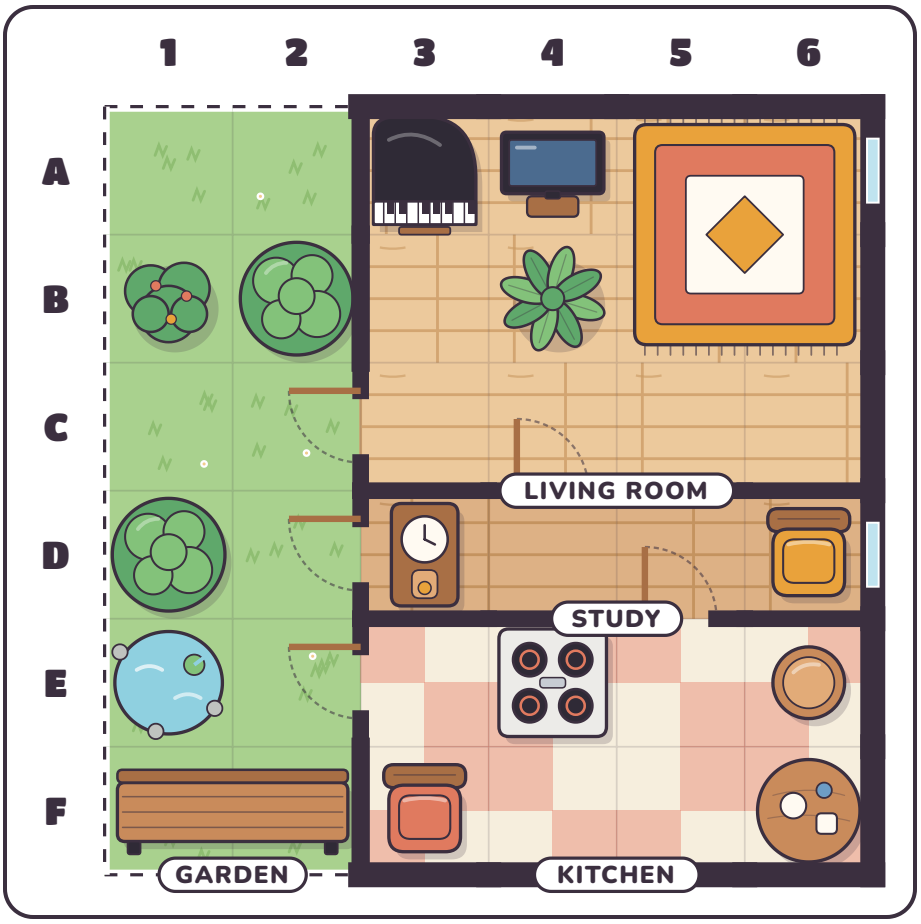
Last Call at the Old House

Nobody saw anything. Nobody heard anything. **Olive** still ended up dead.



What the witnesses say



Zeke the farmer
"He was in the Living Room. He was not beside the piano."



Otto the clockmaker
"He was beside a chair."



Nico the barista
"He was in the same room as Daisy. He was in a corner of a room."



Daisy the dog walker
"She was beside a chair."



Emmett the plumber
"He was beside a bush. He was in a corner of a room."



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

CAN STAND / SIT ON

chair · stool · bench · rug

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table · plant · piano · stove · TV · tree · bush · pond · 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 _____

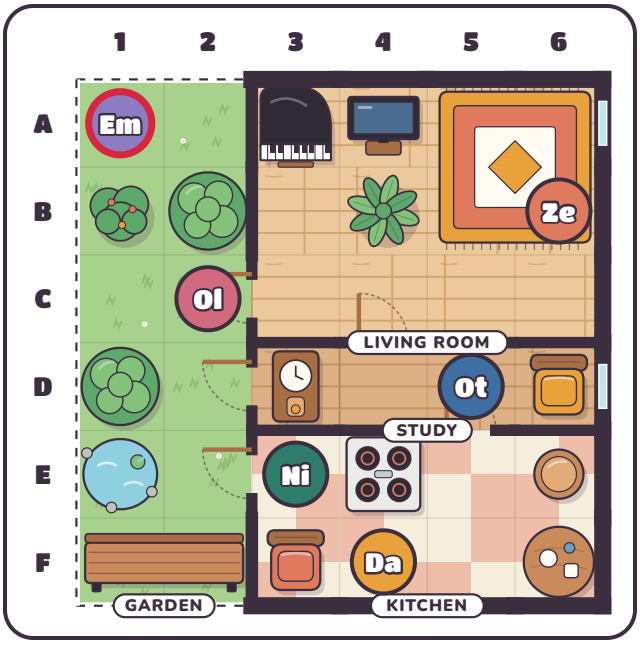
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THE KILLER

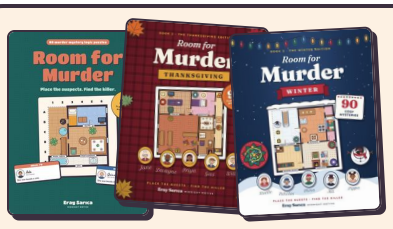
Emmett, the plumber

The only other person in the Garden with Olive.

Zeke B6 · Otto D5 · Nico E3 · Daisy F4 · Emmett A1 · Olive C2

How to solve it, step by step

1. Emmett: “He was beside a bush. He was in a corner of a room.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: A1.
2. Read Nico's statement — “He was in the same room as Daisy.” — against where Daisy can still be: Nico can only be on E3 or E6; Daisy can only be on F4.
3. Daisy: “She was beside a chair.” Of the squares that fit, only F4 is still open — the rest are ruled out above.
4. Column 2 still needs someone, and only Olive can still stand in it — so Olive is somewhere in column 2.
5. Row B still needs someone, and only Zeke can still stand in it — so Zeke is somewhere in row B.
6. Olive, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: C2, in the Garden.
7. Row D still needs someone, and Otto is the only one who can still stand in it. In row D, “He was beside a chair.” fits only D5.
8. Zeke: “He was in the Living Room. He was not beside the piano.” Of the squares that fit, only B6 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
9. Nico: “He was in the same room as Daisy. He was in a corner of a room.” With Daisy on F4, only E3 still fits — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
10. Everyone is placed. Olive lies in the Garden, and the only other person in there is Emmett. Emmett is the killer.



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