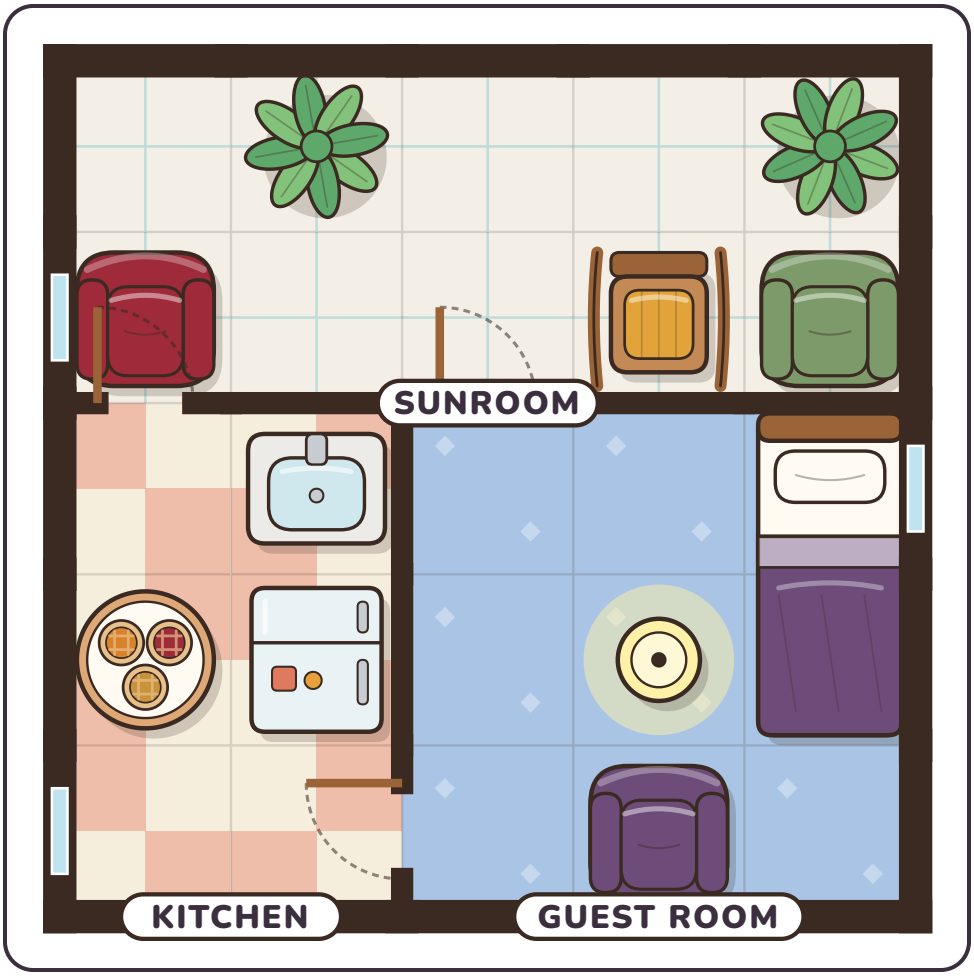
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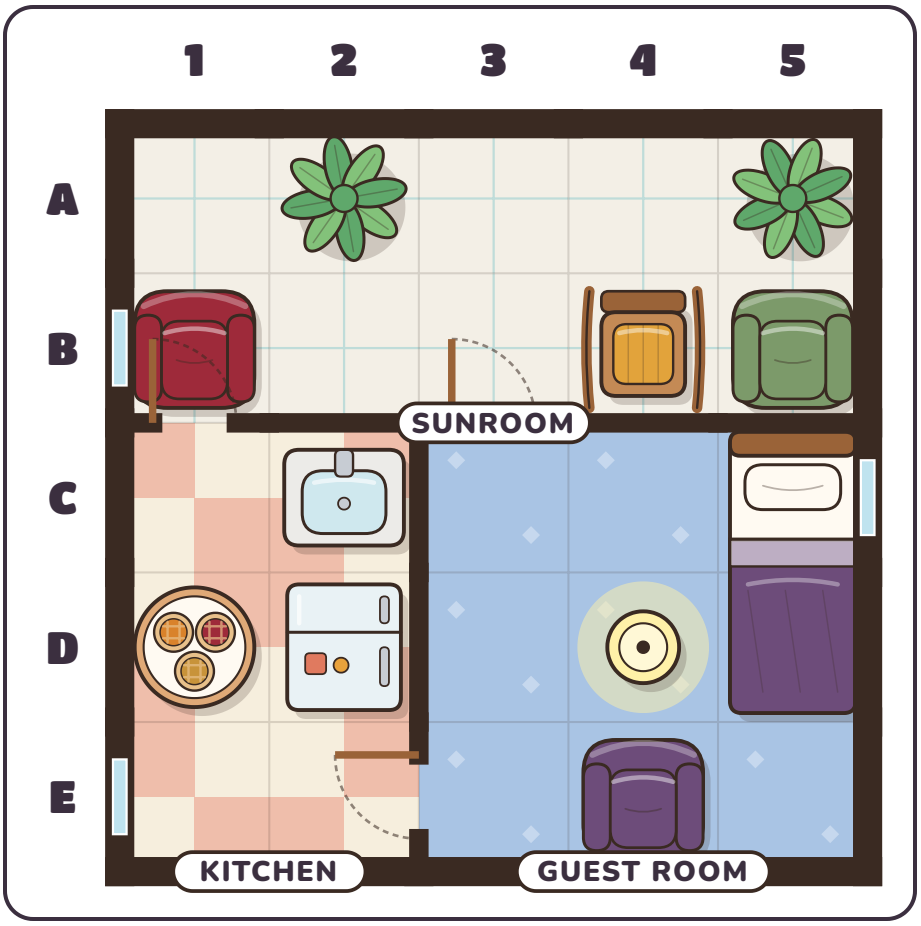
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Pie Night at the Old Inn

The parade passed at noon. By the time the floats were gone, so was **Marisol**.

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What the witnesses say



Maude the nosy neighbour
"She was on a bed."



Opal the quilter
"She was in the Guest Room. She was beside an armchair."



Pearl the church secretary
"She was beside an armchair."



Gus the parade marshal
"He was beside a sink."



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

CAN STAND / SIT ON

armchair · bed · rocking chair

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

plant · lamp · fridge · sink · pie table

The rules

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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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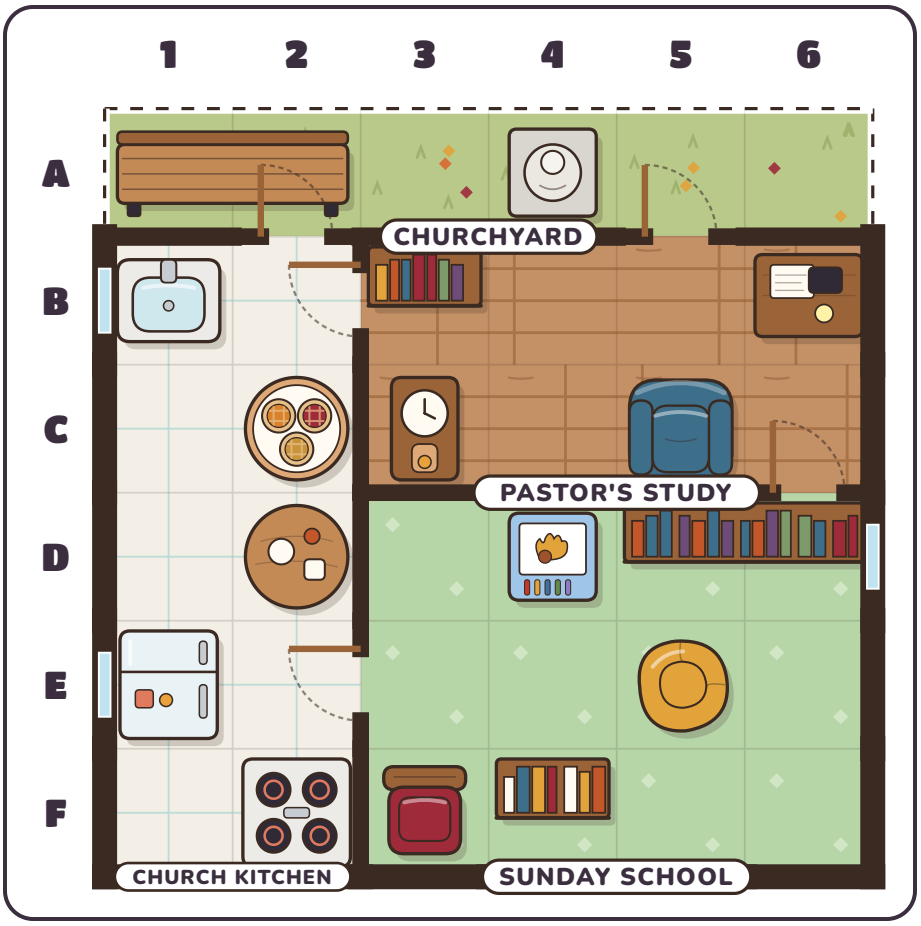
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Trouble at the Church Potluck

The cranberry sauce still had the can ridges on it. **Silas** never got to complain.

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What the witnesses say



Booker the jazz pianist
"He was beside the kids' table."



Nadia the vet
"She was beside a bookshelf. She was alone in the room."



Lena the newspaper editor
"She was in the Churchyard."



Desmond the bus driver
"He was beside a table."



Bernadette the church organist
"She was beside a beanbag."



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

CAN STAND / SIT ON

chair · armchair · bench · beanbag

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table · desk · bookshelf · stove · fridge · sink · statue · grandfather clock · pie table · kids' table

The rules

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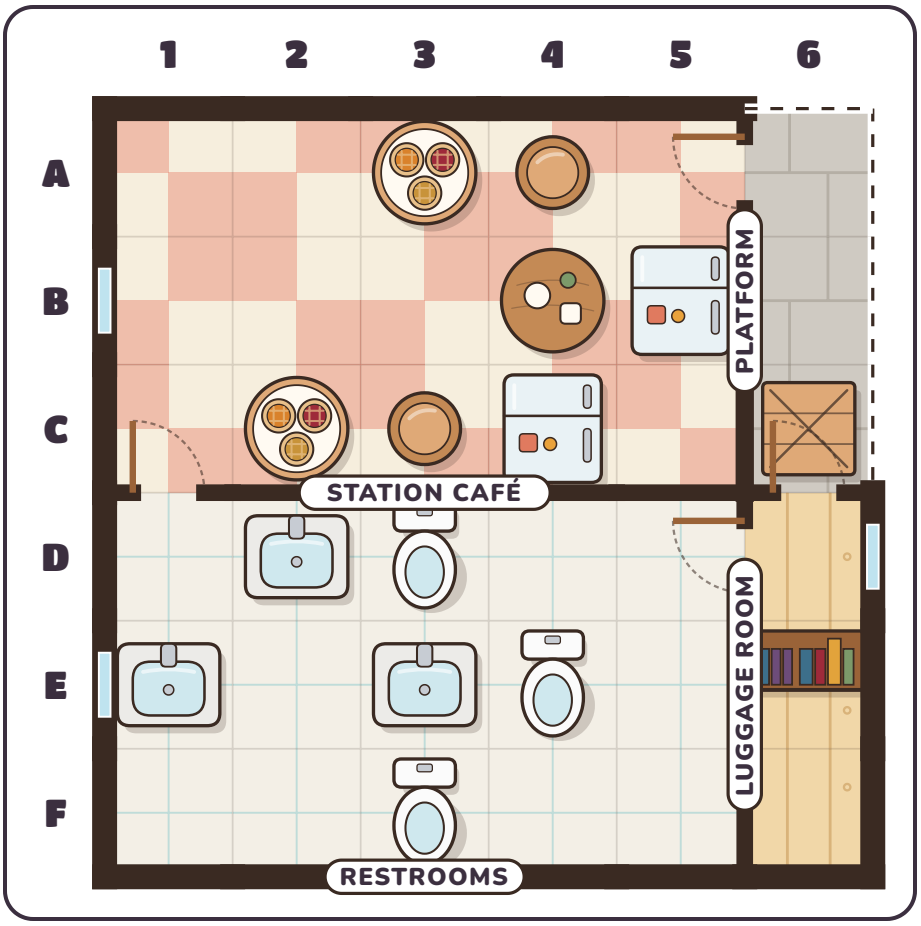
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Grace at the Train Station

The football game went to overtime. **Tamsin** didn't.

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What the witnesses say



Ezra the orchard keeper
"He was beside a crate."



June the pie champion
"She was diagonally next to Clyde."



Felipe the baker
"He was not beside the fridge."



Hank the volunteer fireman
"He was beside a sink."



Clyde the retired sheriff
"There was a table in his column. He was exactly one row north of June."



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

CAN STAND / SIT ON

stool

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table · bookshelf · fridge · sink · toilet · crate · pie 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.
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Your verdict

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in the _____

Solved in _____

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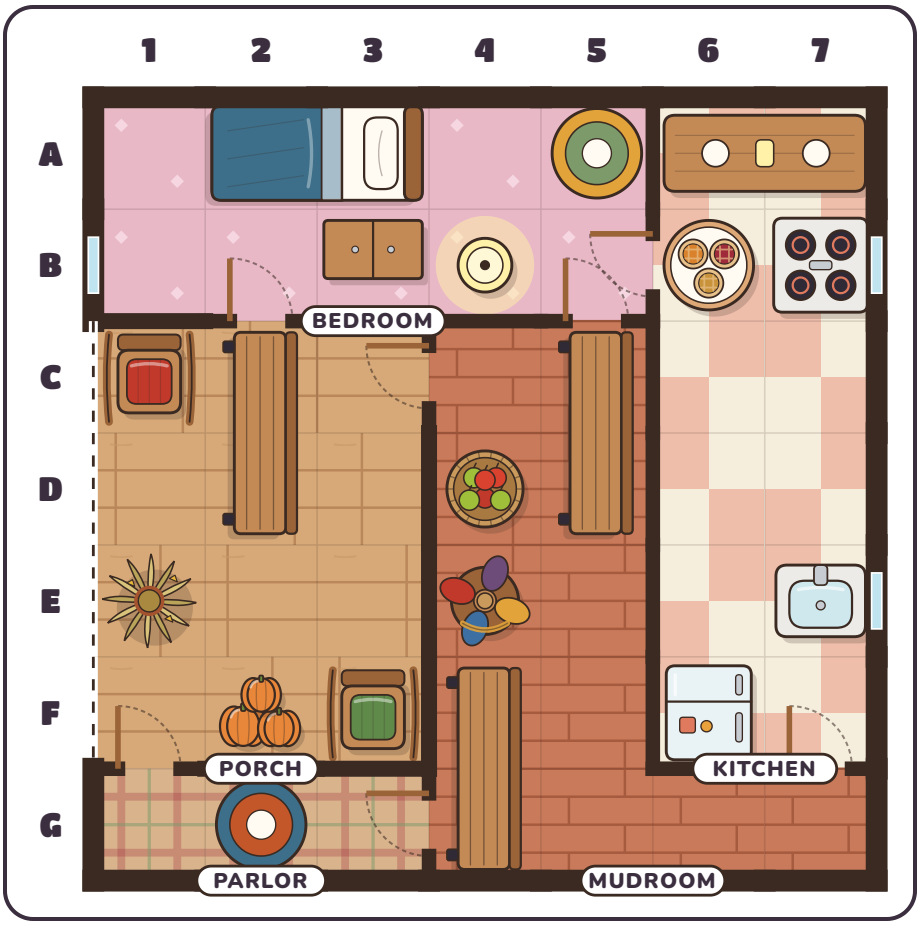
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The Farmhouse Mystery

Nobody likes the wishbone ritual. **Pearl** liked it least of all.

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What the witnesses say



Otis the mailman
"There was an apple basket in his row."



Dwayne the turkey farmer
"He was sitting on a bench."



Hank the volunteer fireman
"He was beside the pie table."



Gwen the yoga teacher
"She was standing on a rug."



June the pie champion
"There was a pumpkin in her row. She was beside the corn stalks."



Clyde the retired sheriff
"There was the stove in his row."



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

CAN STAND / SIT ON

bench · bed · rug · rocking chair

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table · lamp · stove · fridge · sink · wardrobe · pumpkin · corn stalks · pie table · coat rack · apple basket

The rules

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2. Nobody stands on solid furniture.
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in the _____

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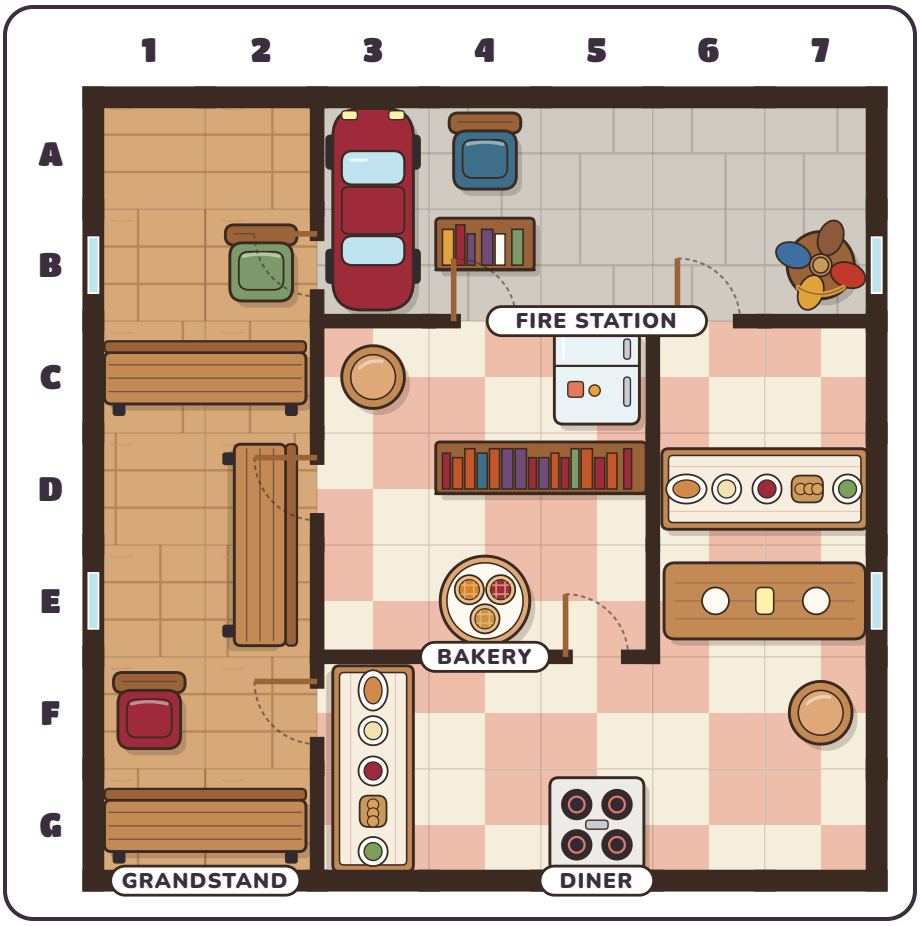
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Murder at the Parade

The hayride came back one passenger short: **Marcus**.

Set in Cranberry Hollow, the town from the book Room for Murder: Thanksgiving.



What the witnesses say



June the pie champion
"She was beside the pie table."



Desmond the bus driver
"He was somewhere north of June."



Abe the antiques dealer
"He was sitting on a stool."



Nadia the vet
"She was diagonally next to Celeste."



Toby the cousin from the city
"He was diagonally next to June. He was alone with Desmond."



Celeste the mayor
"She was beside the fridge."



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

CAN STAND / SIT ON

chair · stool · bench

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table · bookshelf · stove · fridge · car · buffet table · pie table · coat rack

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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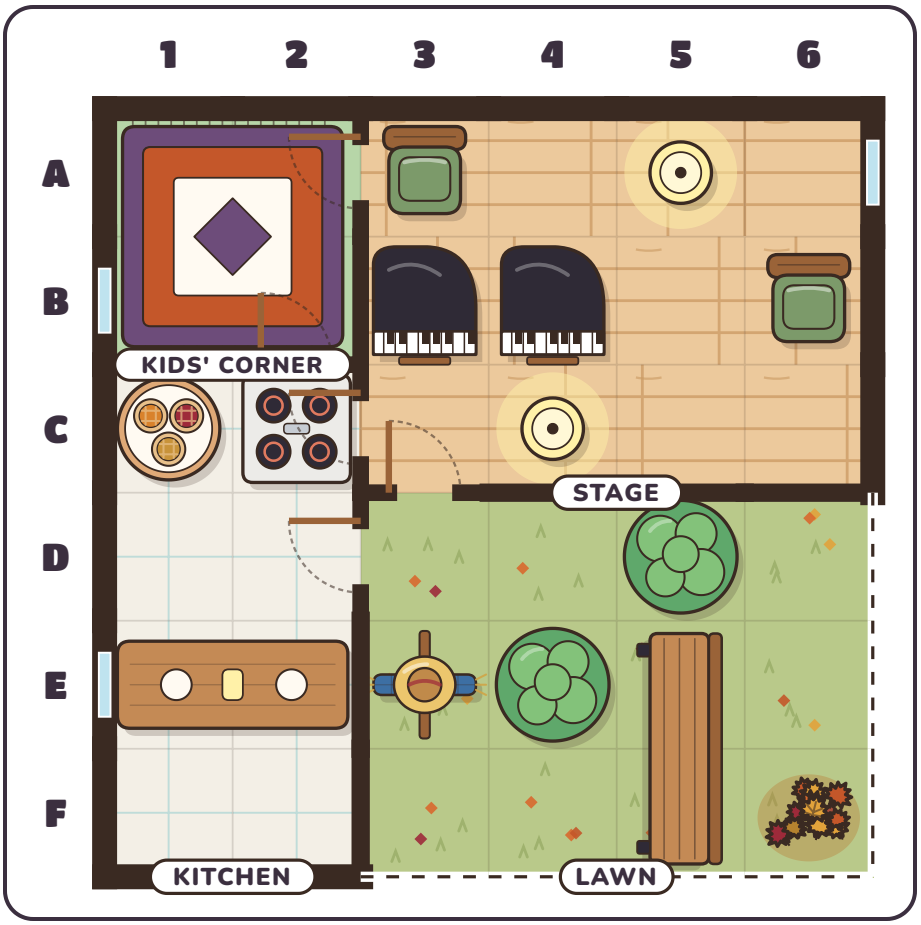
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A Body at the Town Hall

Grandma's secret recipe went missing — and so did **Calvin**'s pulse.

Set in Cranberry Hollow, the town from the book Room for Murder: Thanksgiving.

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



What the witnesses say



Ty the star quarterback
"He was beside the pie table."



Felipe the baker
"He was beside a bench."



Ezra the orchard keeper
"He was in a corner of a room."



Otis the mailman
"He was beside a chair."



Hank the volunteer fireman
"He was beside the scarecrow."



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

CAN STAND / SIT ON

chair · bench · rug · leaf pile

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table · piano · lamp · stove · tree · scarecrow · pie 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 _____

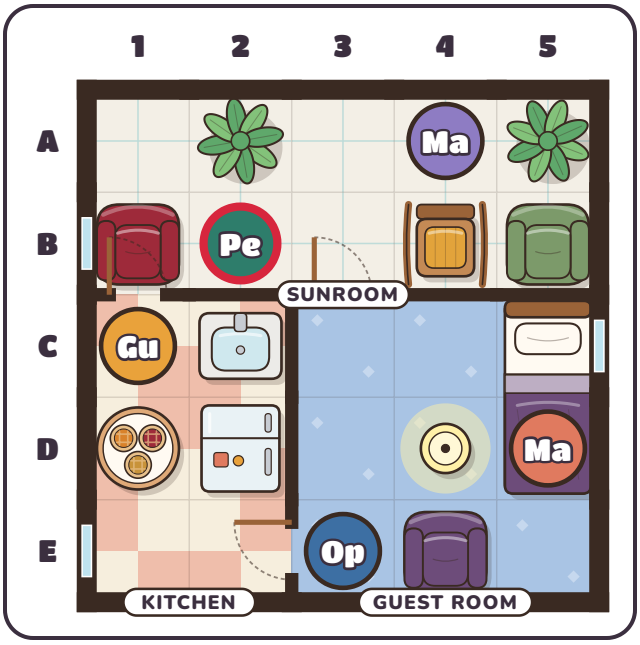
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Solution: Pie Night at the Old Inn



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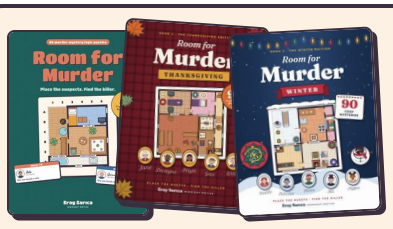
Pearl, the church secretary

The only other person in the Sunroom with Marisol.

Maude D5 · Opal E3 · Pearl B2 · Gus C1 · Marisol A4

How to solve it, step by step

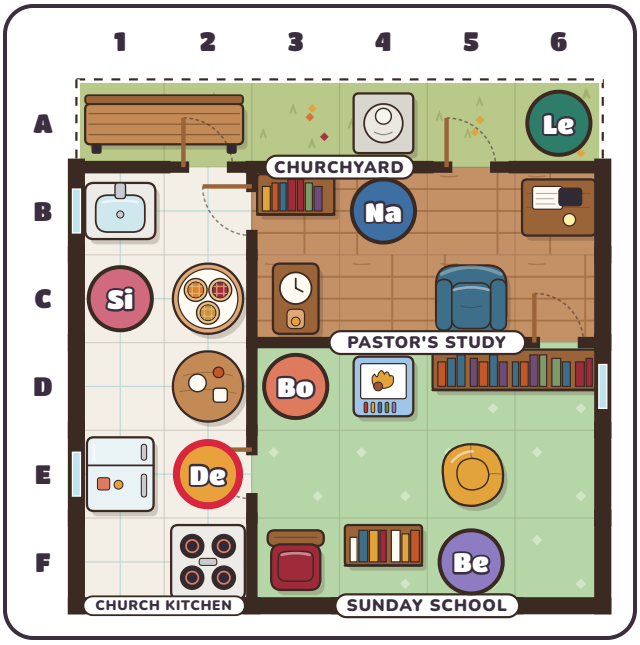
1. Gus: “He was beside a sink.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: C1.
2. Maude: “She was on a bed.” Of the squares that fit, only D5 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
3. Opal: “She was in the Guest Room. She was beside an armchair.” Of the squares that fit, only E3 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
4. Marisol, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: A4, in the Sunroom.
5. Pearl: “She was beside an armchair.” Of the squares that fit, only B2 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
6. Everyone is placed. Marisol lies in the Sunroom, and the only other person in there is Pearl. Pearl is the killer.



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Solution: Trouble at the Church Potluck



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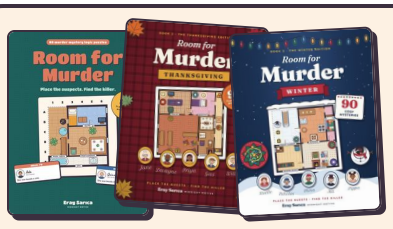
Desmond, the bus driver

The only other person in the Church Kitchen with Silas.

Booker D3 · Nadia B4 · Lena A6 · Desmond E2 · Bernadette F5 · Silas C1

How to solve it, step by step

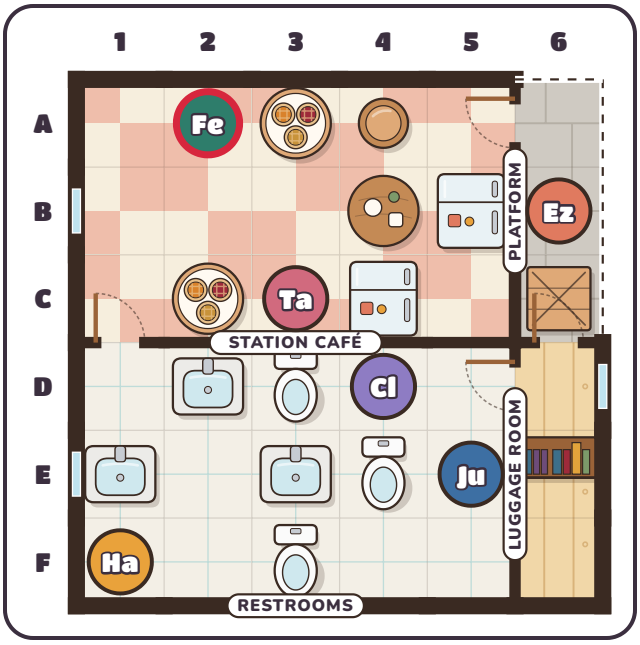
1. Row C still needs someone, and only Silas can still stand in it — so Silas is somewhere in row C.
2. Row B still needs someone, and Nadia is the only one who can still stand in it. In row B, "She was beside a bookshelf. She was alone in the room." fits only B4.
3. Booker: "He was beside the kids' table." Of the squares that fit, only D3 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
4. Desmond: "He was beside a table." Of the squares that fit, only E2 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
5. Bernadette: "She was beside a beanbag." Of the squares that fit, only F5 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
6. Nadia was alone in the Pastor's Study, so nobody else stood in the Pastor's Study.
7. Silas, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: C1, in the Church Kitchen.
8. Lena: "She was in the Churchyard." Of the squares that fit, only A6 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
9. Everyone is placed. Silas lies in the Church Kitchen, and the only other person in there is Desmond. Desmond is the killer.



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Solution: Grace at the Train Station



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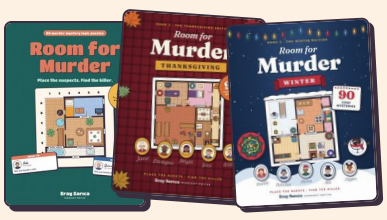
Felipe, the baker

The only other person in the Station Café with Tamsin.

Ezra B6 · June E5 · Felipe A2 · Hank F1 · Clyde D4 · Tamsin C3

How to solve it, step by step

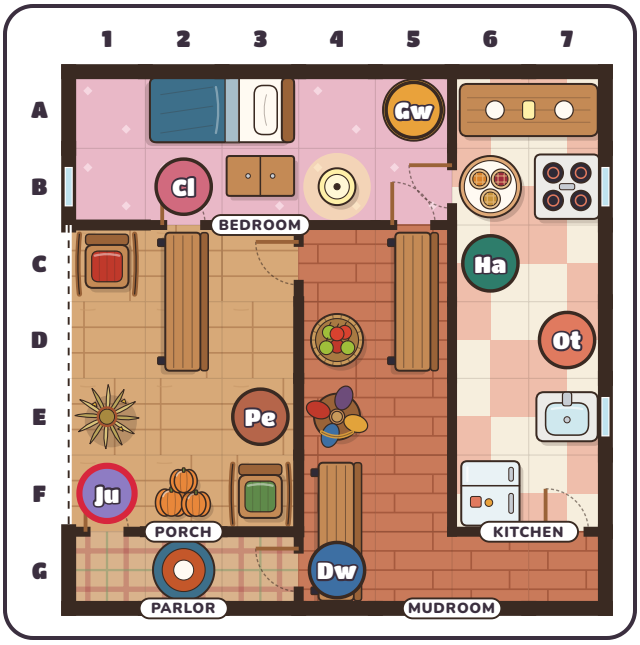
1. Ezra: “He was beside a crate.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: B6.
2. Every square left for Clyde is in column 4, so column 4 is Clyde's — nobody else can be in column 4.
3. Read June's statement — “She was diagonally next to Clyde.” — against where Clyde can still be: June can only be on C3, C5 or E5; Clyde can only be on D4 or F4.
4. Read Clyde's statement — “He was exactly one row north of June.” — against where June can still be: Clyde can only be on D4; June can only be on E5.
5. June: “She was diagonally next to Clyde.” Of the squares that fit, only E5 is still open — the rest are ruled out above.
6. Clyde: “There was a table in his column. He was exactly one row north of June.” And June said: “She was diagonally next to Clyde.” With June on E5 and June on E5, only D4 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
7. Hank: “He was beside a sink.” Of the squares that fit, only F1 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
8. Felipe: “He was not beside the fridge.” Of the squares that fit, only A2 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
9. Tamsin, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: C3, in the Station Café.
10. Everyone is placed. Tamsin lies in the Station Café, and the only other person in there is Felipe. Felipe is the killer.



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Solution: The Farmhouse Mystery



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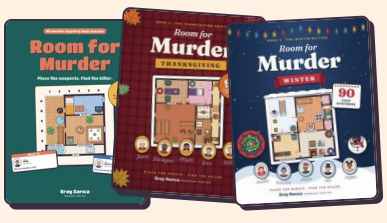
June, the pie champion

The only other person in the Porch with Pearl.

Otis D7 · Dwayne G4 · Hank C6 · Gwen A5 · June F1 · Clyde B2 · Pearl E3

How to solve it, step by step

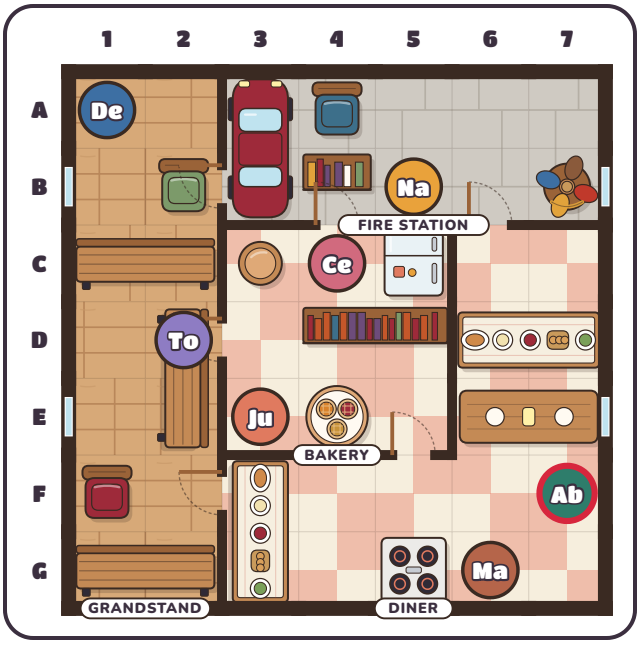
1. Hank: “He was beside the pie table.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: C6.
2. June: “There was a pumpkin in her row. She was beside the corn stalks.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: F1.
3. Row E still needs someone, and only Pearl can still stand in it — so Pearl is somewhere in row E.
4. Row A still needs someone, and Gwen is the only one who can still stand in it. In row A, “She was standing on a rug.” fits only A5.
5. Clyde: “There was the stove in his row.” Of the squares that fit, only B2 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
6. Dwayne: “He was sitting on a bench.” Of the squares that fit, only G4 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
7. Pearl, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: E3, in the Porch.
8. Otis: “There was an apple basket in his row.” Of the squares that fit, only D7 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
9. Everyone is placed. Pearl lies in the Porch, and the only other person in there is June. June is the killer.



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Solution: Murder at the Parade



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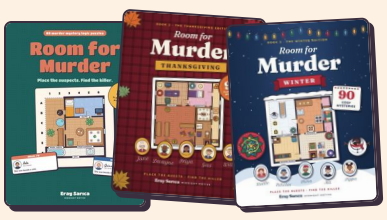
Abe, the antiques dealer

The only other person in the Diner with Marcus.

June E3 · Desmond A1 · Abe F7 · Nadia B5 · Toby D2 · Celeste C4 · Marcus G6

How to solve it, step by step

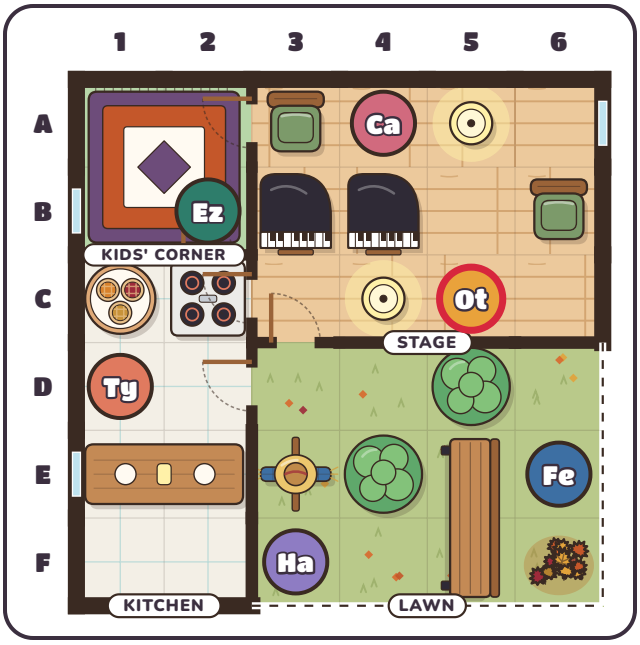
1. Celeste: “She was beside the fridge.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: C4.
2. Abe: “He was sitting on a stool.” Of the squares that fit, only F7 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
3. Every square left for June is in row E, so row E is June's — nobody else can be in row E.
4. June and Nadia can only stand in columns 3 and 5 — 2 people for 2 columns, so those columns are theirs and nobody else can use them.
5. Read Toby's statement — “He was diagonally next to June.” — against where June can still be: Toby can only be on D2; June can only be on E3.
6. June: “She was beside the pie table.” Of the squares that fit, only E3 is still open — the rest are ruled out above.
7. Nadia: “She was diagonally next to Celeste.” With Celeste on C4, only B5 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
8. Toby: “He was diagonally next to June. He was alone with Desmond.” With June on E3, only D2 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
9. Desmond: “He was somewhere north of June.” And Toby said: “He was alone with Desmond.” With Toby on D2 and June on E3, only A1 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
10. Marcus, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: G6, in the Diner.
11. Everyone is placed. Marcus lies in the Diner, and the only other person in there is Abe. Abe is the killer.



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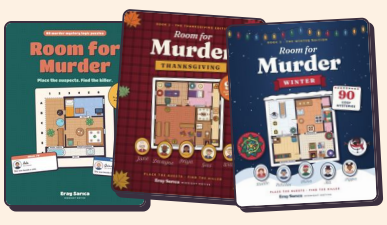
Otis, the mailman

The only other person in the Stage with Calvin — and the suspect whose statement was false.

Ty D1 · Felipe E6 · Ezra B2 · Otis C5 · Hank F3 · Calvin A4

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 Otis works, so Otis's statement is the lie and the truth is the opposite: "He was not beside any chair."**
2. Ty: "He was beside the pie table." Only one square on the whole plan fits: D1.
3. Hank: "He was beside the scarecrow." Of the squares that fit, only F3 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
4. Felipe: "He was beside a bench." Of the squares that fit, only E6 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
5. Calvin, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: A4, in the Stage.
6. Ezra: "He was in a corner of a room." Of the squares that fit, only B2 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
7. Otis: "He was not beside any chair." Of the squares that fit, only C5 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
8. Everyone is placed. Calvin lies in the Stage, and the only other person in there is Otis. Otis is the killer — and the one who lied.



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