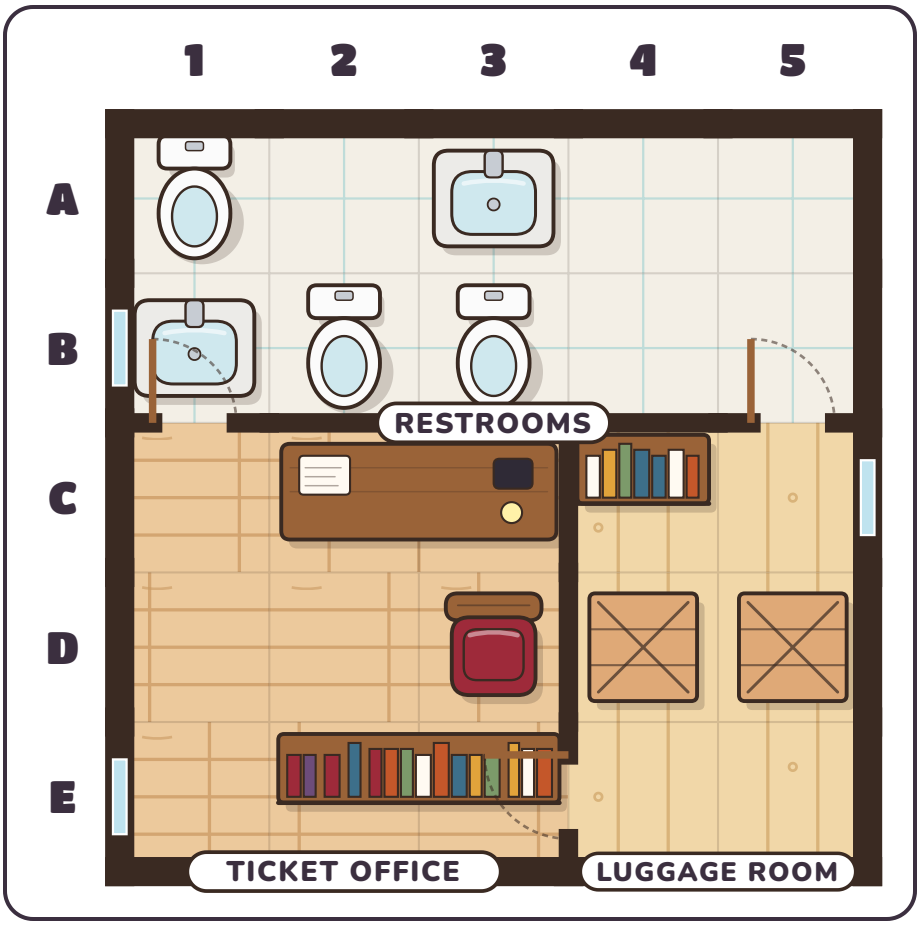
Grace at the Train Station

Twelve guests, one turkey, and one very unlucky **Faye**.

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



What the witnesses say



Willa the cranberry grower
"She was beside a crate. She was beside a bookshelf."



Ingrid the innkeeper
"She was beside a sink."



Gus the parade marshal
"He was beside a desk."



Celeste the mayor
"She was beside the toilet."



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

CAN STAND / SIT ON

chair

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

desk · bookshelf · sink · toilet · crate

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 _____

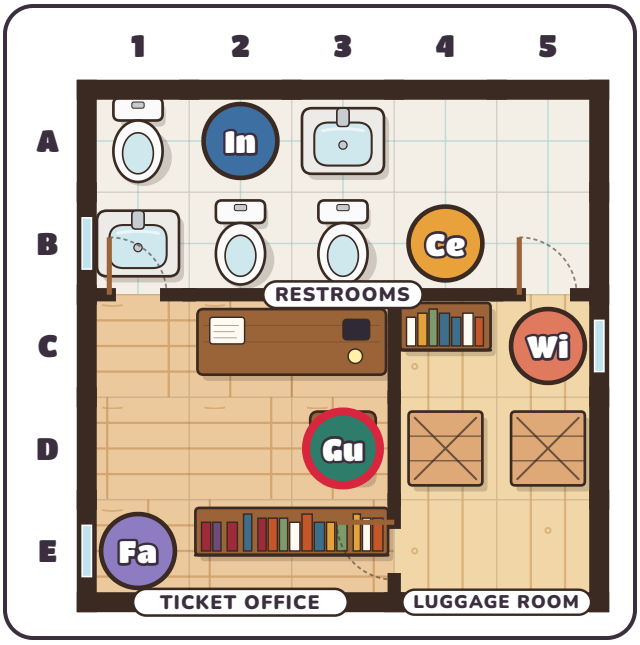
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THE KILLER

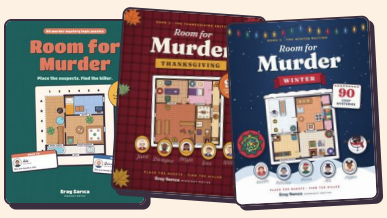
Gus, the parade marshal

The only other person in the Ticket Office with Faye.

Willa C5 · Ingrid A2 · Gus D3 · Celeste B4 · Faye E1

How to solve it, step by step

1. Willa: “She was beside a crate. She was beside a bookshelf.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: C5.
2. Row E still needs someone, and only Faye can still stand in it — so Faye is somewhere in row E.
3. Row B still needs someone, and Celeste is the only one who can still stand in it. In row B, “She was beside the toilet.” fits only B4.
4. Ingrid: “She was beside a sink.” Of the squares that fit, only A2 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
5. Gus: “He was beside a desk.” Of the squares that fit, only D3 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
6. Faye, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: E1, in the Ticket Office.
7. Everyone is placed. Faye lies in the Ticket Office, and the only other person in there is Gus. Gus is the killer.



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