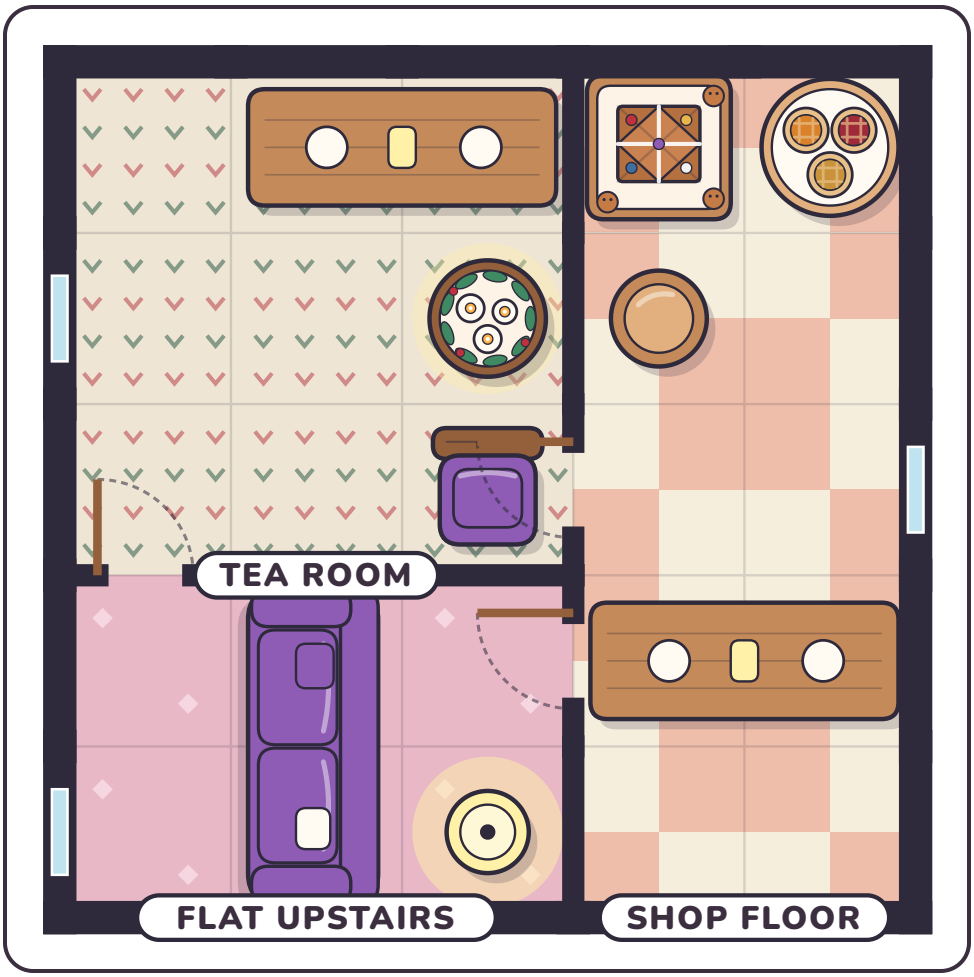
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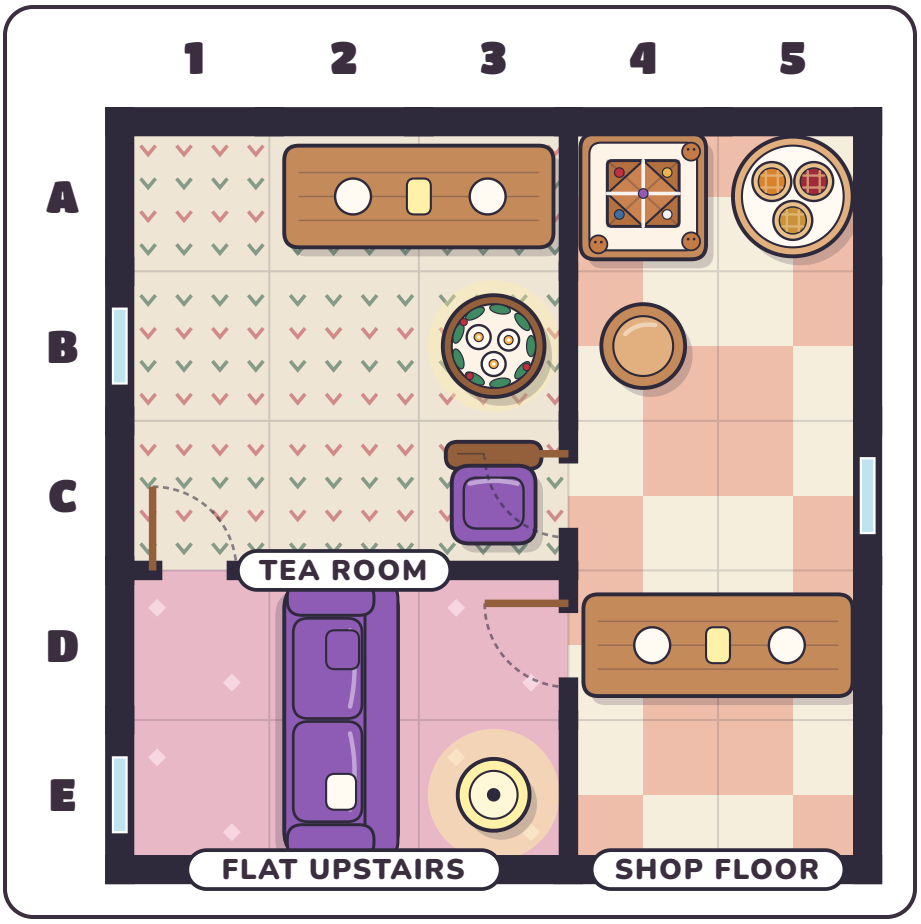
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Snowed In at the Gingerbread Bakery

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

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What the witnesses say



Mortimer the night watchman
"He was sitting on a sofa. He was not beside any lamp."



Benedict the vicar
"He was in the Shop Floor."



Winnie the choir director
"She was beside a table."



Ivy the Christmas-tree farmer
"She was beside the gingerbread table."



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

CAN STAND / SIT ON

chair · stool · sofa

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table · lamp · pie table · gingerbread table · candle table

The rules

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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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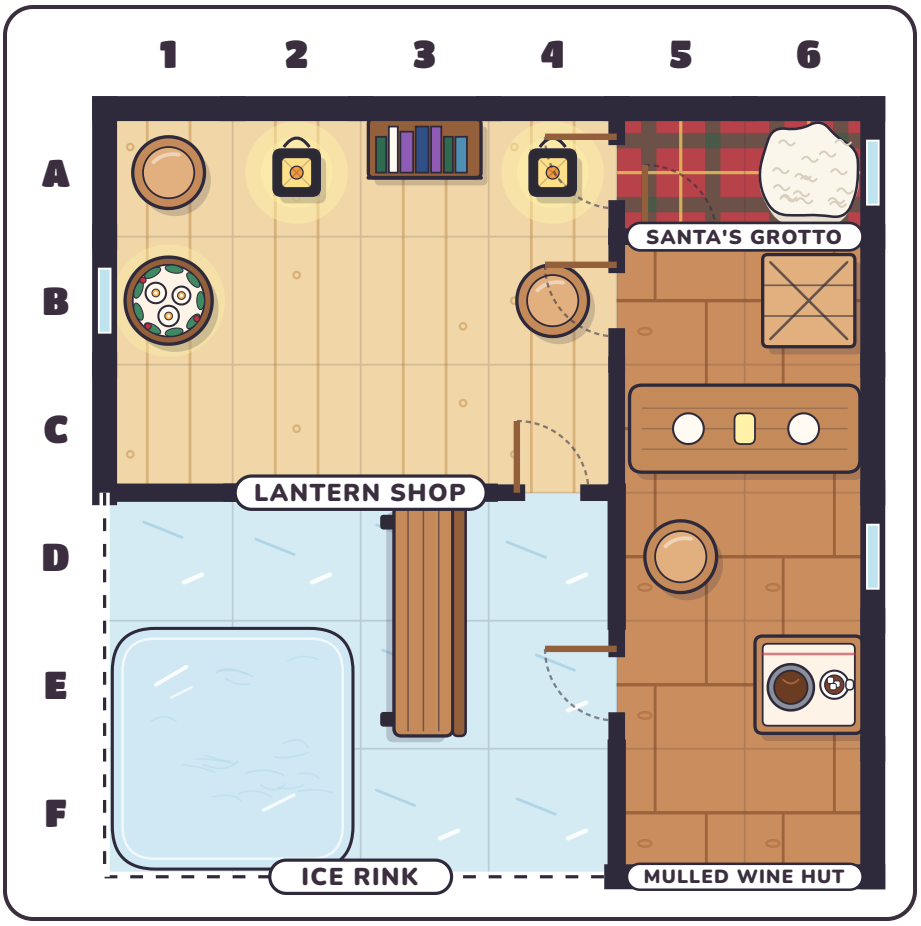
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Mistletoe at the Christmas Market

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

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What the witnesses say



Clementine the figure skater
"She was standing on a sheepskin rug."



Lottie the pastry student
"She was beside the ice."



Rosalind the piano teacher
"She was skating on the ice. She was in a corner of a room."



Stellan the reindeer keeper
"He was beside the cocoa bar."



Vaughn the hotel heir
"He was beside a bookshelf."



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

CAN STAND / SIT ON

stool · bench · ice · sheepskin rug

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table · bookshelf · crate · cocoa bar · lantern · candle table

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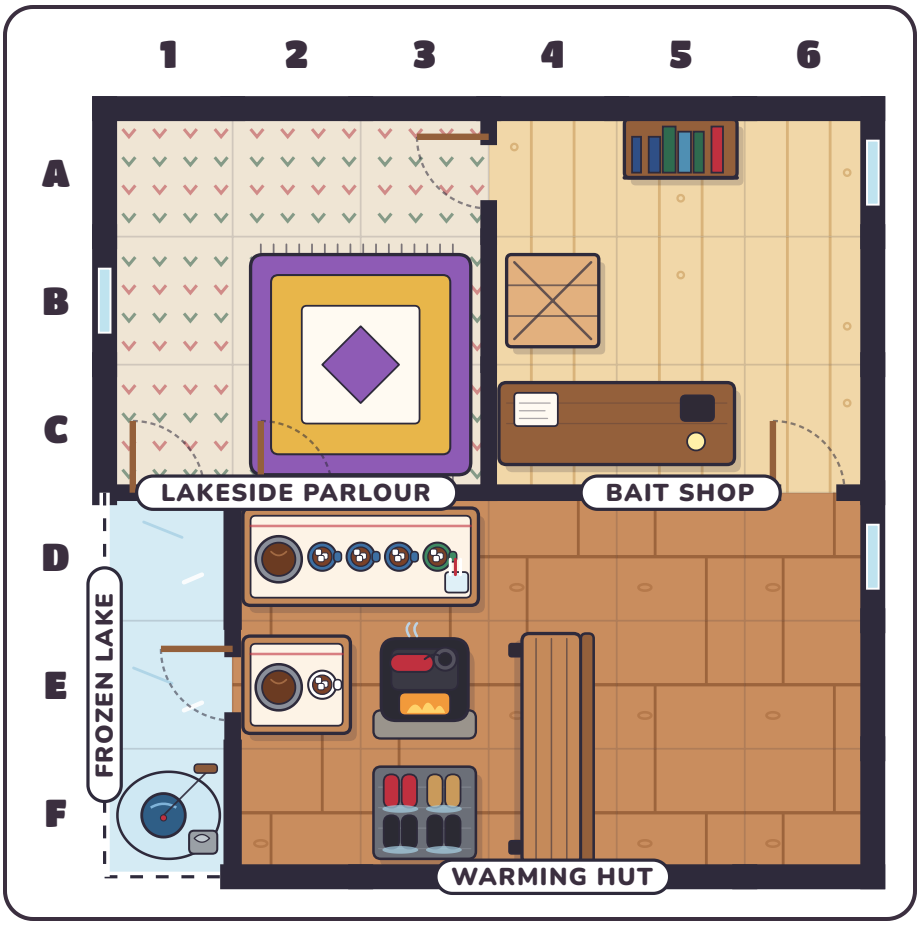
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Blizzard at the Frozen Lake

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

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



What the witnesses say



Rolf the snowplough driver
"He was standing on a rug. He was somewhere west of Gideon."



Nell the jam maker
"She was in a corner of a room."



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



Lars the ski-lift operator
"He was beside the ice-fishing hole."



Gideon the clockmaker
"He was exactly one row north of Nell."



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

CAN STAND / SIT ON

bench · rug

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

desk · bookshelf · crate · wood stove · cocoa bar · ice-fishing hole · boot rack

The rules

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in the _____

Solved in _____

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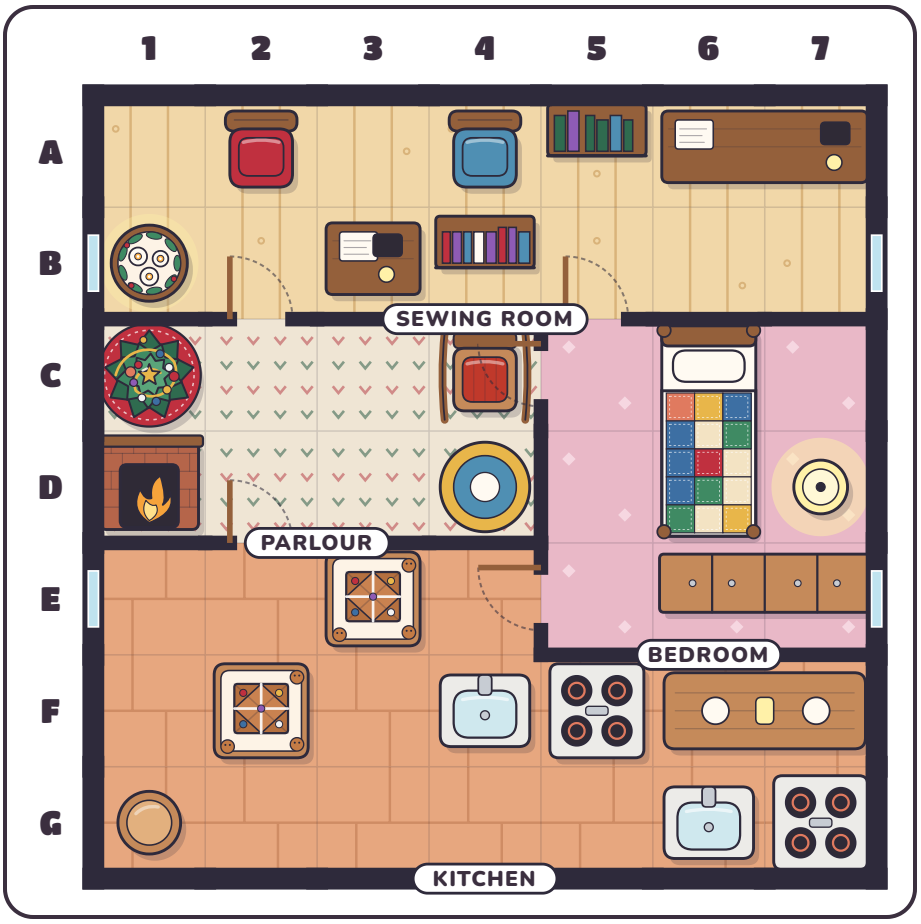
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Nobody Leaves the Cottage

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

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



What the witnesses say



Albie the toy-train enthusiast
"He was beside the candle table. There was the candle table in his row."



Jasper the ice-hockey captain
"He was beside the stove."



Kit the chimney sweep
"He was exactly one row north of Poppy."



Poppy the snowboarder
"She was diagonally next to Kit."



Fern the wreath maker
"There was a sink in her column."



Delphine the candle maker
"There was a lamp in her column."



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

CAN STAND / SIT ON

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

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table · desk · bookshelf · lamp · fireplace · stove · sink · wardrobe · Christmas tree · gingerbread table · candle table

The rules

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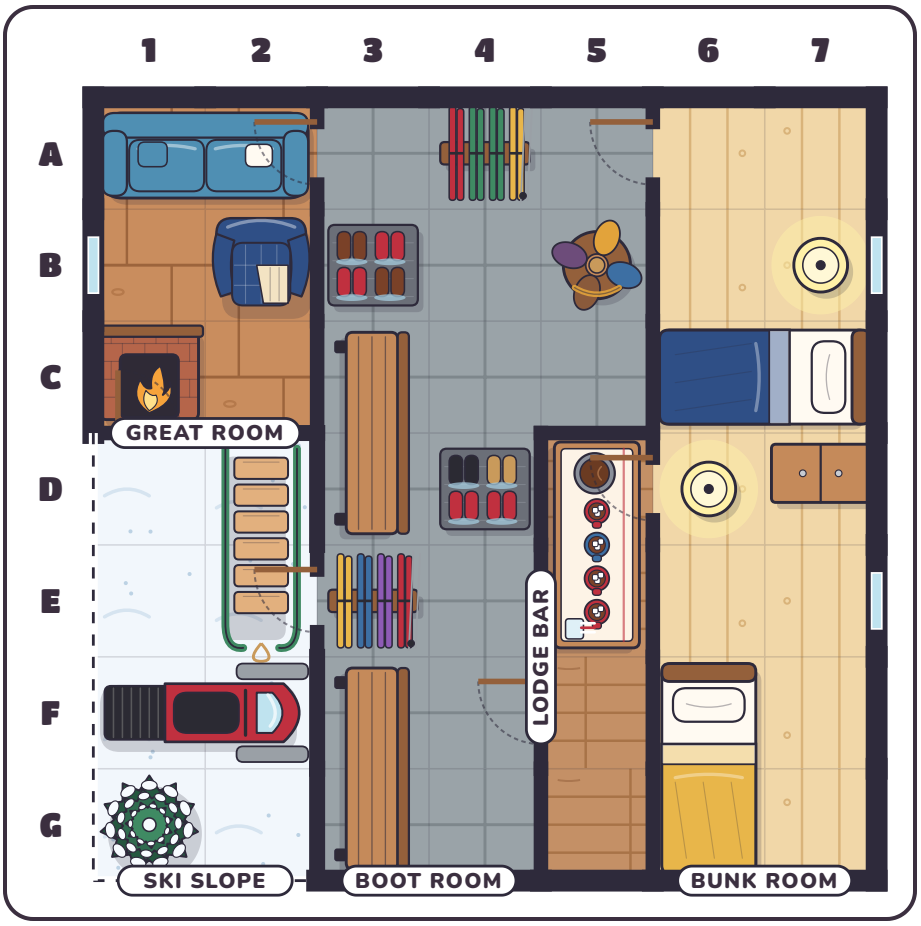
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Silent Night at the Ski Lodge

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

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What the witnesses say

Holly the gingerbread baker
"She was alone with Quincy."

Cosmo the radio DJ
"He was beside the ski rack."

Marguerite the retired opera singer
"She was somewhere north of Cosmo. There was the coat rack in her column."

Thea the pharmacist
"There was a wardrobe in her row."

Tobias the stationmaster
"He was beside a bed. He was not in a corner."

Quincy the photographer
"He was sitting in a wingback chair."

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

CAN STAND / SIT ON

sofa · bench · bed · sled · wingback chair

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

lamp · fireplace · wardrobe · coat rack · snowy pine · cocoa bar · ski rack · snowmobile · boot rack

The rules

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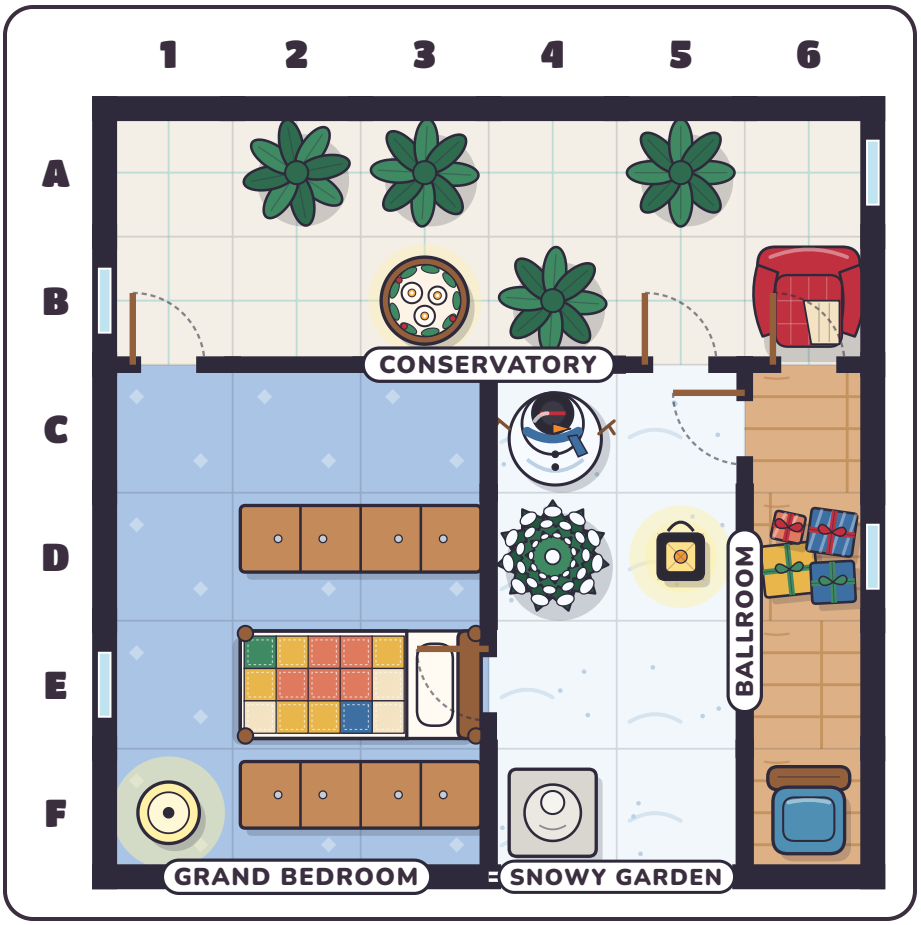
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The Manor Affair

The carol singers reached the third verse. **Bettina** 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



Rosalind the piano teacher
"She was in the four-poster bed."



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



Henrietta the postmistress
"She was beside a statue."



Kit the chimney sweep
"He was beside the candle table."



Gideon the clockmaker
"He was beside a pile of presents."



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

CAN STAND / SIT ON

chair · wingback chair · four-poster bed

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

plant · lamp · wardrobe · statue · snowy pine · pile of presents · snowman · 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 — 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 _____

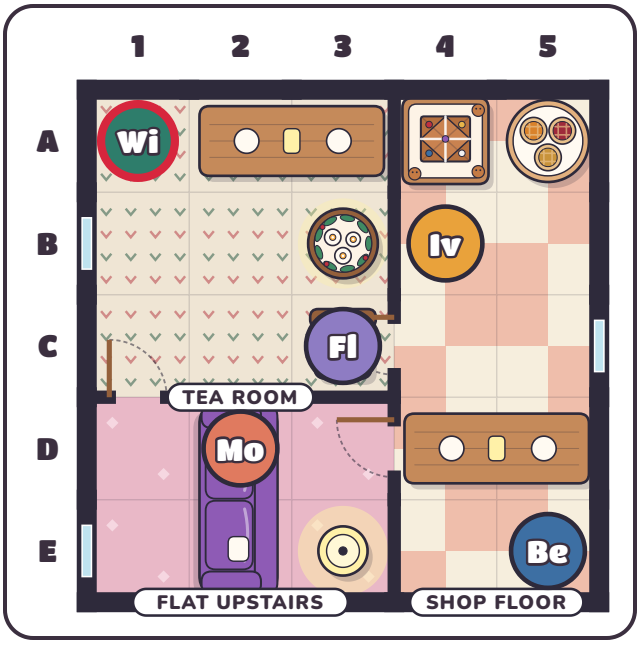
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Solution: Snowed In at the Gingerbread Bakery



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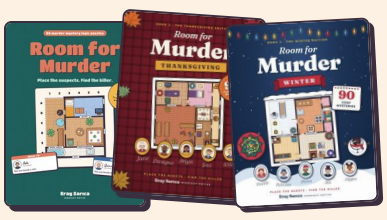
Winnie, the choir director

The only other person in the Tea Room with Florian.

Mortimer D2 · Benedict E5 · Winnie A1 · Ivy B4 · Florian C3

How to solve it, step by step

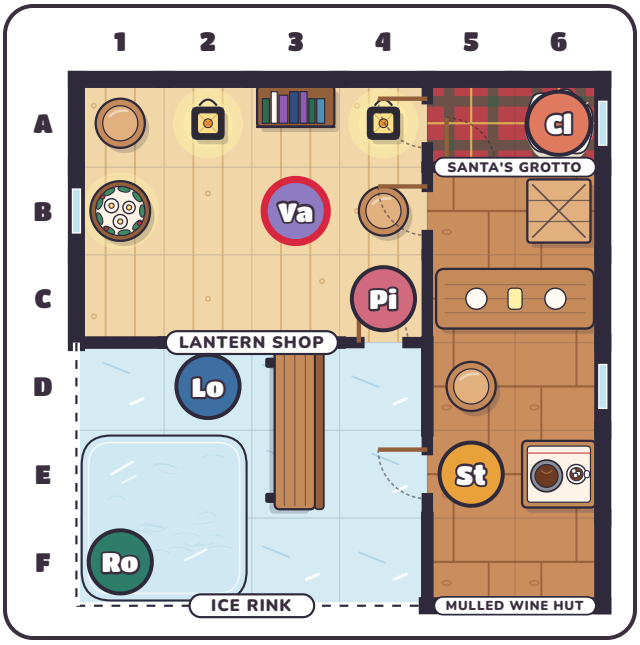
1. Mortimer: “He was sitting on a sofa. He was not beside any lamp.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: D2.
2. Ivy: “She was beside the gingerbread table.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: B4.
3. Florian, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: C3, in the Tea Room.
4. Benedict: “He was in the Shop Floor.” Of the squares that fit, only E5 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
5. Winnie: “She was beside a table.” Of the squares that fit, only A1 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
6. Everyone is placed. Florian lies in the Tea Room, and the only other person in there is Winnie. Winnie is the killer.



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Solution: Mistletoe at the Christmas Market



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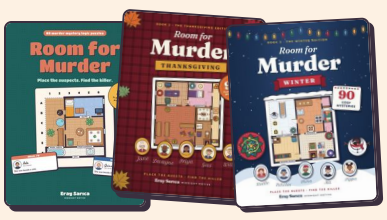
Vaughn, the hotel heir

The only other person in the Lantern Shop with Pippa.

Clementine A6 · Lottie D2 · Rosalind F1 · Stellan E5 · Vaughn B3 · Pippa C4

How to solve it, step by step

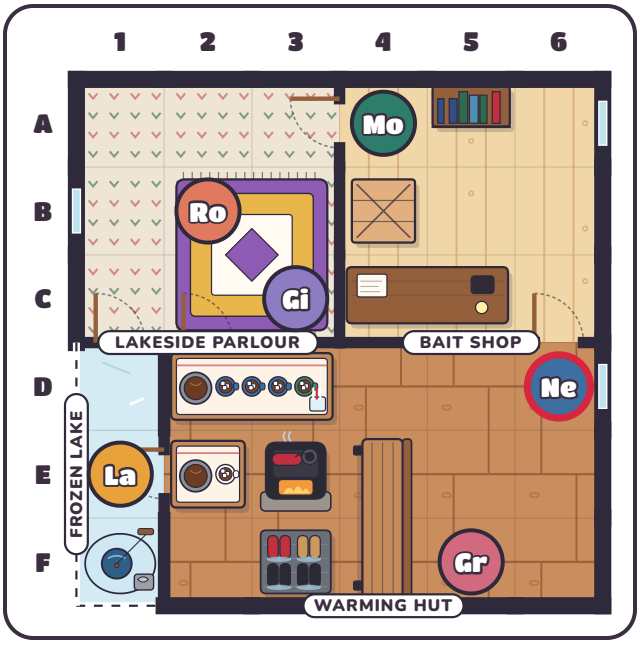
1. Clementine: “She was standing on a sheepskin rug.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: A6.
2. Rosalind: “She was skating on the ice. She was in a corner of a room.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: F1.
3. Vaughn: “He was beside a bookshelf.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: B3.
4. Lottie: “She was beside the ice.” Of the squares that fit, only D2 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
5. Stellan: “He was beside the cocoa bar.” Of the squares that fit, only E5 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
6. Pippa, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: C4, in the Lantern Shop.
7. Everyone is placed. Pippa lies in the Lantern Shop, and the only other person in there is Vaughn. Vaughn is the killer.



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Solution: Blizzard at the Frozen Lake



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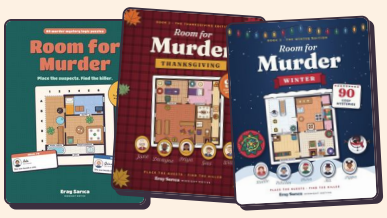
Nell, the jam maker

The only other person in the Warming Hut with Greta.

Rolf B2 · Nell D6 · Mortimer A4 · Lars E1 · Gideon C3 · Greta F5

How to solve it, step by step

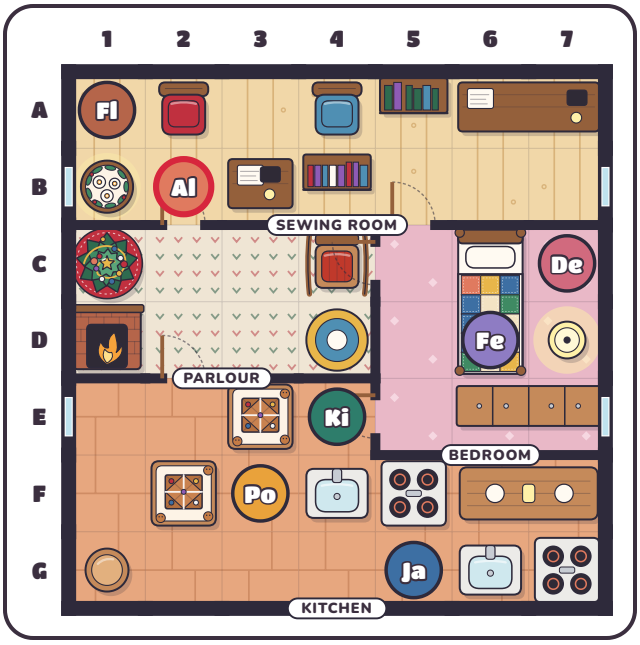
1. Lars: “He was beside the ice-fishing hole.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: E1.
2. Read Gideon's statement — “He was exactly one row north of Nell.” — against where Nell can still be: Gideon is down to 6 squares; Nell can only be on C3, C6 or D6.
3. Row F still needs someone, and only Greta can still stand in it — so Greta is somewhere in row F.
4. Row A still needs someone, and Mortimer is the only one who can still stand in it. In row A, “He was beside a crate.” fits only A4.
5. Row D still needs someone, and Nell is the only one who can still stand in it. In row D, “She was in a corner of a room.” fits only D6.
6. Row B still needs someone, and only Rolf can still stand in it — so Rolf is somewhere in row B.
7. Greta, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: F5, in the Warming Hut.
8. Read Rolf's statement — “He was somewhere west of Gideon.” — against where Gideon can still be: Rolf can only be on B2; Gideon can only be on C3.
9. Rolf: “He was standing on a rug. He was somewhere west of Gideon.” Of the squares that fit, only B2 is still open — the rest are ruled out above.
10. Gideon: “He was exactly one row north of Nell.” And Rolf said: “He was somewhere west of Gideon.” With Nell on D6 and Rolf on B2, only C3 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
11. Everyone is placed. Greta lies in the Warming Hut, and the only other person in there is Nell. Nell is the killer.



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Solution: Nobody Leaves the Cottage



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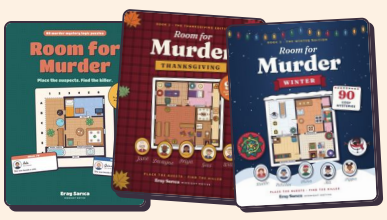
Albie, the toy-train enthusiast

The only other person in the Sewing Room with Florian.

Albie B2 · Jasper G5 · Kit E4 · Poppy F3 · Fern D6 · Delphine C7 · Florian A1

How to solve it, step by step

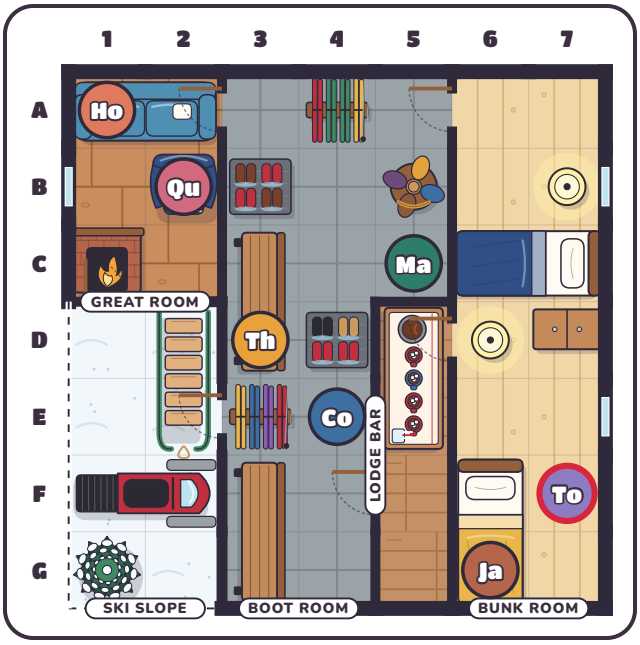
1. Albie: “He was beside the candle table. There was the candle table in his row.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: B2.
2. Jasper: “He was beside the stove.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: G5.
3. Delphine: “There was a lamp in her column.” Of the squares that fit, only C7 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
4. Read Kit's statement — “He was exactly one row north of Poppy.” — against where Poppy can still be: Kit is down to 5 squares; Poppy can only be on E1, E4, F1 or F3.
5. Read Poppy's statement — “She was diagonally next to Kit.” — against where Kit can still be: Poppy can only be on E4 or F3; Kit can only be on D3 or E4.
6. Column 1 still needs someone, and only Florian can still stand in it — so Florian is somewhere in column 1.
7. Column 6 still needs someone, and Fern is the only one who can still stand in it. In column 6, “There was a sink in her column.” fits only D6.
8. Kit: “He was exactly one row north of Poppy.” Of the squares that fit, only E4 is still open — the rest are ruled out above.
9. Poppy: “She was diagonally next to Kit.” And Kit said: “He was exactly one row north of Poppy.” With Kit on E4 and Kit on E4, only F3 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
10. Florian, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: A1, in the Sewing Room.
11. Everyone is placed. Florian lies in the Sewing Room, and the only other person in there is Albie. Albie is the killer.



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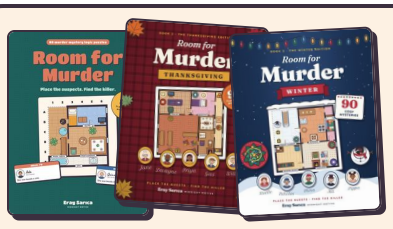
Tobias, the stationmaster

The only other person in the Bunk Room with Jasper.

Holly A1 · Cosmo E4 · Marguerite C5 · Thea D3
Tobias F7 · Quincy B2 · Jasper G6

How to solve it, step by step

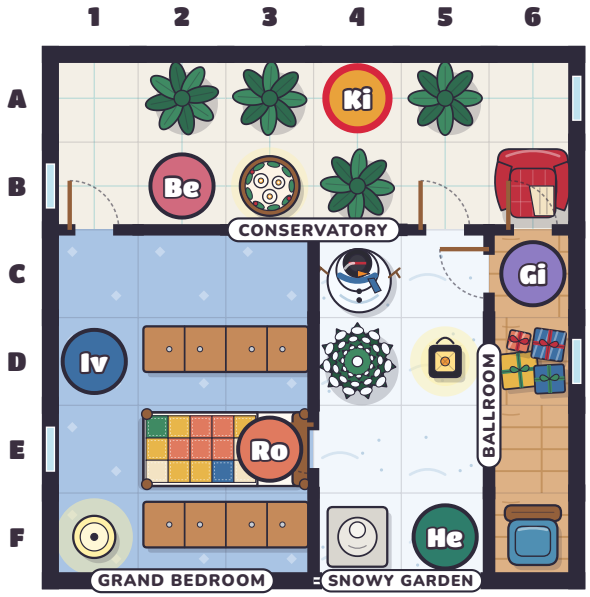
1. Quincy: “He was sitting in a wingback chair.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: B2.
2. Holly: “She was alone with Quincy.” With Quincy on B2, only A1 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
3. Thea: “There was a wardrobe in her row.” Of the squares that fit, only D3 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
4. Cosmo: “He was beside the ski rack.” Of the squares that fit, only E4 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
5. Tobias: “He was beside a bed. He was not in a corner.” Of the squares that fit, only F7 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
6. Marguerite: “She was somewhere north of Cosmo. There was the coat rack in her column.” With Cosmo on E4, only C5 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
7. Jasper, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: G6, in the Bunk Room.
8. Everyone is placed. Jasper lies in the Bunk Room, and the only other person in there is Tobias. Tobias is the killer.



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Solution: The Manor Affair



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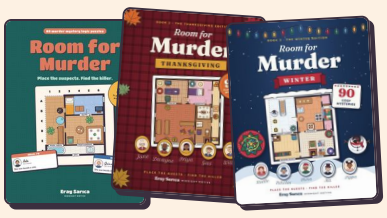
Kit, the chimney sweep

The only other person in the Conservatory with Bettina — and the suspect whose statement was false.

Rosalind E3 · Ivy D1 · Henrietta F5 · Kit A4 · Gideon C6 · Bettina B2

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 Kit works, so Kit's statement is the lie and the truth is the opposite: "He was not beside the candle table."**
2. Every square left for Rosalind is in row E, so row E is Rosalind's — nobody else can be in row E.
3. Henrietta: "She was beside a statue." Of the squares that fit, only F5 is still open — the rest are ruled out above.
4. Gideon: "He was beside a pile of presents." Of the squares that fit, only C6 is still open — the rest are ruled out above.
5. Ivy: "She was beside a wardrobe." Of the squares that fit, only D1 is still open — the rest are ruled out above.
6. Kit: "He was not beside the candle table." Of the squares that fit, only A4 is still open — the rest are ruled out above.
7. Bettina, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: B2, in the Conservatory.
8. Rosalind: "She was in the four-poster bed." Of the squares that fit, only E3 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
9. Everyone is placed. Bettina lies in the Conservatory, and the only other person in there is Kit. Kit is the killer — and the one who lied.



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