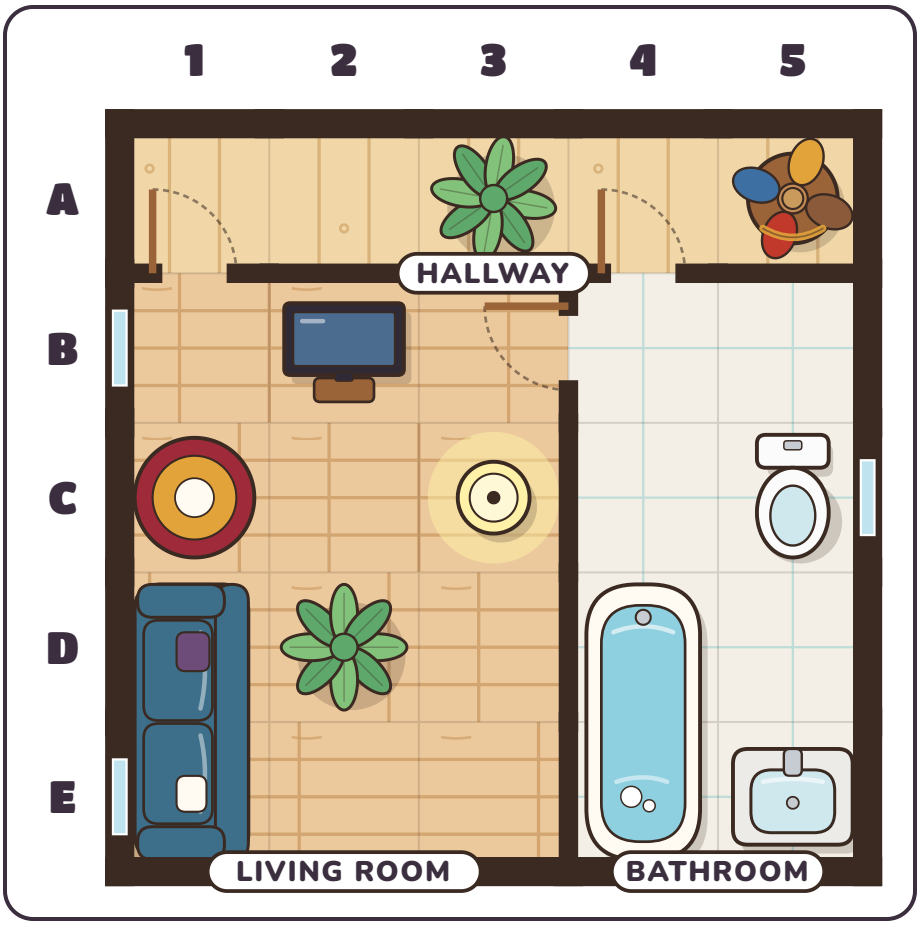
Murder at the Friendsgiving Flat

The turkey was carved at four. By five, **Opal** was cold too.

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



What the witnesses say



Shirley the lunch lady
"She was beside a sink. She was beside the toilet."



Dwayne the turkey farmer
"He was beside a sink."



Clyde the retired sheriff
"He was beside a plant. He was in the Hallway."



Dot the crossword champion
"She was beside a lamp."



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

CAN STAND / SIT ON

sofa · rug · bathtub

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

plant · lamp · sink · toilet · TV · coat rack

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 _____

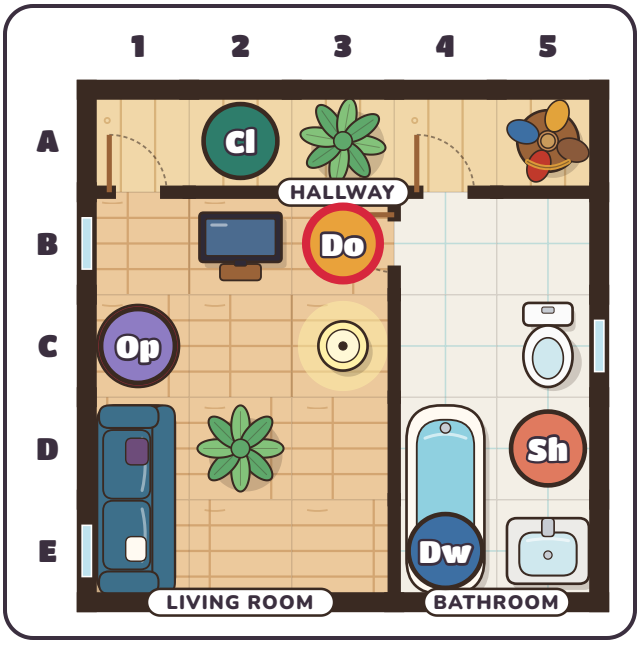
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THE KILLER

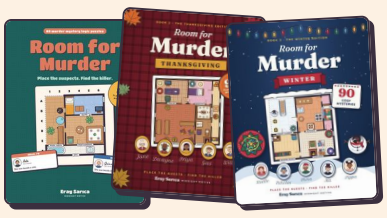
Dot, the crossword champion

The only other person in the Living Room with Opal.

Shirley D5 · Dwayne E4 · Clyde A2 · Dot B3 · Opal C1

How to solve it, step by step

1. Shirley: “She was beside a sink. She was beside the toilet.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: D5.
2. Dwayne: “He was beside a sink.” Of the squares that fit, only E4 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
3. Clyde: “He was beside a plant. He was in the Hallway.” Of the squares that fit, only A2 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
4. Dot: “She was beside a lamp.” Of the squares that fit, only B3 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
5. Opal, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: C1, in the Living Room.
6. Everyone is placed. Opal lies in the Living Room, and the only other person in there is Dot. Dot is the killer.



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