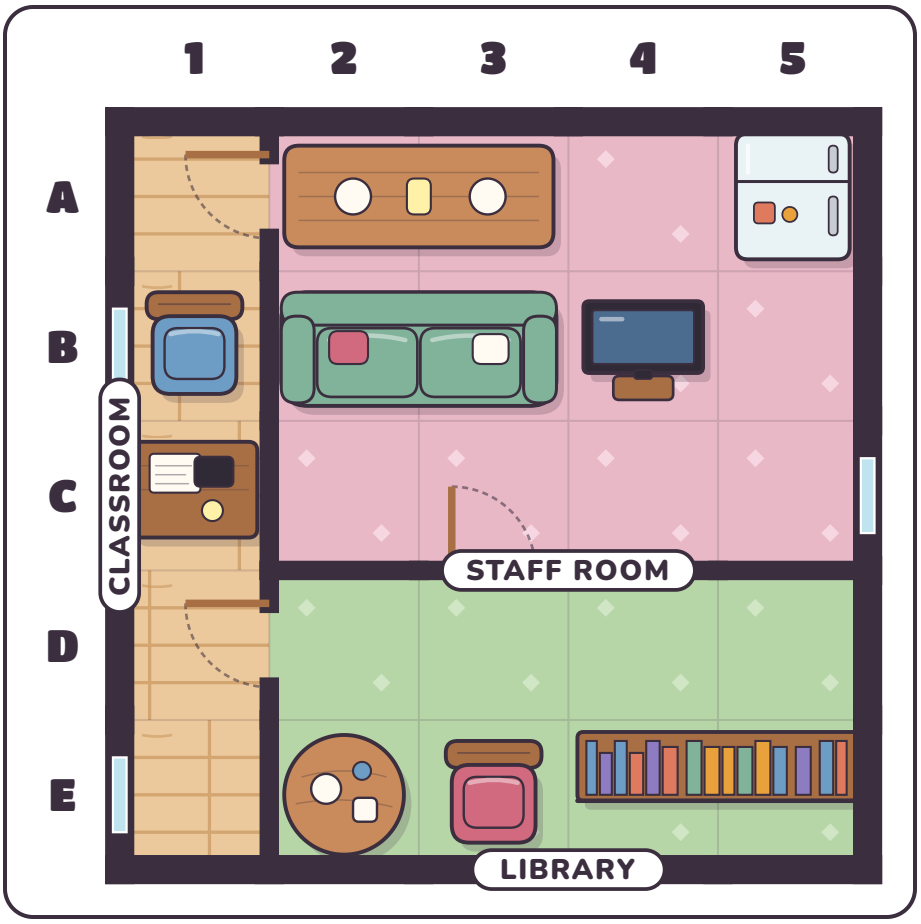
Death at the School

Sadie never made it to dessert.



What the witnesses say



Zeke the farmer
"He was beside a table. He was in the Staff Room."



Otto the clockmaker
"He was in a corner of a room."



Nell the nurse
"She was beside a chair."



Xavier the painter
"He was beside a bookshelf. He was not beside any table."



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

CAN STAND / SIT ON

chair · sofa

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table · desk · bookshelf · fridge · TV

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 _____

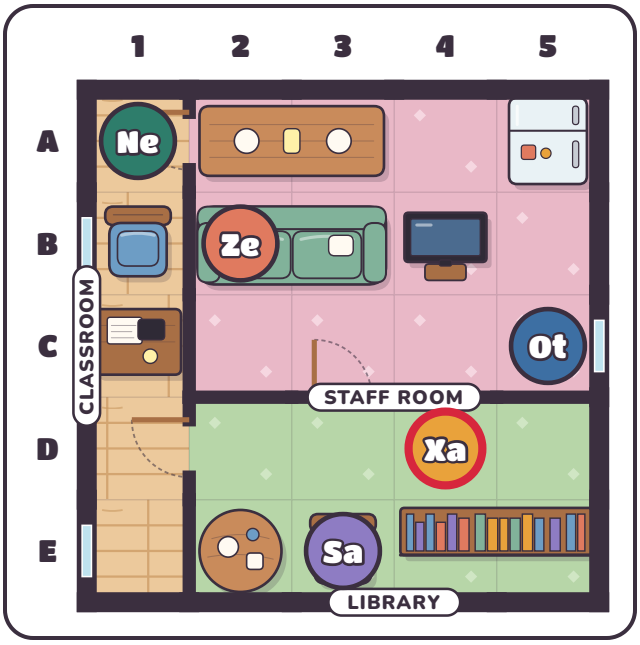
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THE KILLER

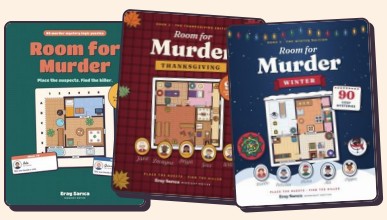
Xavier, the painter

The only other person in the Library with Sadie.

Zeke B2 · Otto C5 · Nell A1 · Xavier D4 · Sadie E3

How to solve it, step by step

1. Nell and Xavier can only stand in rows A and D — 2 people for 2 rows, so those rows are theirs and nobody else can use them.
2. Row A still needs someone, and Nell is the only one who can still stand in it. In row A, “She was beside a chair.” fits only A1.
3. Sadie, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: E3, in the Library.
4. Zeke: “He was beside a table. He was in the Staff Room.” Of the squares that fit, only B2 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
5. Otto: “He was in a corner of a room.” Of the squares that fit, only C5 is still open — the rest are ruled out above.
6. Xavier: “He was beside a bookshelf. He was not beside any table.” Of the squares that fit, only D4 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
7. Everyone is placed. Sadie lies in the Library, and the only other person in there is Xavier. Xavier is the killer.



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