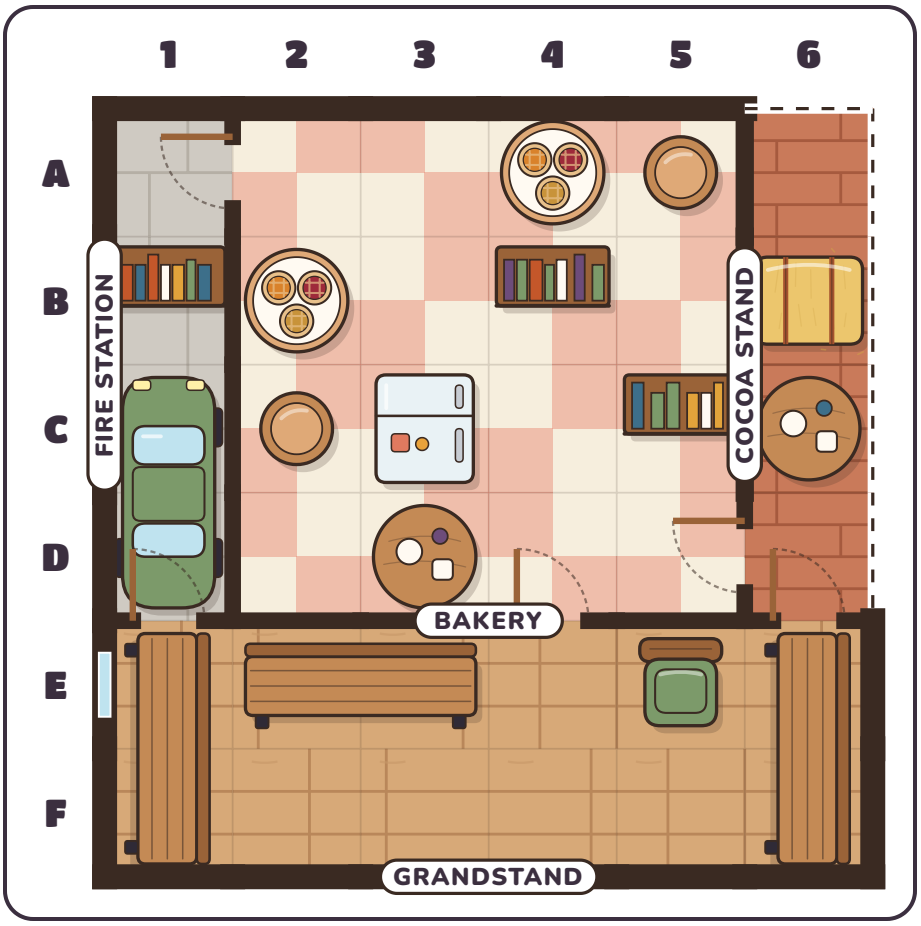
The Parade Affair

The parade passed at noon. By the time the floats were gone, so was **Ingrid**.

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



What the witnesses say



Calvin the dentist
"He was beside the pie table."



Desmond the bus driver
"He was beside a stool."



June the pie champion
"She was beside a bench."



Rosa the sous-chef
"She was beside the fridge."



Dwayne the turkey farmer
"He was beside a stool. He was beside a table."



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

CAN STAND / SIT ON

chair · stool · bench · hay bale

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table · bookshelf · fridge · car · 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 _____

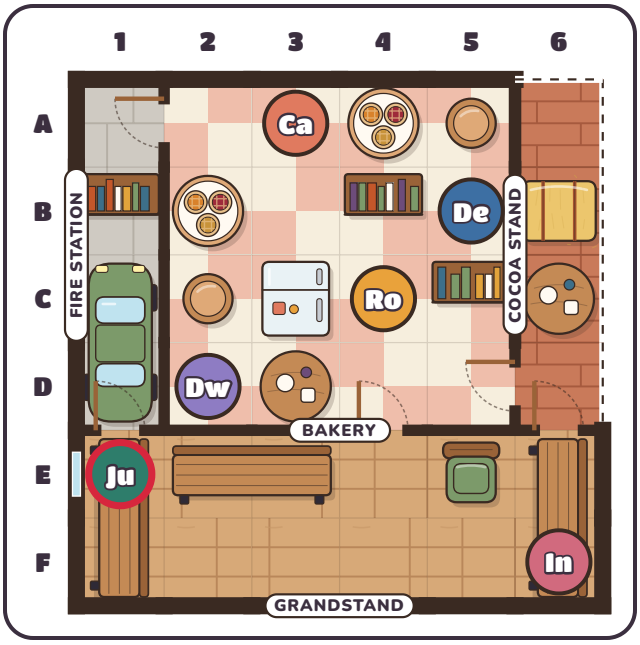
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Solution: The Parade Affair



THE KILLER

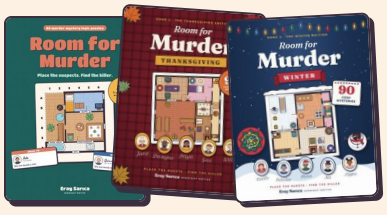
June, the pie champion

The only other person in the Grandstand with Ingrid.

Calvin A3 · Desmond B5 · June E1 · Rosa C4 · Dwayne D2 · Ingrid F6

How to solve it, step by step

1. Dwayne: “He was beside a stool. He was beside a table.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: D2.
2. Desmond: “He was beside a stool.” Of the squares that fit, only B5 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
3. Calvin: “He was beside the pie table.” Of the squares that fit, only A3 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
4. Rosa: “She was beside the fridge.” Of the squares that fit, only C4 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
5. June: “She was beside a bench.” Of the squares that fit, only E1 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
6. Ingrid, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: F6, in the Grandstand.
7. Everyone is placed. Ingrid lies in the Grandstand, and the only other person in there is June. June is the killer.



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