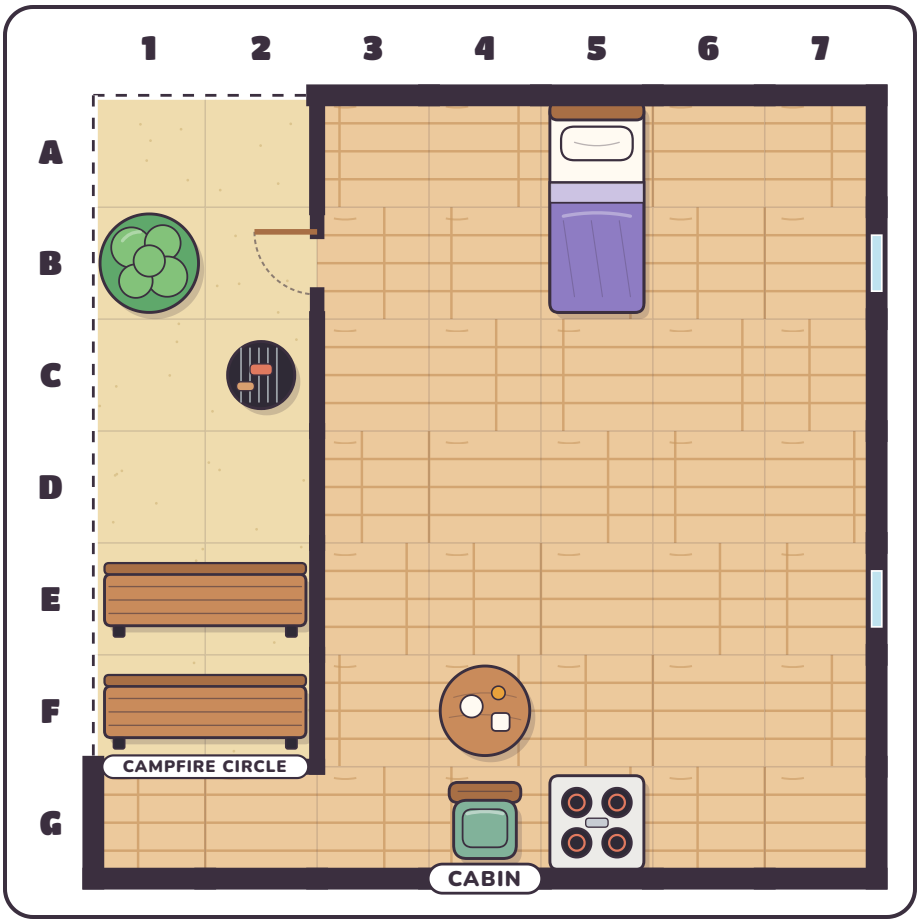
Lights Out at the Campsite

Vince was the life of the party — right up until the end.



What the witnesses say

Nico the barista
"There was a tree in his row. There was the stove in his column."

Wanda the fortune teller
"She was somewhere west of Percy."

Basil the vicar
"There was the grill in his column. He was exactly one row north of Cora."

Percy the butler
"There was the grill in his row. He was diagonally next to Wanda."

Cora the vet
"She was beside a table. There was the stove in her row."

Edith the retired spy
"She was in a corner of a room. She was in the Cabin."

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

CAN STAND / SIT ON

chair · bench · bed

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table · stove · tree · grill

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 _____

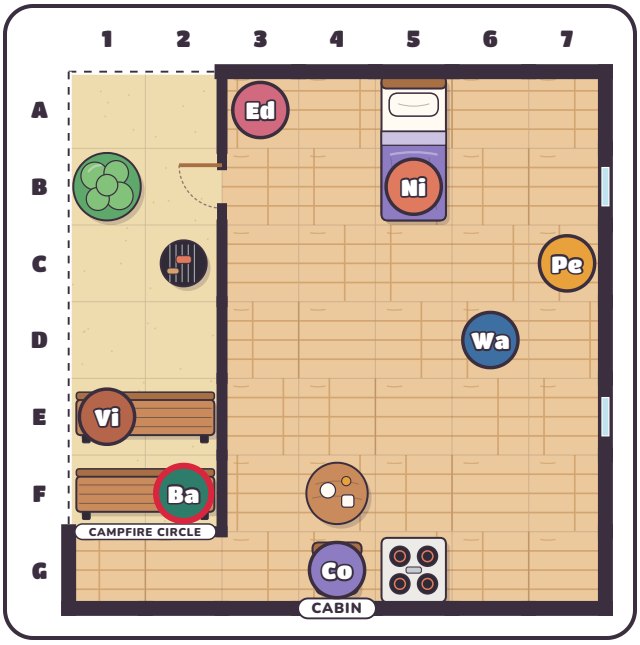
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THE KILLER

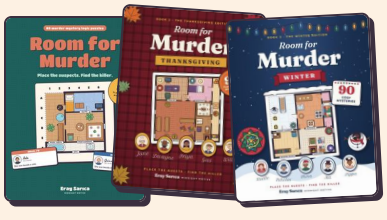
Basil, the vicar

The only other person in the Campfire Circle with Vince.

Nico B5 · Wanda D6 · Basil F2 · Percy C7 · Cora G4
Edith A3 · Vince E1

How to solve it, step by step

1. Nico: “There was a tree in his row. There was the stove in his column.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: B5.
2. Cora: “She was beside a table. There was the stove in her row.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: G4.
3. Basil: “There was the grill in his column. He was exactly one row north of Cora.” With Cora on G4, only F2 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
4. Every square left for Percy is in row C, so row C is Percy's — nobody else can be in row C.
5. Every square left for Edith is in row A, so row A is Edith's — nobody else can be in row A.
6. Read Percy's statement — “He was diagonally next to Wanda.” — against where Wanda can still be: Percy can only be on C6 or C7; Wanda can only be on D6 or D7.
7. Row E still needs someone, and only Vince can still stand in it — so Vince is somewhere in row E.
8. Vince, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: E1, in the Campfire Circle.
9. Column 3 still needs someone, and Edith is the only one who can still stand in it. In column 3, “She was in a corner of a room. She was in the Cabin.” fits only A3.
10. Read Wanda's statement — “She was somewhere west of Percy.” — against where Percy can still be: Wanda can only be on D6; Percy can only be on C7.
11. Wanda: “She was somewhere west of Percy.” Of the squares that fit, only D6 is still open — the rest are ruled out above.
12. Percy: “There was the grill in his row. He was diagonally next to Wanda.” And Wanda said: “She was somewhere west of Percy.” With Wanda on D6 and Wanda on D6, only C7 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.



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