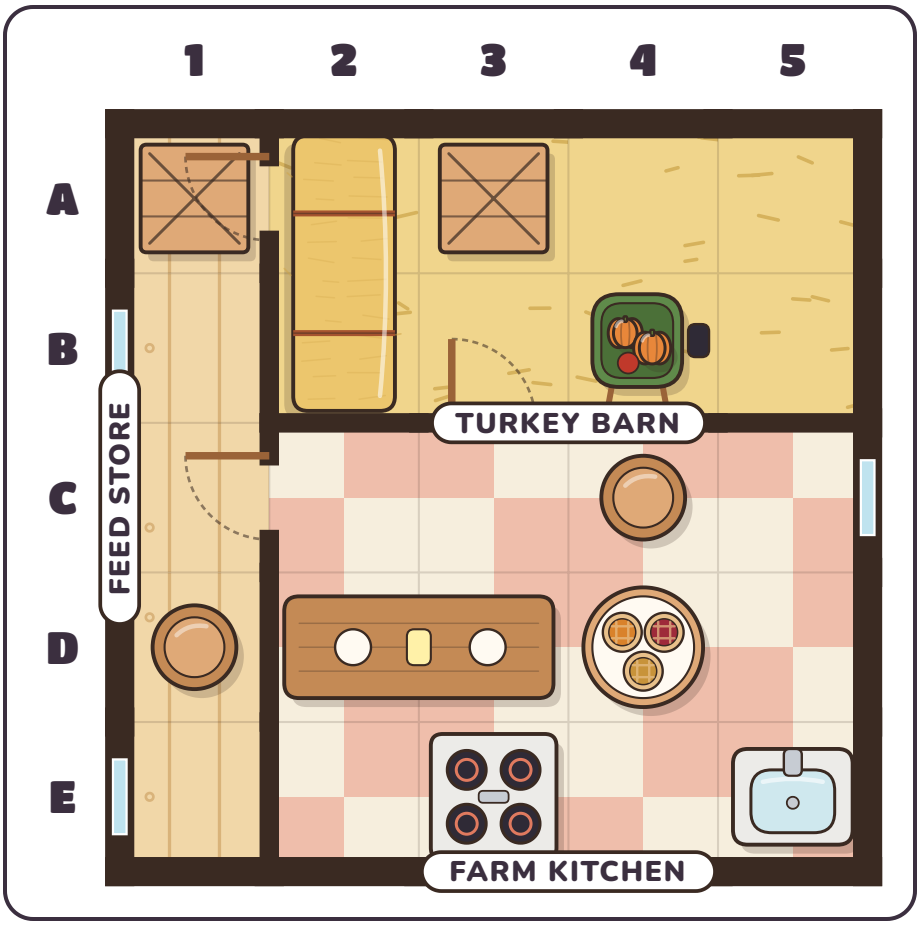
Pie Night at the Turkey Farm

Nobody likes the wishbone ritual. **Silas** liked it least of all.

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



What the witnesses say



Marisol the gravy queen
"She was beside the stove."



Walt the football fanatic
"He was in the Feed Store."



Tilly the knitting-club president
"She was not beside any hay bale. She was beside the wheelbarrow."



Jethro the hayride driver
"He was beside a stool. He was in a corner of a room."



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

CAN STAND / SIT ON

stool · hay bale

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table · stove · sink · crate · pie table · wheelbarrow

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 _____

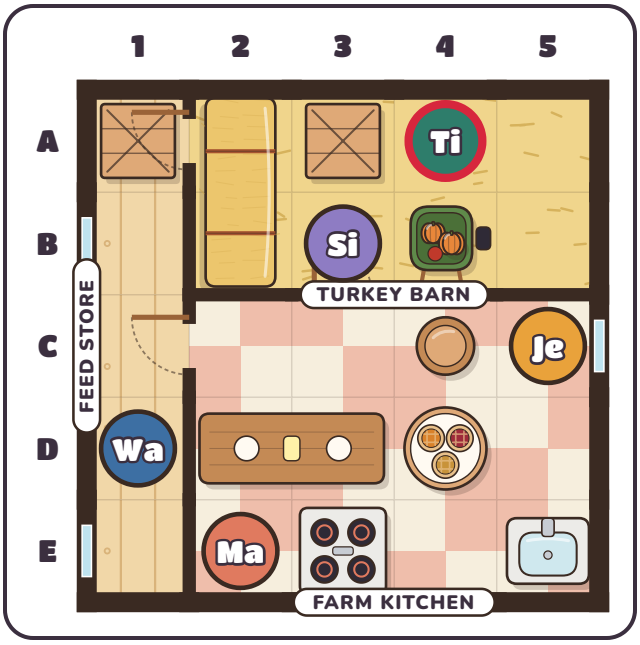
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THE KILLER

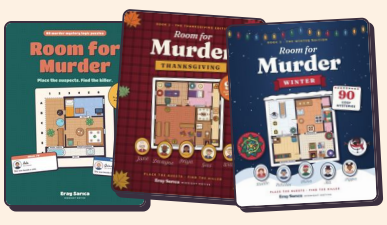
Tilly, the knitting-club president

The only other person in the Turkey Barn with Silas.

Marisol E2 · Walt D1 · Tilly A4 · Jethro C5 · Silas B3

How to solve it, step by step

1. Column 3 still needs someone, and only Silas can still stand in it — so Silas is somewhere in column 3.
2. Row A still needs someone, and Tilly is the only one who can still stand in it. In row A, “She was not beside any hay bale. She was beside the wheelbarrow.” fits only A4.
3. Marisol: “She was beside the stove.” Of the squares that fit, only E2 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
4. Jethro: “He was beside a stool. He was in a corner of a room.” Of the squares that fit, only C5 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
5. Silas, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: B3, in the Turkey Barn.
6. Walt: “He was in the Feed Store.” Of the squares that fit, only D1 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
7. Everyone is placed. Silas lies in the Turkey Barn, and the only other person in there is Tilly. Tilly is the killer.



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