F5 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
3. Marguerite was in the Churchyard, alone with Zeke — so nobody else was in the Churchyard.
4. Row G still needs someone, and only Winnie can still stand in it — so Winnie is somewhere in row G.
5. Row B still needs someone, and only Poppy can still stand in it — so Poppy is somewhere in row B.
6. Row C still needs someone, and Hamish is the only one who can still stand in it. In row C, "There was a statue in his column." fits only C6.
7. Marguerite: "She was alone with Zeke. She was beside a lantern." With Zeke on F5, only D4 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
8. Poppy was alone in the Hall Kitchen, so nobody else stood in the Hall Kitchen.
9. Bettina: "There was the cocoa bar in her row." Of the squares that fit, only A7 is still open — the rest are ruled out above.
10. Winnie, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: G3, in the Choir Loft.
11. Poppy: "She was in the Hall Kitchen. She was alone in the room." Of the squares that fit, only B2 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
12. Everyone is placed. Winnie lies in the Choir Loft, and the only other person in there is Bram. Bram is the killer.



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Solution: Murder at the Winter Fair



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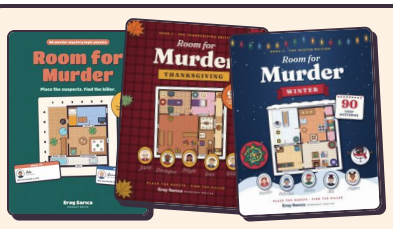
Poppy, the snowboarder

The only other person in the Gingerbread Tent with Marguerite.

Stellan D1 · Kasper C6 · Benedict B7 · Poppy F2 · Zeke E3 · Hazel A4 · Marguerite G5

How to solve it, step by step

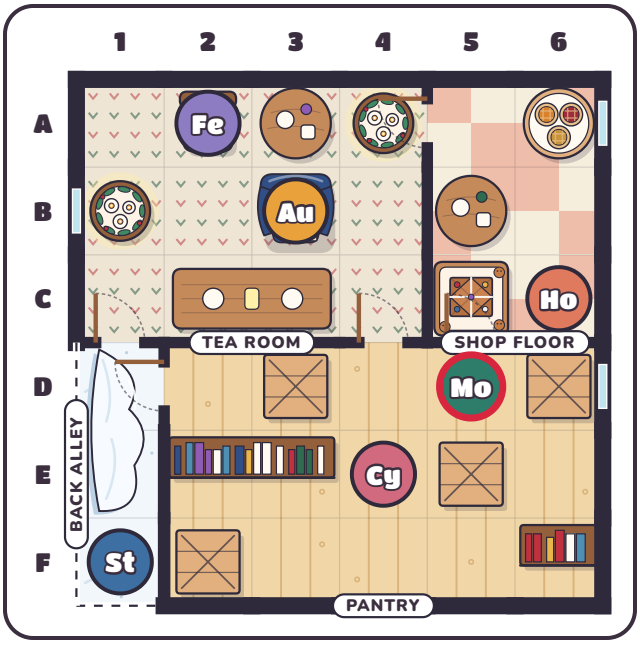
1. Benedict and Kasper were alone together, so they share a room — and the only room(s) where both can still stand: Sledding Hill.
2. Benedict was in the Sledding Hill, alone with Kasper — so nobody else was in the Sledding Hill.
3. Stellan and Hazel can only stand in rows A and D — 2 people for 2 rows, so those rows are theirs and nobody else can use them.
4. Every square left for Poppy is in row F, so row F is Poppy's — nobody else can be in row F.
5. Kasper and Benedict can only stand in columns 6 and 7 — 2 people for 2 columns, so those columns are theirs and nobody else can use them.
6. Poppy: “There was the gingerbread table in her row.” Of the squares that fit, only F2 is still open — the rest are ruled out above.
7. Column 6 still needs someone, and Kasper is the only one who can still stand in it. In column 6, “He was beside a snowy pine.” fits only C6.
8. Read Zeke's statement — “He was somewhere west of Hazel.” — against where Hazel can still be: Zeke can only be on E3, G1 or G3; Hazel can only be on A3 or A4.
9. Row D still needs someone, and Stellan is the only one who can still stand in it. In row D, “He was sitting in a chair.” fits only D1.
10. Marguerite, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: G5, in the Gingerbread Tent.
11. Zeke: “He was somewhere west of Hazel. He was beside a stool.” Of the squares that fit, only E3 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.



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Solution: Snowed In at the Gingerbread Bakery



THE KILLER

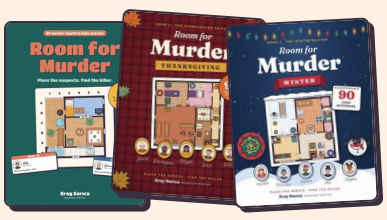
Mortimer, the night watchman

The only other person in the Pantry with Cyrus — and the suspect whose statement was false.

Holly C6 · Stellan F1 · Mortimer D5 · Aurora B3 · Fern A2 · Cyrus E4

How to solve it, step by step

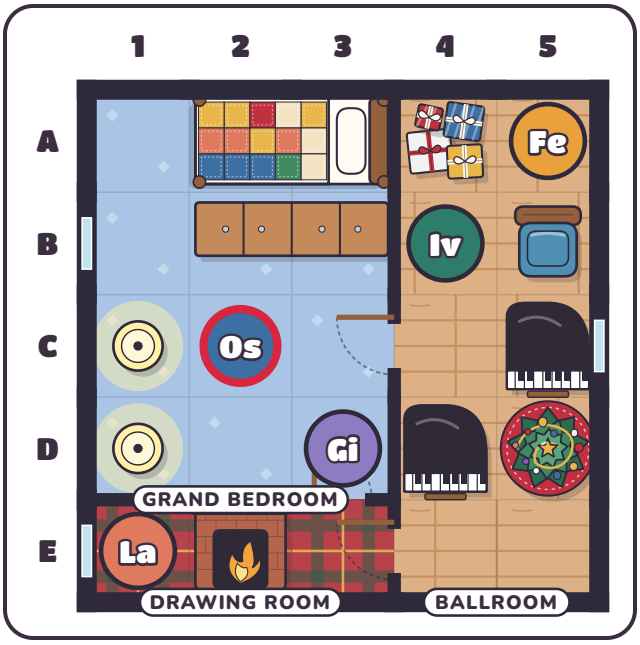
1. **Sunday rule: exactly one statement is false — the killer's. Try each suspect as the liar in turn: every choice but one runs into a contradiction. Only Mortimer works, so Mortimer's statement is the lie and the truth is the opposite: "He was not beside any bookshelf."**
2. Holly: "She was beside the gingerbread table." Only one square on the whole plan fits: C6.
3. Stellan: "He was beside a snowdrift." Only one square on the whole plan fits: F1.
4. Fern: "She was sitting in a chair." Only one square on the whole plan fits: A2.
5. Aurora: "She was beside a table." Of the squares that fit, only B3 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
6. Cyrus, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: E4, in the Pantry.
7. Mortimer: "He was not beside any bookshelf." Of the squares that fit, only D5 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
8. Everyone is placed. Cyrus lies in the Pantry, and the only other person in there is Mortimer. Mortimer is the killer — and the one who lied.



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Solution: A Cold Night at the Manor



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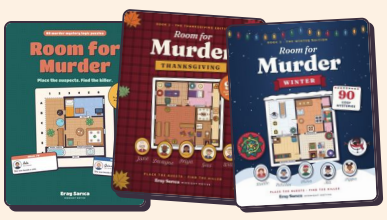
Oskar, the lodge chef

The only other person in the Grand Bedroom with Gideon.

Lars E1 · Oskar C2 · Ivy B4 · Fern A5 · Gideon D3

How to solve it, step by step

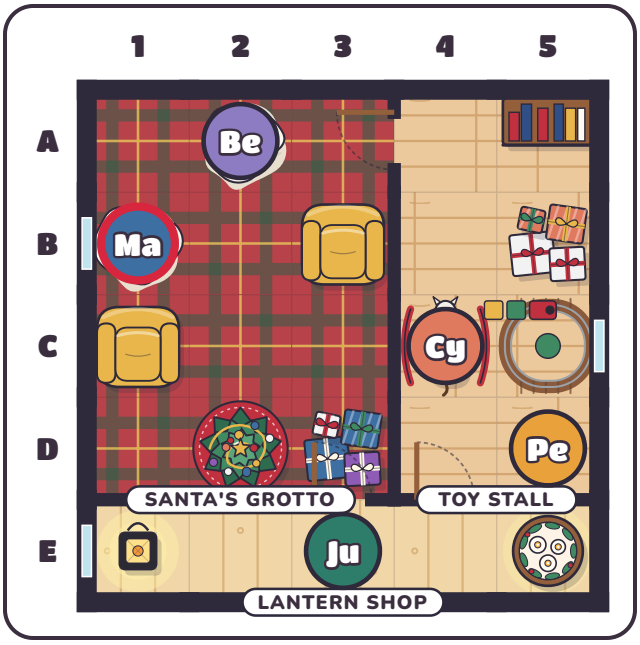
1. Ivy: “She was beside a chair. She was not in a corner.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: B4.
2. Oskar: “He was beside a wardrobe. He was beside a lamp.” Of the squares that fit, only C2 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
3. Fern: “She was beside a chair.” Of the squares that fit, only A5 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
4. Gideon, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: D3, in the Grand Bedroom.
5. Lars: “He was beside the fireplace.” Of the squares that fit, only E1 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
6. Everyone is placed. Gideon lies in the Grand Bedroom, and the only other person in there is Oskar. Oskar is the killer.



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Solution: The Christmas Market Mystery



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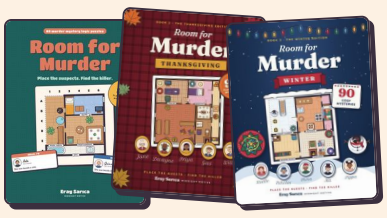
Marguerite, the retired opera singer

The only other person in the Santa's Grotto with Bettina.

Cyrus C4 · Marguerite B1 · Juno E3 · Petra D5 · Bettina A2

How to solve it, step by step

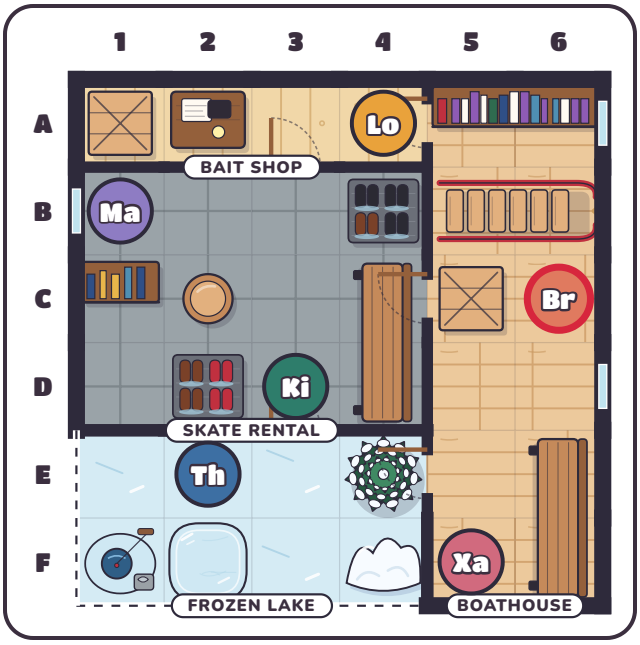
1. Cyrus: “He was on the rocking horse.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: C4.
2. Marguerite: “She was standing on a sheepskin rug. She was beside an armchair.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: B1.
3. Juno: “She was in the Lantern Shop. She was not beside any lantern.” Of the squares that fit, only E3 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
4. Petra: “She was beside the toy train.” Of the squares that fit, only D5 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
5. Bettina, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: A2, in the Santa's Grotto.
6. Everyone is placed. Bettina lies in the Santa's Grotto, and the only other person in there is Marguerite. Marguerite is the killer.



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Solution: First Frost at the Frozen Lake



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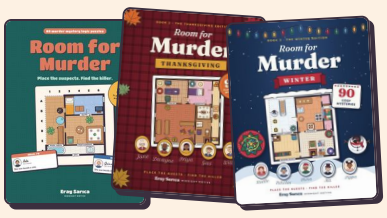
Bram, the retired ski instructor

The only other person in the Boathouse with Xavier.

Bram C6 · Thea E2 · Kit D3 · Lottie A4 · Magnus B1 · Xavier F5

How to solve it, step by step

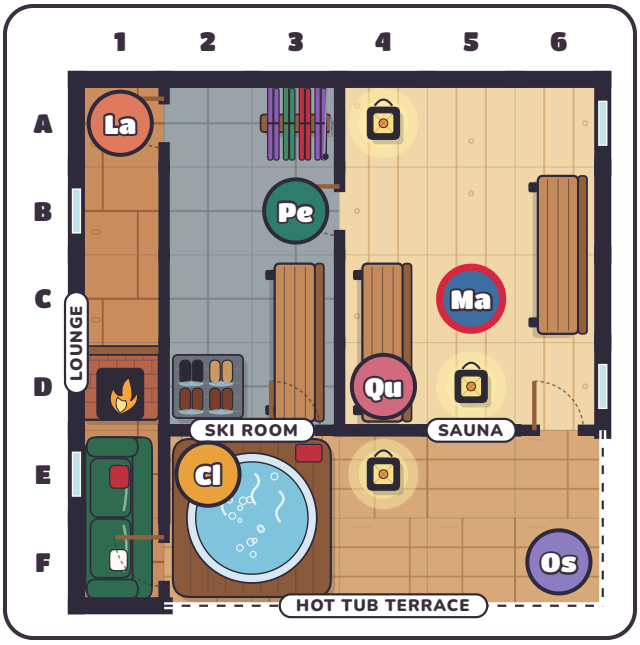
1. Bram: “He was beside a sled.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: C6.
2. Every square left for Lottie is in row A, so row A is Lottie's — nobody else can be in row A.
3. Read Magnus's statement — “He was in the same room as Kit.” — against where Kit can still be: Magnus can only be on B1 or B2; Kit can only be on D3.
4. Kit: “He was beside a bench.” Of the squares that fit, only D3 is still open — the rest are ruled out above.
5. Thea: “She was beside the ice.” Of the squares that fit, only E2 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
6. Lottie: “She was in the Bait Shop.” Of the squares that fit, only A4 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
7. Magnus: “He was in the same room as Kit.” With Kit on D3, only B1 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
8. Xavier, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: F5, in the Boathouse.
9. Everyone is placed. Xavier lies in the Boathouse, and the only other person in there is Bram. Bram is the killer.



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Solution: Cocoa at the Chalet



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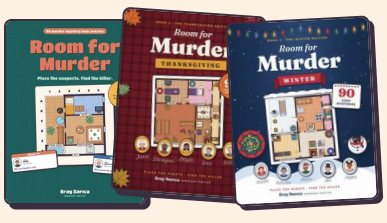
Magnus, the lumberjack

The only other person in the Sauna with Quincy.

Lars A1 · Magnus C5 · Petra B3 · Clementine E2 · Oskar F6 · Quincy D4

How to solve it, step by step

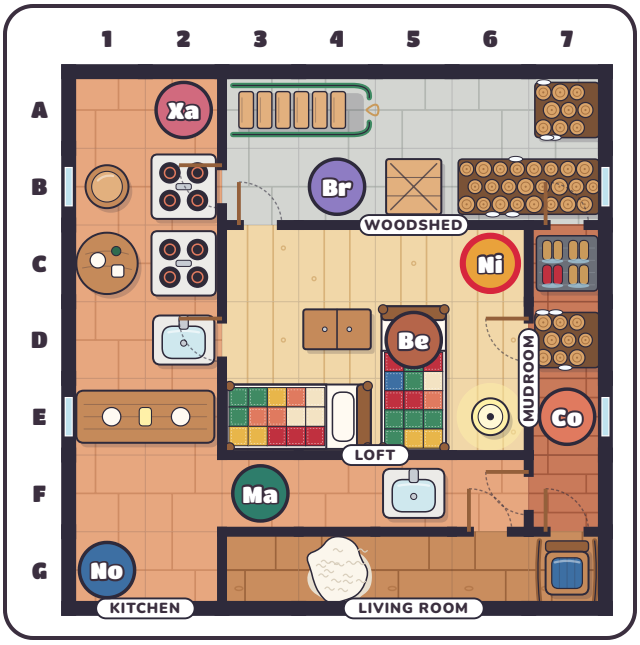
1. Oskar and Clementine were alone together, so they share a room — and the only room(s) where both can still stand: Hot Tub Terrace and Ski Room.
2. Every square left for Lars is in column 1, so column 1 is Lars's — nobody else can be in column 1.
3. Petra and Clementine can only stand in columns 2 and 3 — 2 people for 2 columns, so those columns are theirs and nobody else can use them.
4. Column 3 still needs someone, and Petra is the only one who can still stand in it. In column 3, "She was beside the ski rack. She was exactly one row north of Magnus." fits only B3.
5. Magnus: "He was beside a lantern." And Petra said: "She was exactly one row north of Magnus." With Petra on B3, only C5 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
6. Row D still needs someone, and only Quincy can still stand in it — so Quincy is somewhere in row D.
7. Quincy, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: D4, in the Sauna.
8. Oskar and Clementine were alone together, so they share a room — and the only room(s) where both can still stand: Hot Tub Terrace.
9. Clementine: "There was the boot rack in her column. There was a lantern in her row." Of the squares that fit, only E2 is still open — the rest are ruled out above.
10. Oskar: "He was alone with Clementine. He was in a corner of a room." With Clementine on E2, only F6 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
11. Lars: "There was the fireplace in his column." Of the squares that fit, only A1 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.



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Solution: Silent Night at the Log Cabin



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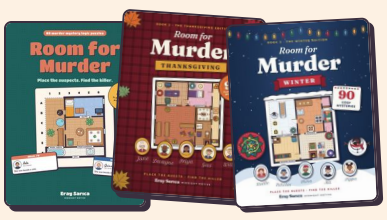
Nikolai, the dog-sled musher

The only other person in the Loft with Bettina.

Cosmo E7 · Noelle G1 · Marguerite F3 · Nikolai C6
Bram B4 · Xavier A2 · Bettina D5

How to solve it, step by step

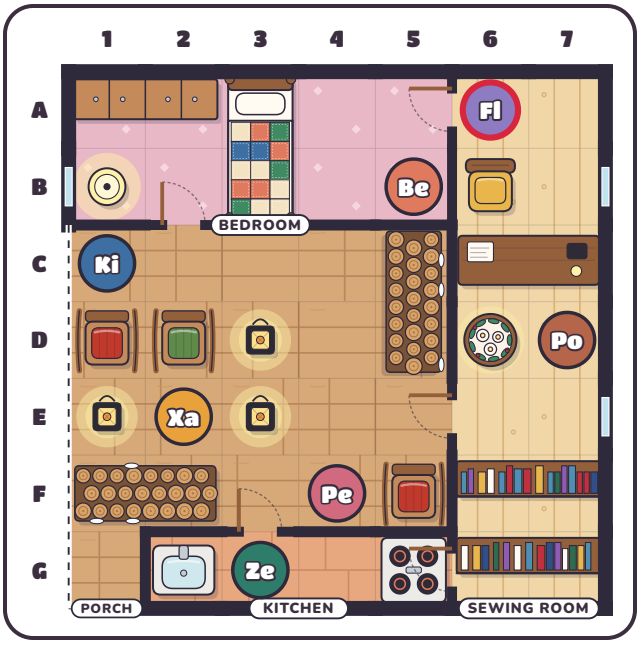
1. Bram and Xavier can only stand in rows A and B — 2 people for 2 rows, so those rows are theirs and nobody else can use them.
2. Cosmo: “He was beside the woodpile.” Of the squares that fit, only E7 is still open — the rest are ruled out above.
3. Read Noelle's statement — “She was somewhere west of Xavier.” — against where Xavier can still be: Noelle can only be on G1; Xavier can only be on A2.
4. Noelle: “She was somewhere west of Xavier. She was in a corner of a room.” Of the squares that fit, only G1 is still open — the rest are ruled out above.
5. Xavier: “He was beside the stove.” And Noelle said: “She was somewhere west of Xavier.” With Noelle on G1, only A2 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
6. Row D still needs someone, and only Bettina can still stand in it — so Bettina is somewhere in row D.
7. Row C still needs someone, and only Nikolai can still stand in it — so Nikolai is somewhere in row C.
8. Bettina, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: D5, in the Loft.
9. Read Marguerite's statement — “She was somewhere west of Bram.” — against where Bram can still be: Marguerite can only be on F3; Bram can only be on B4.
10. Marguerite: “She was somewhere west of Bram. She was in the Kitchen.” Of the squares that fit, only F3 is still open — the rest are ruled out above.
11. Nikolai: “He was in a corner of a room.” Of the squares that fit, only C6 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
12. Bram: “He was beside a sled.” And Marguerite said: “She was somewhere west of Bram.” With Marguerite on F3, only B4 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.



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Solution: The Cottage Affair



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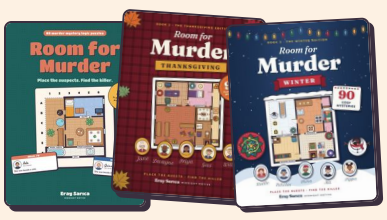
Florian, the chalet owner

The only other person in the Sewing Room with Poppy.

Benedict B5 · Kit C1 · Zeke G3 · Xavier E2
Florian A6 · Petra F4 · Poppy D7

How to solve it, step by step

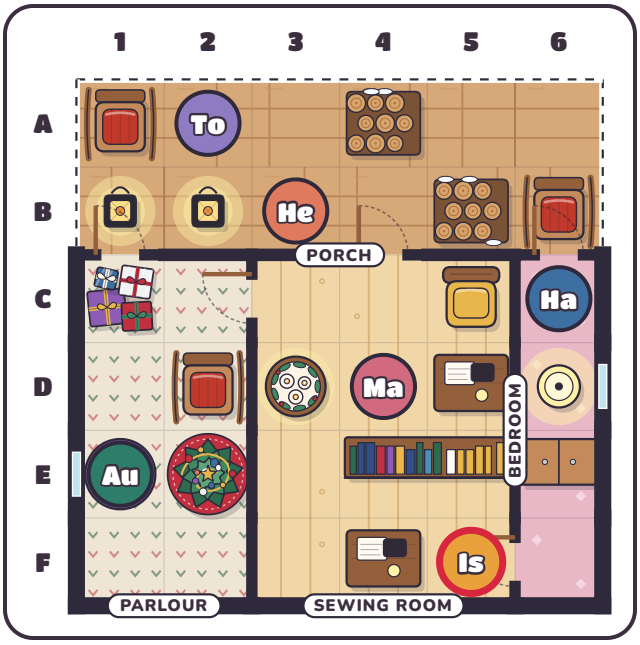
1. Zeke: “He was beside a sink. He was diagonally next to Petra.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: G3.
2. Petra: “She was in the same room as Kit.” And Zeke said: “He was diagonally next to Petra.” With Zeke on G3, only F4 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
3. Xavier: “He was beside a lantern. He was beside the woodpile.” Of the squares that fit, only E2 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
4. Every square left for Kit is in column 1, so column 1 is Kit's — nobody else can be in column 1.
5. Row C still needs someone, and Kit is the only one who can still stand in it. In row C, “He was beside a rocking chair.” fits only C1.
6. Read Benedict's statement — “He was diagonally next to Florian.” — against where Florian can still be: Benedict can only be on A6, B5 or B7.
7. Poppy, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: D7, in the Sewing Room.
8. Florian: “He was beside a chair.” Of the squares that fit, only A6 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
9. Benedict: “He was diagonally next to Florian.” With Florian on A6, only B5 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
10. Everyone is placed. Poppy lies in the Sewing Room, and the only other person in there is Florian. Florian is the killer.



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Solution: Nobody Leaves the Cottage



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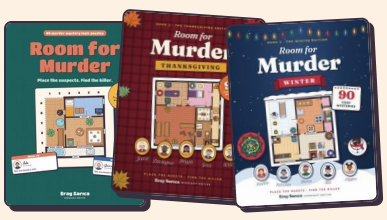
Isolde, the librarian

The only other person in the Sewing Room with Marguerite — and the suspect whose statement was false.

Henrietta B3 · Hamish C6 · Aurora E1 · Isolde F5 · Tobias A2 · Marguerite D4

How to solve it, step by step

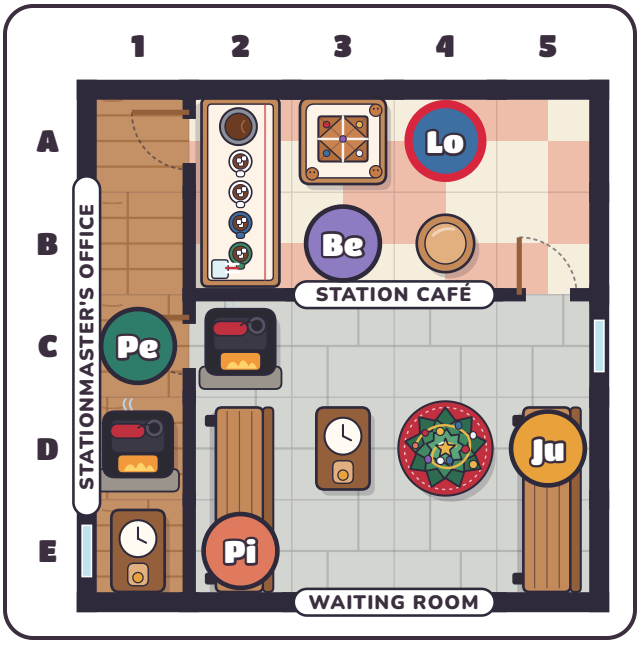
1. **Sunday rule: exactly one statement is false — the killer's. Try each suspect as the liar in turn: every choice but one runs into a contradiction. Only Isolde works, so Isolde's statement is the lie and the truth is the opposite: "She was not beside the candle table."**
2. Hamish: "He was beside a lamp." Only one square on the whole plan fits: C6.
3. Aurora: "She was standing on a rug." Only one square on the whole plan fits: E1.
4. Tobias: "He was beside a rocking chair." Of the squares that fit, only A2 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
5. Henrietta: "She was beside a lantern." Of the squares that fit, only B3 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
6. Isolde: "She was not beside the candle table." Of the squares that fit, only F5 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
7. Marguerite, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: D4, in the Sewing Room.
8. Everyone is placed. Marguerite lies in the Sewing Room, and the only other person in there is Isolde. Isolde is the killer — and the one who lied.



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Solution: A Cold Night at the Snowbound Depot



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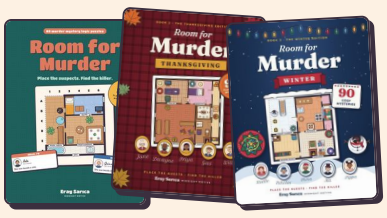
Lottie, the pastry student

The only other person in the Station Café with Bettina.

Pippa E2 · Lottie A4 · Petra C1 · Juno D5 · Bettina B3

How to solve it, step by step

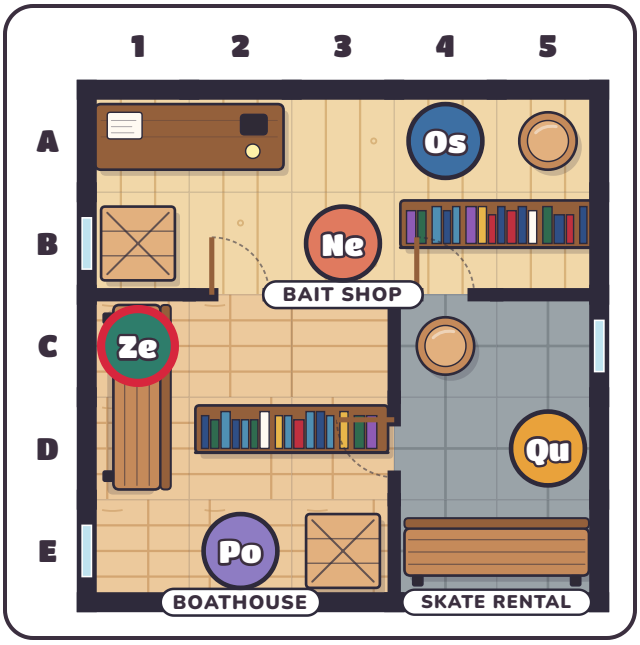
1. Lottie: “She was beside the gingerbread table. She was not beside the cocoa bar.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: A4.
2. Petra: “She was beside the wood stove. She was in the Stationmaster's Office.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: C1.
3. Juno: “She was beside the Christmas tree.” Of the squares that fit, only D5 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
4. Pippa: “She was sitting on a bench.” Of the squares that fit, only E2 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
5. Bettina, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: B3, in the Station Café.
6. Everyone is placed. Bettina lies in the Station Café, and the only other person in there is Lottie. Lottie is the killer.



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Solution: The Frozen Lake Mystery



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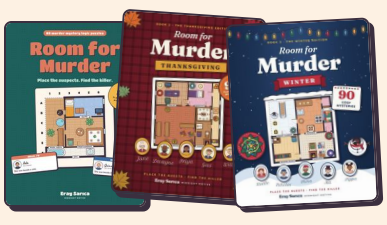
Zeke, the mountain rescuer

The only other person in the Boathouse with Poppy.

Nell B3 · Oskar A4 · Zeke C1 · Quincy D5 · Poppy E2

How to solve it, step by step

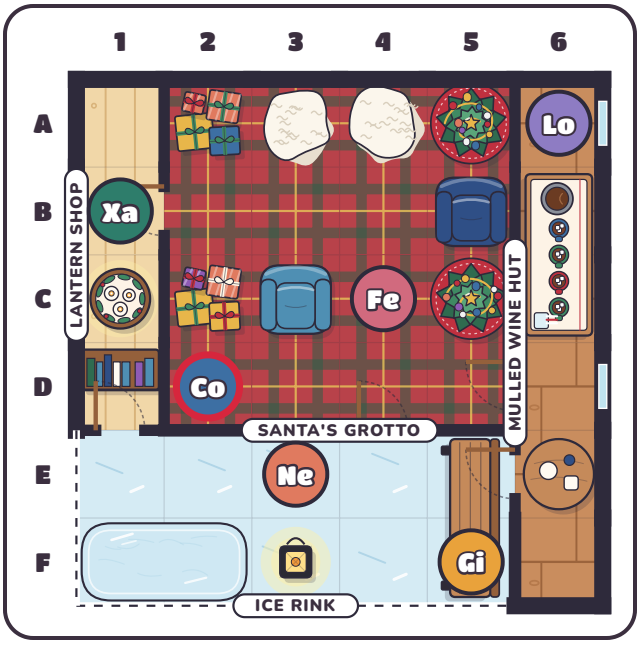
1. Quincy was alone in the Skate Rental, so nobody else stood in the Skate Rental.
2. Oskar: “He was beside a stool.” Of the squares that fit, only A4 is still open — the rest are ruled out above.
3. Zeke: “He was sitting on a bench. He was in a corner of a room.” Of the squares that fit, only C1 is still open — the rest are ruled out above.
4. Nell: “She was not beside any crate.” Of the squares that fit, only B3 is still open — the rest are ruled out above.
5. Poppy, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: E2, in the Boathouse.
6. Quincy: “He was in the Skate Rental. He was alone in the room.” Of the squares that fit, only D5 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
7. Everyone is placed. Poppy lies in the Boathouse, and the only other person in there is Zeke. Zeke is the killer.



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Solution: Cocoa at the Christmas Market



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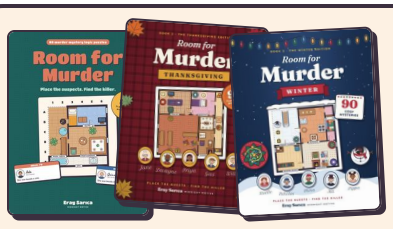
Cosmo, the radio DJ

The only other person in the Santa's Grotto with Fern.

Nell E3 · Cosmo D2 · Xavier B1 · Gideon F5 · Lottie A6 · Fern C4

How to solve it, step by step

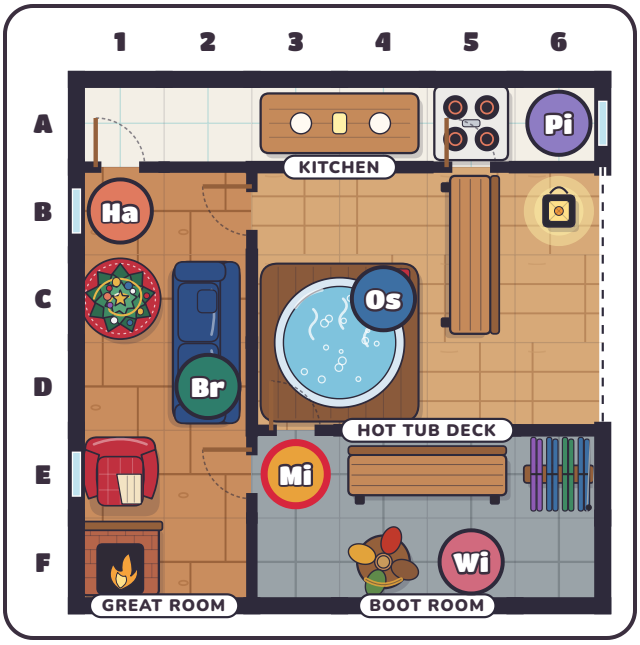
1. Cosmo: “He was beside a pile of presents. He was in a corner of a room.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: D2.
2. Xavier: “He was beside the candle table.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: B1.
3. Nell: “She was beside a lantern. She was not beside any bench.” Of the squares that fit, only E3 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
4. Lottie: “She was beside the cocoa bar.” Of the squares that fit, only A6 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
5. Fern, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: C4, in the Santa's Grotto.
6. Gideon: “He was in the same room as Nell.” With Nell on E3, only F5 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
7. Everyone is placed. Fern lies in the Santa's Grotto, and the only other person in there is Cosmo. Cosmo is the killer.



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Solution: The Ski Lodge Affair



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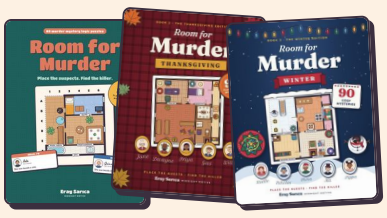
Mina, the Christmas-market organiser

The only other person in the Boot Room with Winnie.

Hazel B1 · Oskar C4 · Bram D2 · Mina E3 · Pippa A6 · Winnie F5

How to solve it, step by step

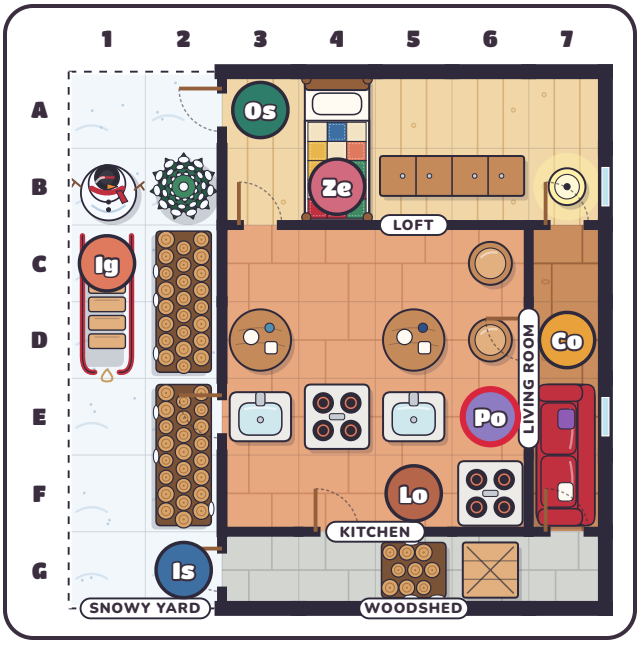
1. Pippa: “She was beside the stove.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: A6.
2. Hazel, Oskar and Bram can only stand in rows B, C and D — 3 people for 3 rows, so those rows are theirs and nobody else can use them.
3. Row B still needs someone, and Hazel is the only one who can still stand in it. In row B, “She was beside the Christmas tree.” fits only B1.
4. Every square left for Bram is in column 2, so column 2 is Bram's — nobody else can be in column 2.
5. Row F still needs someone, and only Winnie can still stand in it — so Winnie is somewhere in row F.
6. Column 4 still needs someone, and only Oskar can still stand in it — so Oskar is somewhere in column 4.
7. Read Bram's statement — “He was diagonally next to Mina.” — against where Mina can still be: Bram can only be on D2; Mina can only be on E3.
8. Bram: “He was sitting on a sofa. He was diagonally next to Mina.” Of the squares that fit, only D2 is still open — the rest are ruled out above.
9. Oskar: “He was in the hot tub.” Of the squares that fit, only C4 is still open — the rest are ruled out above.
10. Mina: “She was not beside the coat rack.” And Bram said: “He was diagonally next to Mina.” With Bram on D2, only E3 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
11. Winnie, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: F5, in the Boot Room.
12. Everyone is placed. Winnie lies in the Boot Room, and the only other person in there is Mina. Mina is the killer.



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Solution: First Frost at the Log Cabin



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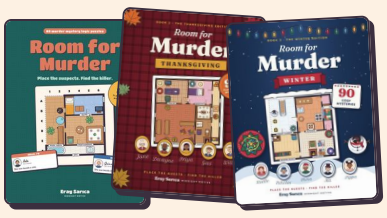
Poppy, the snowboarder

The only other person in the Kitchen with Lottie.

Iggy C1 · Isolde G2 · Oskar A3 · Cosmo D7 · Poppy E6 · Zeke B4 · Lottie F5

How to solve it, step by step

1. Cosmo: “He was beside a sofa. He was exactly one row north of Poppy.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: D7.
2. Isolde and Iggy were alone together, so they share a room — and the only room(s) where both can still stand: Snowy Yard.
3. Isolde was in the Snowy Yard, alone with Iggy — so nobody else was in the Snowy Yard.
4. Poppy: “She was somewhere west of Cosmo.” And Cosmo said: “He was exactly one row north of Poppy.” With Cosmo on D7 and Cosmo on D7, only E6 still fits — the rest are ruled out above.
5. Zeke: “He was beside a wardrobe. There was the stove in his column.” Of the squares that fit, only B4 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
6. Column 2 still needs someone, and only Isolde can still stand in it — so Isolde is somewhere in column 2.
7. Column 5 still needs someone, and only Lottie can still stand in it — so Lottie is somewhere in column 5.
8. Read Oskar's statement — “He was somewhere north of Iggy.” — against where Iggy can still be: Oskar can only be on A3; Iggy can only be on C1.
9. Iggy: “He was beside the snowman.” Of the squares that fit, only C1 is still open — the rest are ruled out above.
10. Oskar: “He was somewhere north of Iggy. He was somewhere west of Zeke.” With Iggy on C1 and Zeke on B4, only A3 still fits — the rest are ruled out above.
11. Isolde: “She was alone with Iggy.” With Iggy on C1, only G2 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
12. Lottie, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: F5, in the Kitchen.
13. Everyone is placed. Lottie lies in the Kitchen, and the only other person in there is Poppy. Poppy is the killer.



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Solution: Blizzard at the Chalet



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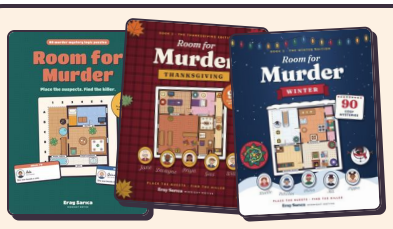
Jasper, the ice-hockey captain

The only other person in the Guest Suite with Rosalind.

Gideon F3 · Mina D6 · Vaughn E5 · Jasper B2 · Magnus A7 · Petra G4 · Rosalind C1

How to solve it, step by step

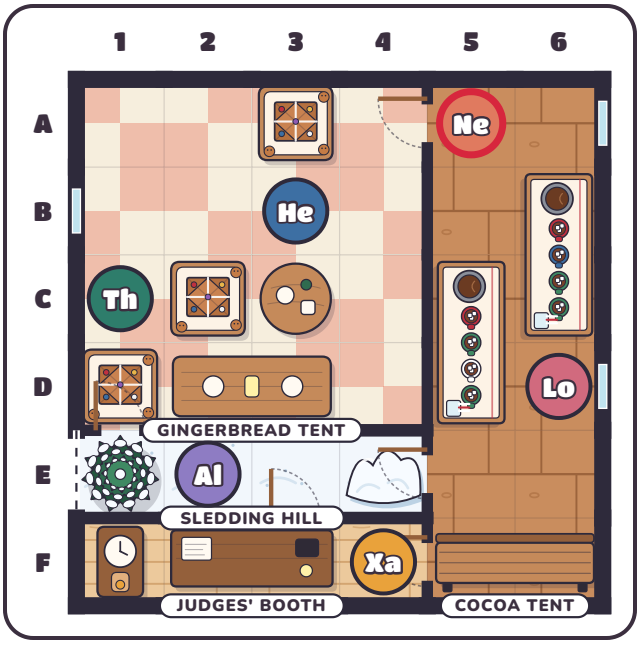
1. Gideon: “He was sitting on a bench. He was not in a corner.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: F3.
2. Petra: “She was alone with Gideon.” With Gideon on F3, only G4 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
3. Row C still needs someone, and only Rosalind can still stand in it — so Rosalind is somewhere in row C.
4. Row E still needs someone, and Vaughn is the only one who can still stand in it. In row E, “There was the fridge in his column.” fits only E5.
5. Row B still needs someone, and Jasper is the only one who can still stand in it. In row B, “He was beside a wardrobe.” fits only B2.
6. Row D still needs someone, and Mina is the only one who can still stand in it. In row D, “There was a sink in her row.” fits only D6.
7. Rosalind, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: C1, in the Guest Suite.
8. Magnus: “There was a wardrobe in his row.” Of the squares that fit, only A7 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
9. Everyone is placed. Rosalind lies in the Guest Suite, and the only other person in there is Jasper. Jasper is the killer.



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Solution: Snowed In at the Winter Fair



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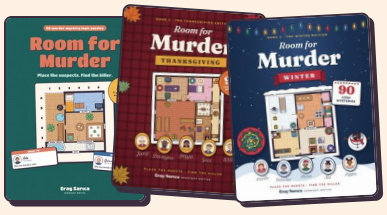
Nell, the jam maker

The only other person in the Cocoa Tent with Lottie — and the suspect whose statement was false.

Nell A5 · Henrietta B3 · Thea C1 · Xavier F4 · Albie E2 · Lottie D6

How to solve it, step by step

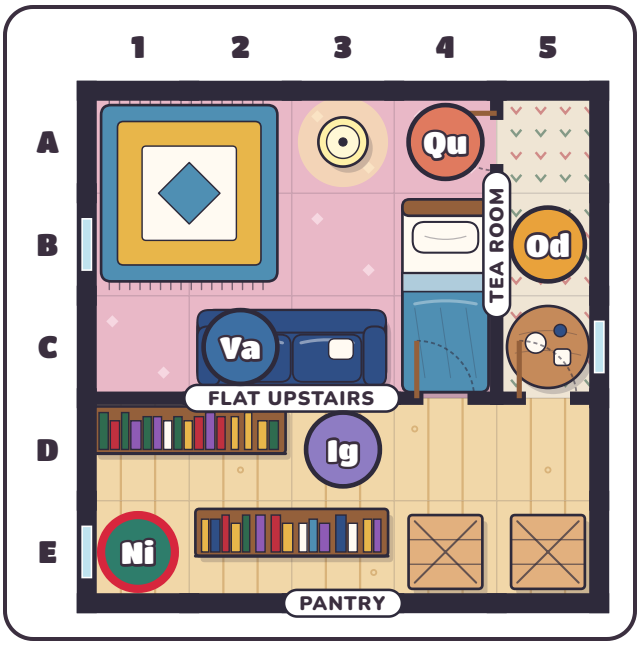
1. **Sunday rule: exactly one statement is false — the killer's. Try each suspect as the liar in turn: every choice but one runs into a contradiction. Only Nell works, so Nell's statement is the lie and the truth is the opposite: "She was not beside the cocoa bar."**
2. Xavier: "He was beside a desk." Only one square on the whole plan fits: F4.
3. Albie: "He was beside a snowy pine." Only one square on the whole plan fits: E2.
4. Henrietta: "She was beside a table." Of the squares that fit, only B3 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
5. Thea: "She was beside the gingerbread table." Of the squares that fit, only C1 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
6. Nell: "She was not beside the cocoa bar." Of the squares that fit, only A5 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
7. Lottie, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: D6, in the Cocoa Tent.
8. Everyone is placed. Lottie lies in the Cocoa Tent, and the only other person in there is Nell. Nell is the killer — and the one who lied.



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Solution: The Longest Night at the Gingerbread Bakery



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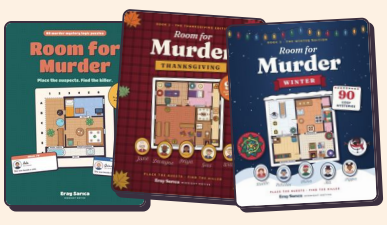
Nikolai, the dog-sled musher

The only other person in the Pantry with Iggy.

Quincy A4 · Vaughn C2 · Nikolai E1 · Odin B5 · Iggy D3

How to solve it, step by step

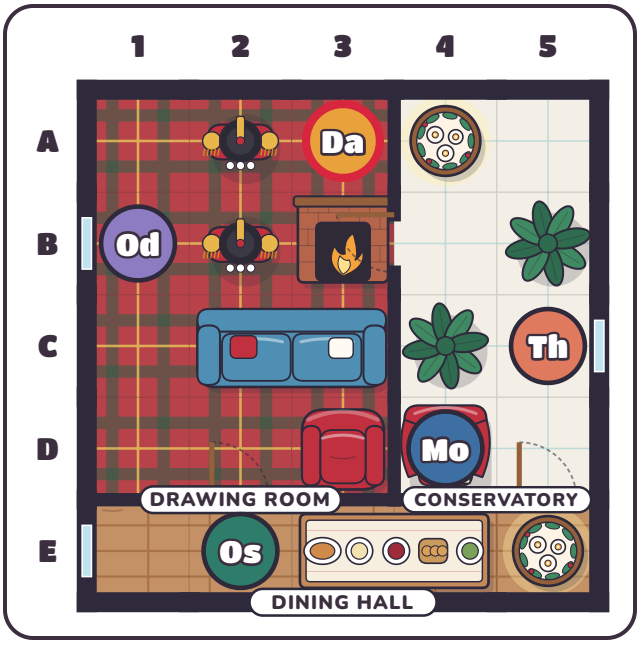
1. Odin: “He was beside a table.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: B5.
2. Quincy: “He was beside a lamp. He was beside a bed.” Of the squares that fit, only A4 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
3. Iggy, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: D3, in the Pantry.
4. Row E still needs someone, and Nikolai is the only one who can still stand in it. In row E, “He was in a corner of a room.” fits only E1.
5. Vaughn: “He was in the Flat Upstairs.” Of the squares that fit, only C2 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
6. Everyone is placed. Iggy lies in the Pantry, and the only other person in there is Nikolai. Nikolai is the killer.



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Solution: Mistletoe at the Manor



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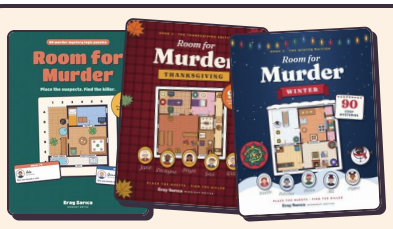
Dagny, the sled racer

The only other person in the Drawing Room with Odin.

Thea C5 · Mortimer D4 · Oskar E2 · Dagny A3 · Odin B1

How to solve it, step by step

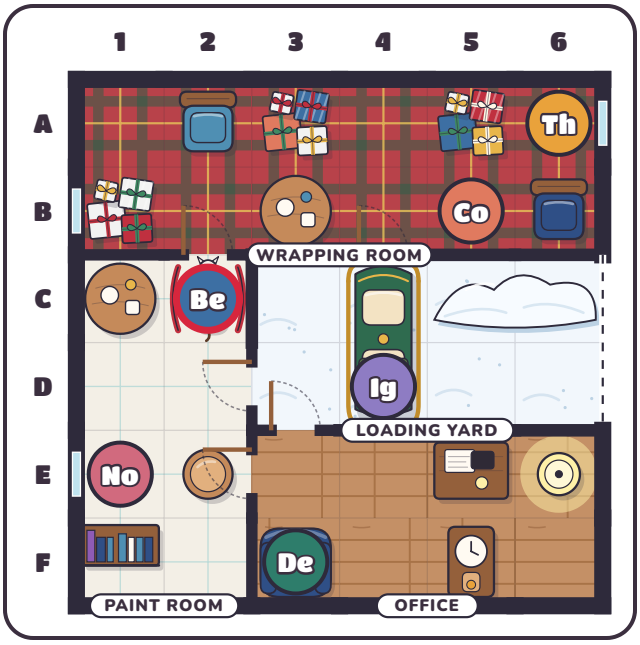
1. Mortimer: “He was sitting in a wingback chair.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: D4.
2. Oskar: “He was beside the buffet table.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: E2.
3. Dagny: “She was beside the fireplace. She was beside the nutcracker.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: A3.
4. Thea: “She was beside a plant.” Of the squares that fit, only C5 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
5. Odin, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: B1, in the Drawing Room.
6. Everyone is placed. Odin lies in the Drawing Room, and the only other person in there is Dagny. Dagny is the killer.



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Solution: Murder at the Toy Workshop



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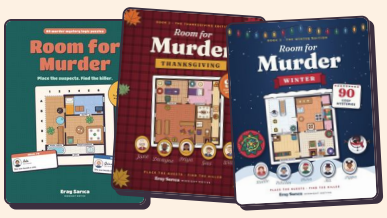
Benedict, the vicar

The only other person in the Paint Room with Noelle.

Cosmo B5 · Benedict C2 · Delphine F3 · Thea A6 · Iggy D4 · Noelle E1

How to solve it, step by step

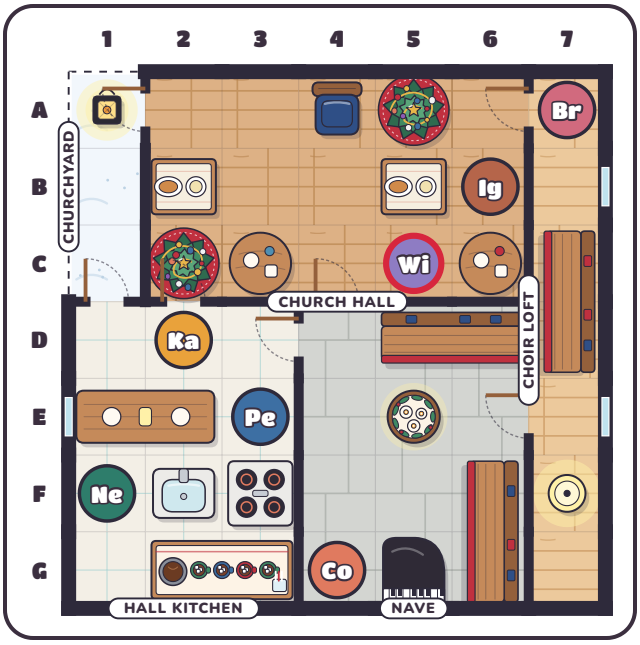
1. Benedict: “He was on the rocking horse.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: C2.
2. Delphine: “She was sitting in an armchair.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: F3.
3. Iggy: “He was sitting in the sleigh.” Of the squares that fit, only D4 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
4. Read Cosmo's statement — “He was in the same room as Thea.” — against where Thea can still be: Cosmo can only be on A1, B5 or B6.
5. Noelle, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: E1, in the Paint Room.
6. Row A still needs someone, and Thea is the only one who can still stand in it. In row A, “She was in a corner of a room.” fits only A6.
7. Cosmo: “He was in the same room as Thea.” With Thea on A6, only B5 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
8. Everyone is placed. Noelle lies in the Paint Room, and the only other person in there is Benedict. Benedict is the killer.



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Solution: Christmas Eve at the Chapel



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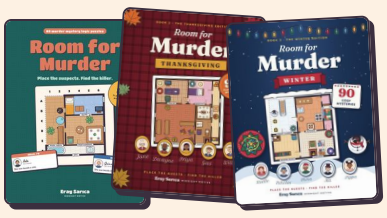
Winnie, the choir director

The only other person in the Church Hall with Iggy.

Cosmo G4 · Petra E3 · Nell F1 · Kasper D2
Winnie C5 · Bram A7 · Iggy B6

How to solve it, step by step

1. Petra: “She was beside the stove.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: E3.
2. Nell: “She was beside a sink.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: F1.
3. Kasper: “He was in the same room as Nell.” With Nell on F1, only D2 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
4. Winnie: “There was the buffet table in her column.” Of the squares that fit, only C5 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
5. Cosmo: “He was beside the piano. He was somewhere west of Winnie.” With Winnie on C5, only G4 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
6. Bram: “He was in a corner of a room. He was in the Choir Loft.” Of the squares that fit, only A7 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
7. Iggy, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: B6, in the Church Hall.
8. Everyone is placed. Iggy lies in the Church Hall, and the only other person in there is Winnie. Winnie is the killer.



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