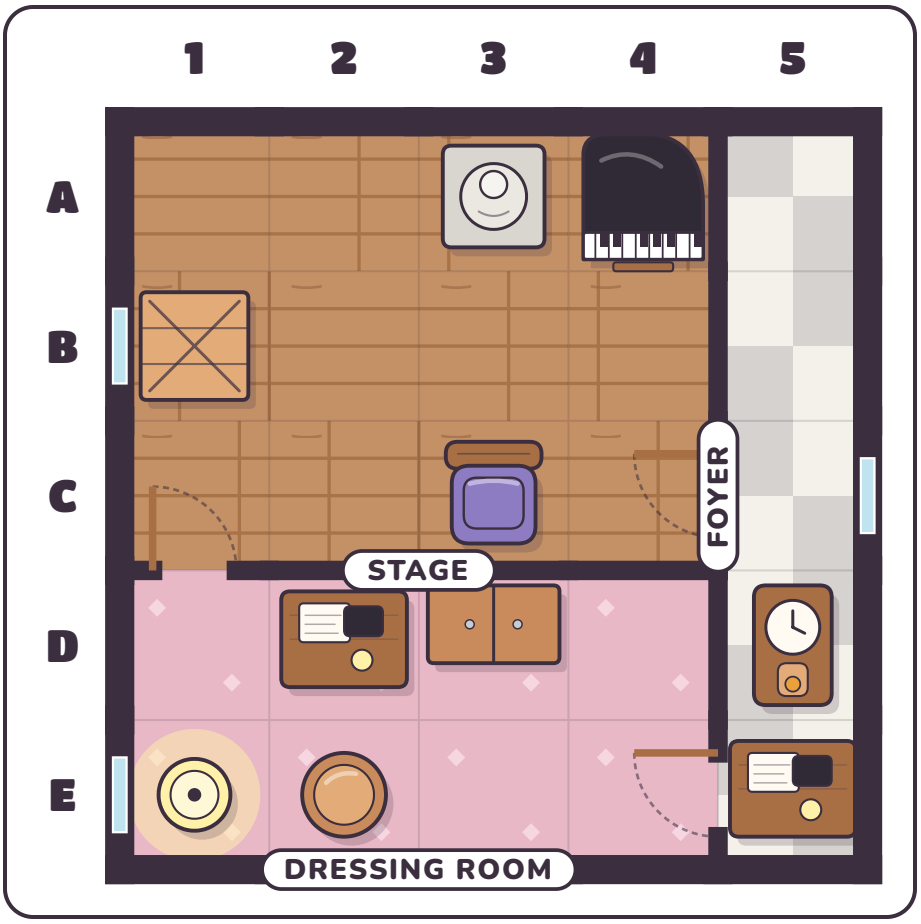
# Trouble at the Theatre

Everyone heard the scream. Nobody admits to being anywhere near **Kurt**.




## What the witnesses say



**Ada** the baker
"She was in the Foyer."



**Uma** the architect
"She was not beside any chair. She was not beside the piano."



**Nico** the barista
"He was beside a desk."



**Quinn** the detective's cousin
"She was beside a desk. She was in a corner of a room."



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

### CAN STAND / SIT ON

chair · stool

### SOLID — NOBODY THERE

desk · piano · lamp · wardrobe · crate · statue · grandfather clock

## 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 _____

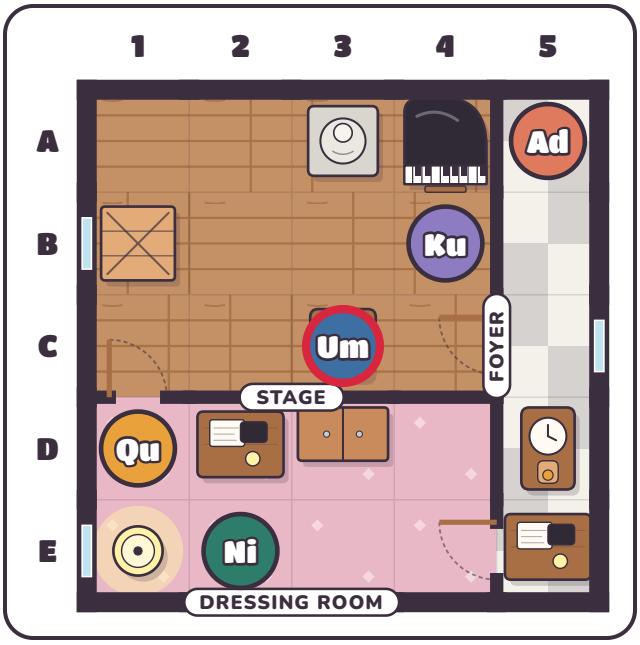
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# Solution: Trouble at the Theatre




THE KILLER

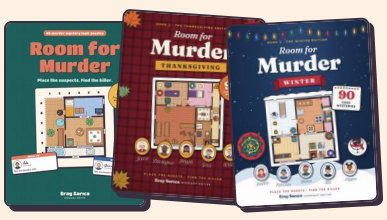
## Uma, the architect

The only other person in the Stage with Kurt.

Ada A5 · Uma C3 · Nico E2 · Quinn D1 · Kurt B4

## How to solve it, step by step

1. Quinn: “She was beside a desk. She was in a corner of a room.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: D1.
2. Nico: “He was beside a desk.” Of the squares that fit, only E2 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
3. Column 4 still needs someone, and only Kurt can still stand in it — so Kurt is somewhere in column 4.
4. Column 3 still needs someone, and Uma is the only one who can still stand in it. In column 3, “She was not beside any chair. She was not beside the piano.” fits only C3.
5. Kurt, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: B4, in the Stage.
6. Ada: “She was in the Foyer.” Of the squares that fit, only A5 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
7. Everyone is placed. Kurt lies in the Stage, and the only other person in there is Uma. Uma is the killer.




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