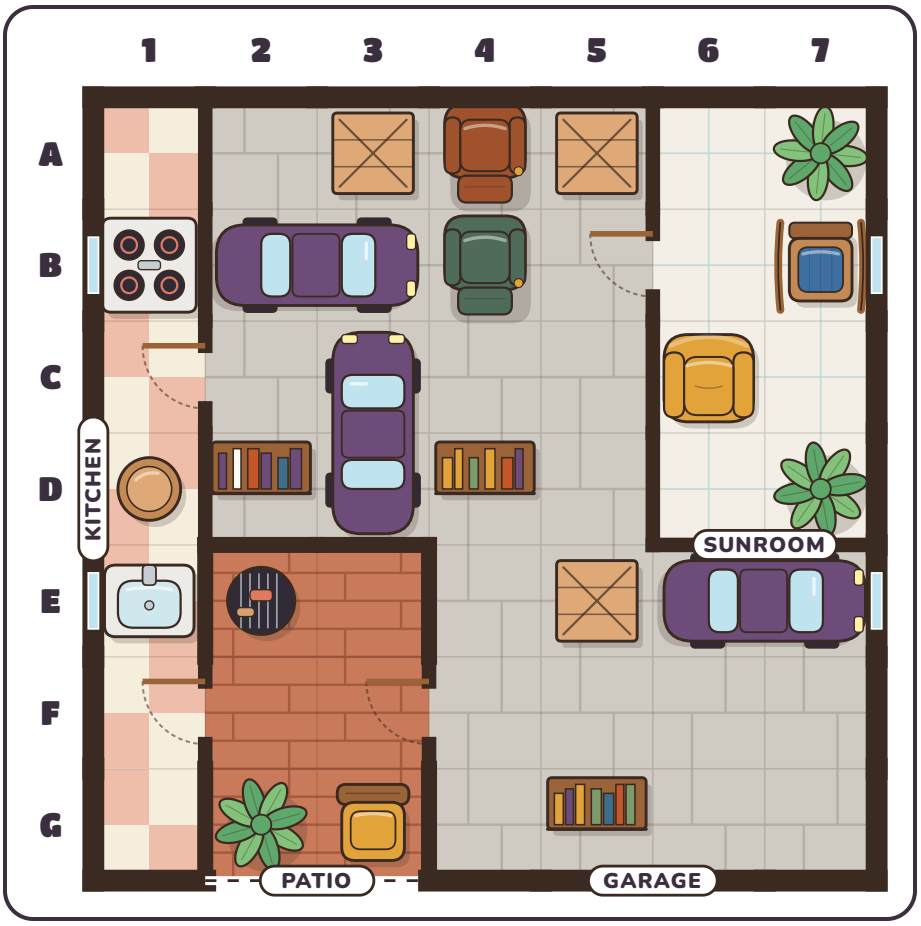
# Leftovers at the Backyard Fry

The gravy was lumpy, the rolls were burnt, and **Hank** was dead.

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




## What the witnesses say



**Willa** the cranberry grower
"She was beside the grill."



**Imogen** the art teacher
"She was sitting in a chair."



**Victor** the real-estate agent
"There was a plant in his row."



**Celeste** the mayor
"She was beside a crate."



**Otis** the mailman
"He was in a corner of a room."



**Clyde** the retired sheriff
"He was sitting in an armchair."



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

### CAN STAND / SIT ON

chair · armchair · stool · recliner · rocking chair

### SOLID — NOBODY THERE

plant · bookshelf · stove · sink · car · grill · 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 _____

Notes

Answer and step-by-step solution: on the next page.

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# Solution: Leftovers at the Backyard Fry




THE KILLER

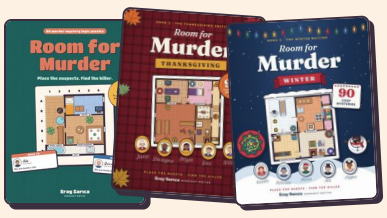
## Clyde, the retired sheriff

The only other person in the Sunroom with Hank.

Willa F2 · Imogen G3 · Victor D5 · Celeste E4
Otis A1 · Clyde C6 · Hank B7

## How to solve it, step by step

1. Imogen: “She was sitting in a chair.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: G3.
2. Clyde: “He was sitting in an armchair.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: C6.
3. Willa: “She was beside the grill.” Of the squares that fit, only F2 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
4. Otis: “He was in a corner of a room.” Of the squares that fit, only A1 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
5. Victor: “There was a plant in his row.” Of the squares that fit, only D5 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
6. Celeste: “She was beside a crate.” Of the squares that fit, only E4 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
7. Hank, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: B7, in the Sunroom.
8. Everyone is placed. Hank lies in the Sunroom, and the only other person in there is Clyde. Clyde is the killer.




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