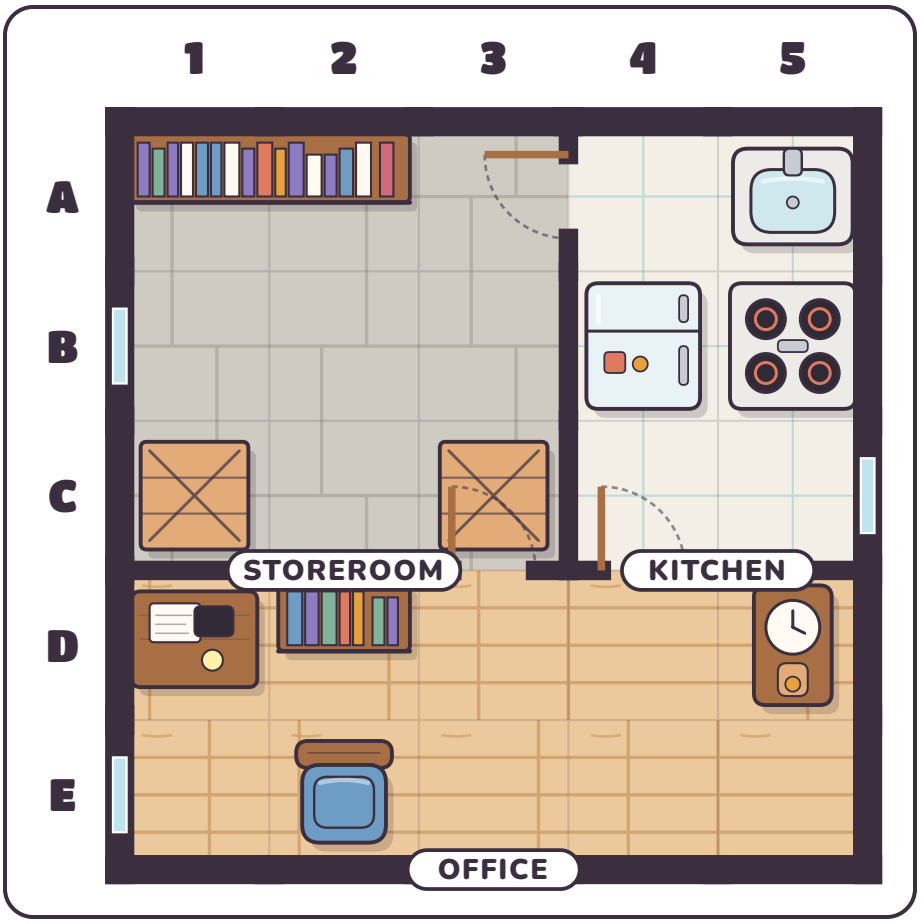
Last Call at the Café

Xavier was found face down. Someone in this building knows exactly why.



What the witnesses say



Basil the vicar
"He was beside the stove."



Dev the postman
"He was beside a sink."



Nell the nurse
"She was in the Storeroom."



Wanda the fortune teller
"She was beside a desk."



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

CAN STAND / SIT ON

chair

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

desk, bookshelf, stove, fridge, sink, crate, grandfather clock

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 _____

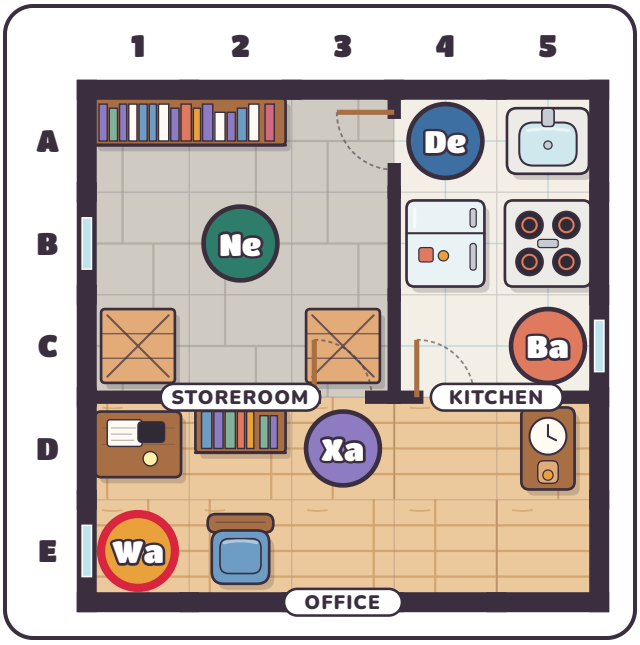
in the _____

Solved in _____

Notes

Answer and step-by-step solution: on the next page.

Solution: Last Call at the Café



THE KILLER

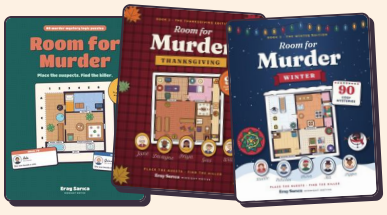
Wanda, the fortune teller

The only other person in the Office with Xavier.

Basil C5 · Dev A4 · Nell B2 · Wanda E1 · Xavier D3

How to solve it, step by step

1. Basil: “He was beside the stove.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: C5.
2. Dev: “He was beside a sink.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: A4.
3. Wanda: “She was beside a desk.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: E1.
4. Xavier, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: D3, in the Office.
5. Nell: “She was in the Storeroom.” Of the squares that fit, only B2 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
6. Everyone is placed. Xavier lies in the Office, and the only other person in there is Wanda. Wanda is the killer.



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