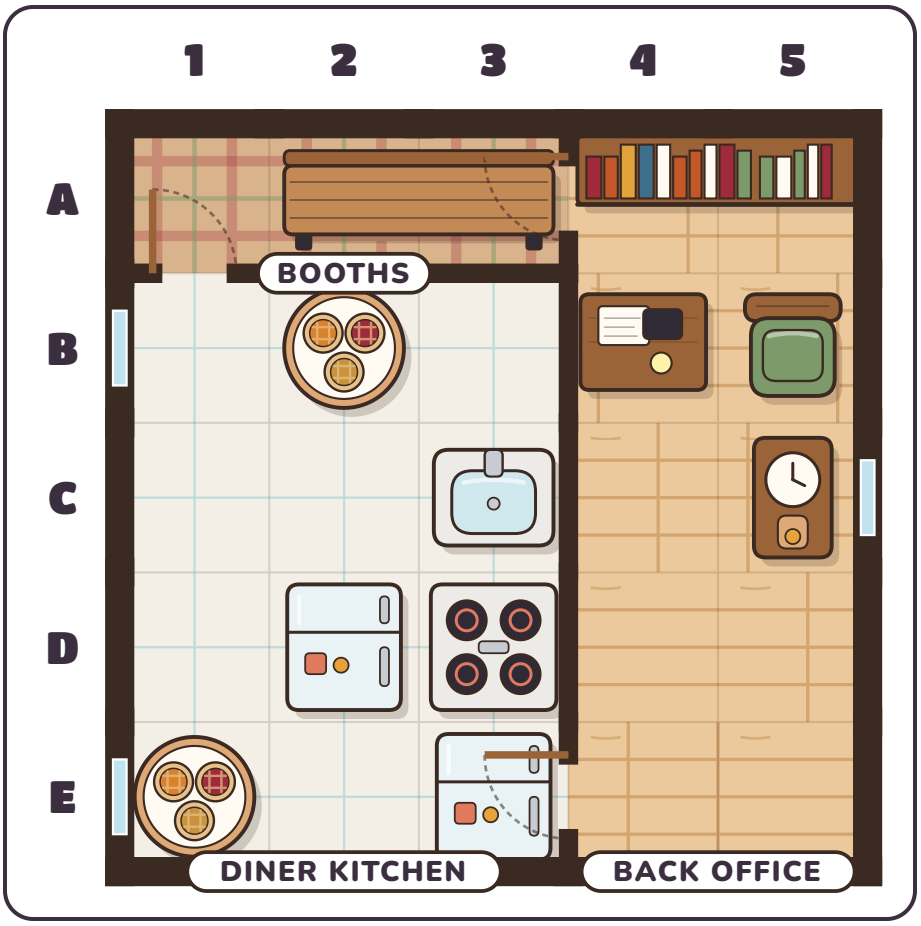
# Leftovers at the Diner

The football game went to overtime. **Willa** didn't.

Set in Cranberry Hollow, the town from the book Room for Murder: Thanksgiving.




## What the witnesses say



**Leroy** the barber
"He was beside a sink. He was beside the fridge."



**Pearl** the church secretary
"She was beside the grandfather clock."



**Marisol** the gravy queen
"She was in the Back Office."



**Rudy** the high-school coach
"He was beside a bench."



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

### CAN STAND / SIT ON

chair · bench

### SOLID — NOBODY THERE

desk · bookshelf · stove · fridge · sink · grandfather clock · pie table

## 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

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# Solution: Leftovers at the Diner




THE KILLER

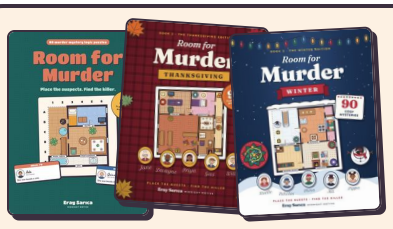
## Leroy, the barber

The only other person in the Diner Kitchen with Willa.

Leroy C2 · Pearl D5 · Marisol E4 · Rudy A1 · Willa B3

## How to solve it, step by step

1. Leroy: “He was beside a sink. He was beside the fridge.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: C2.
2. Rudy: “He was beside a bench.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: A1.
3. Willa, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: B3, in the Diner Kitchen.
4. Pearl: “She was beside the grandfather clock.” Of the squares that fit, only D5 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
5. Marisol: “She was in the Back Office.” Of the squares that fit, only E4 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
6. Everyone is placed. Willa lies in the Diner Kitchen, and the only other person in there is Leroy. Leroy is the killer.




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