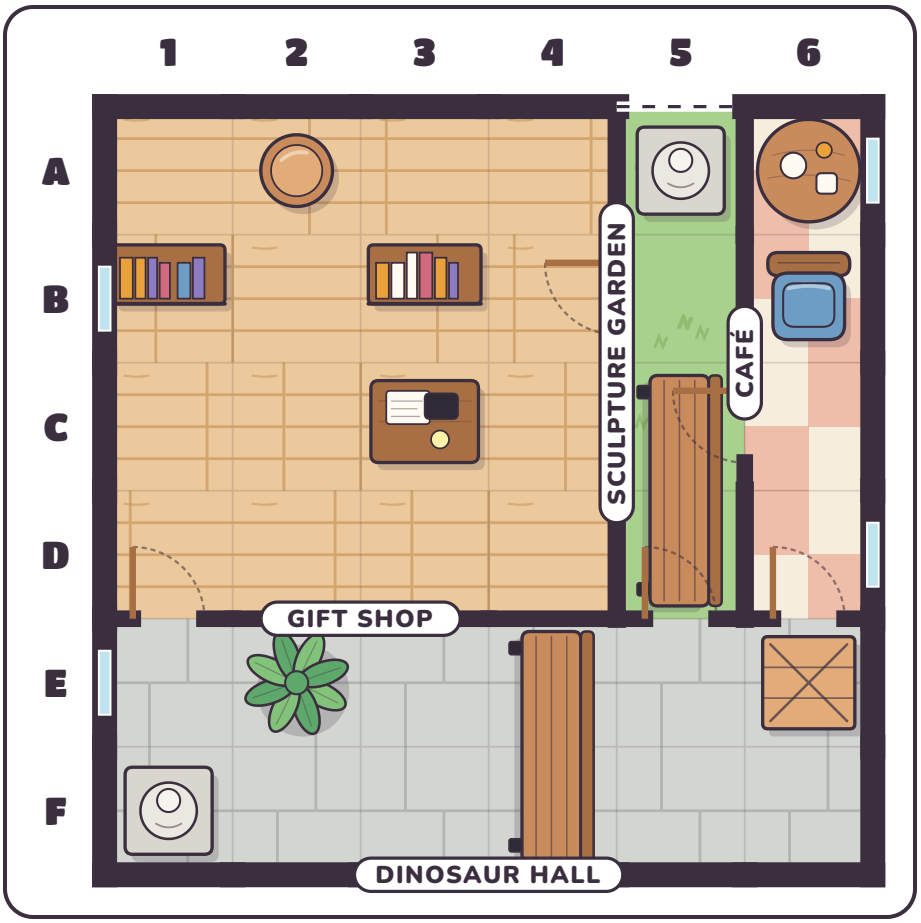
A Quiet Night at the Museum

Seven guests, one victim, and a floor plan that tells the whole story. Rest in peace, **Sadie**.

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



What the witnesses say



Olive the mayor
"She was beside a chair."



Yara the doctor
"She was beside a desk."



Lola the actress
"She was beside a bookshelf."



Ada the baker
"She was in the Sculpture Garden."



Juno the drummer
"She was beside a plant."



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

CAN STAND / SIT ON

chair · stool · bench

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table · desk · plant · bookshelf · crate · statue

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 _____

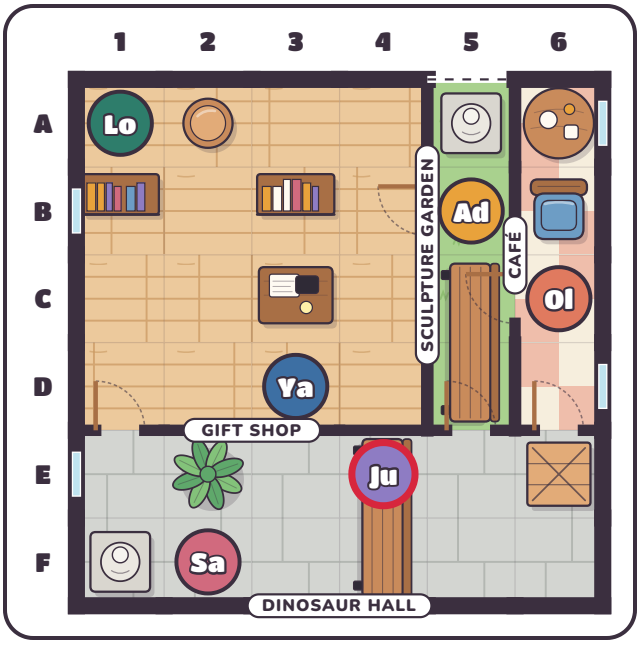
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THE KILLER

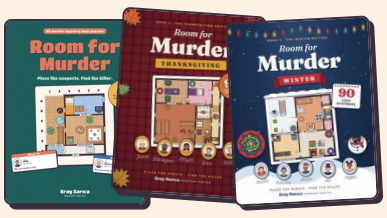
Juno, the drummer

The only other person in the Dinosaur Hall with Sadie — and the suspect whose statement was false.

Olive C6 · Yara D3 · Lola A1 · Ada B5 · Juno E4 · Sadie F2

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 Juno works, so Juno's statement is the lie and the truth is the opposite: "She was not beside any plant."**
2. Olive: "She was beside a chair." Only one square on the whole plan fits: C6.
3. Yara: "She was beside a desk." Of the squares that fit, only D3 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
4. Ada: "She was in the Sculpture Garden." Of the squares that fit, only B5 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
5. Lola: "She was beside a bookshelf." Of the squares that fit, only A1 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
6. Sadie, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: F2, in the Dinosaur Hall.
7. Juno: "She was not beside any plant." Of the squares that fit, only E4 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
8. Everyone is placed. Sadie lies in the Dinosaur Hall, and the only other person in there is Juno. Juno is the killer — and the one who lied.



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