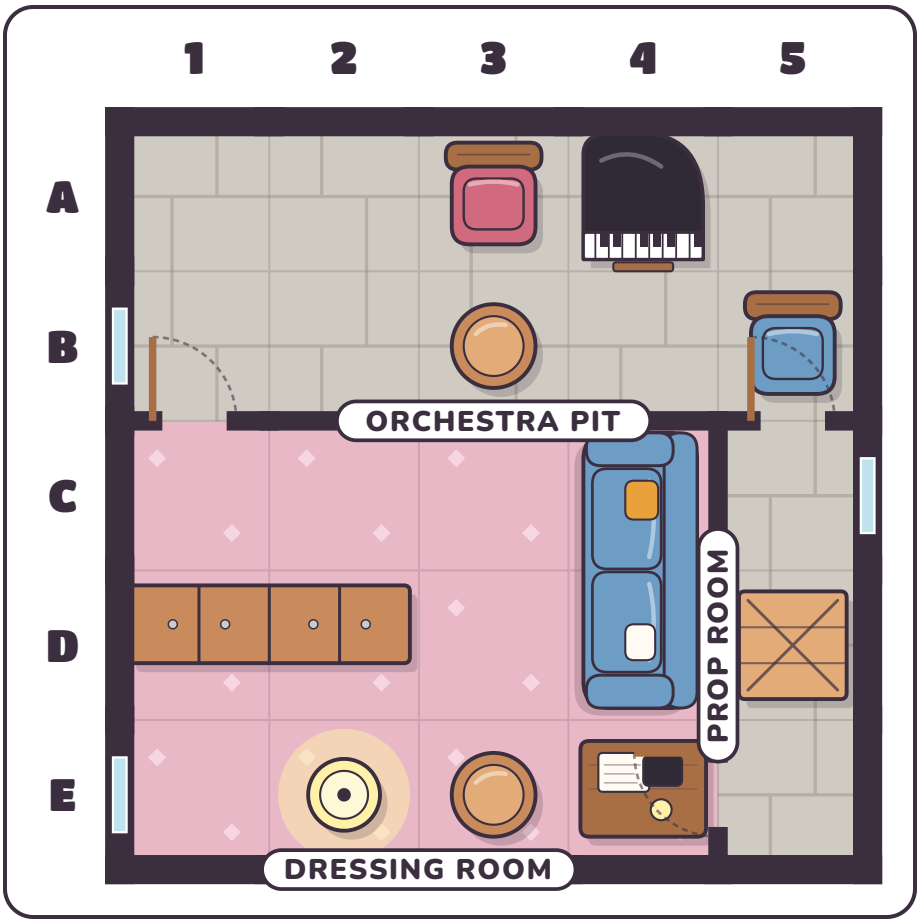
# Nobody Leaves the Theatre

**Lola** owed everyone money. Now **Lola** owes nothing at all.




## What the witnesses say



**Fern** the yoga teacher
"She was beside the piano."



**Olive** the mayor
"She was beside a crate."



**Vince** the car dealer
"He was in a corner of a room. He was not beside any lamp."



**Wanda** the fortune teller
"She was beside a chair."



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

**CAN STAND / SIT ON**

chair · stool · sofa

**SOLID — NOBODY THERE**

desk · piano · lamp · wardrobe · crate

## 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 _____

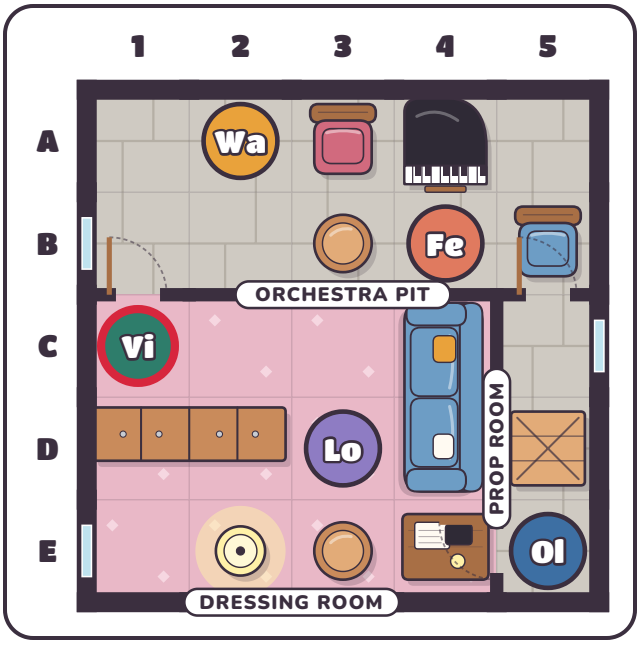
in the _____

Solved in _____

Notes

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

# Solution: Nobody Leaves the Theatre




THE KILLER

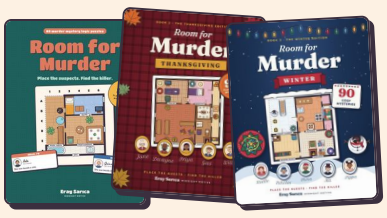
## Vince, the car dealer

The only other person in the Dressing Room with Lola.

Fern B4 · Olive E5 · Vince C1 · Wanda A2 · Lola D3

## How to solve it, step by step

1. Row D still needs someone, and only Lola can still stand in it — so Lola is somewhere in row D.
2. Column 1 still needs someone, and only Vince can still stand in it — so Vince is somewhere in column 1.
3. Row E still needs someone, and Olive is the only one who can still stand in it. In row E, “She was beside a crate.” fits only E5.
4. Row C still needs someone, and Vince is the only one who can still stand in it. In row C, “He was in a corner of a room. He was not beside any lamp.” fits only C1.
5. Column 2 still needs someone, and Wanda is the only one who can still stand in it. In column 2, “She was beside a chair.” fits only A2.
6. Fern: “She was beside the piano.” Of the squares that fit, only B4 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
7. Lola, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: D3, in the Dressing Room.
8. Everyone is placed. Lola lies in the Dressing Room, and the only other person in there is Vince. Vince is the killer.




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