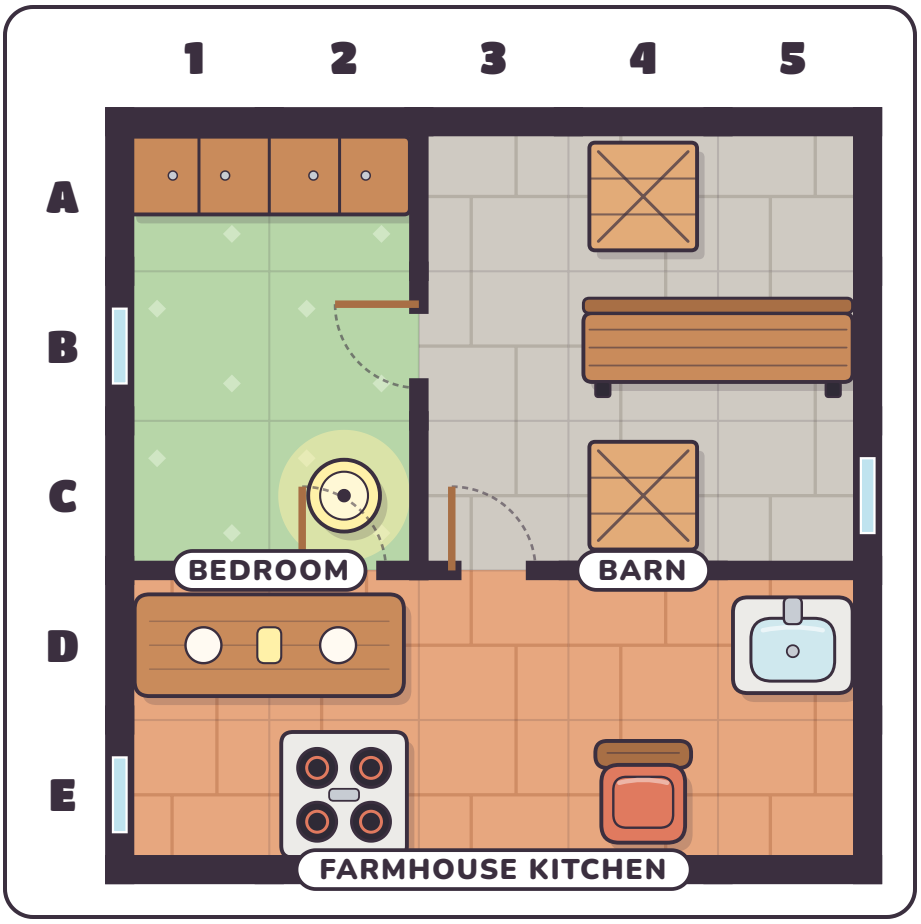
# A Body in the Farm

It was supposed to be a quiet evening. Then **Cora** stopped breathing.




## What the witnesses say



**Otto** the clockmaker
"He was beside a sink."



**Xavier** the painter
"He was beside a crate."



**Uma** the architect
"She was in a corner of a room."



**Gus** the bus driver
"He was beside a sink. He was in a corner of a room."



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

CAN STAND / SIT ON

chair bench

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

table lamp stove

sink wardrobe 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 _____

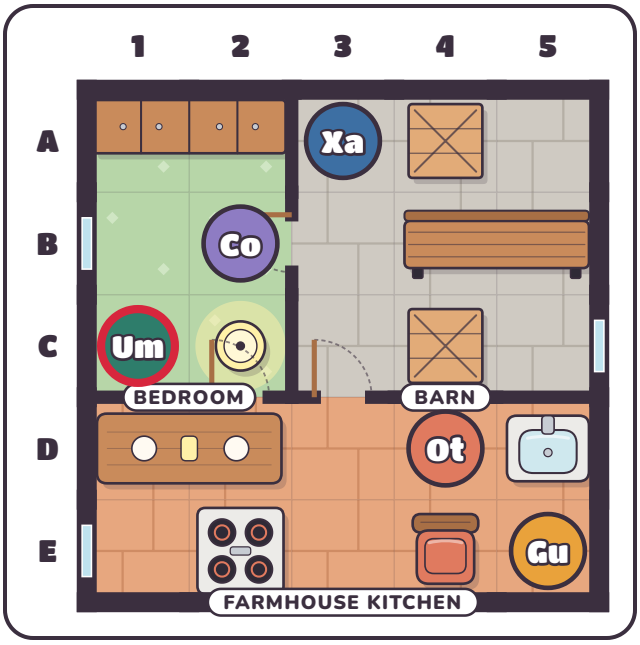
in the _____

Solved in _____

Notes

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

# Solution: A Body in the Farm




THE KILLER

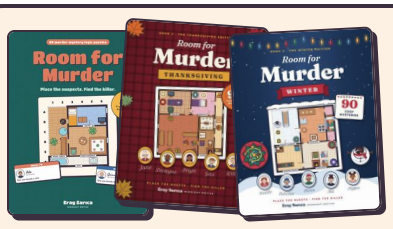
## Uma, the architect

The only other person in the Bedroom with Cora.

Otto D4 · Xavier A3 · Uma C1 · Gus E5 · Cora B2

## How to solve it, step by step

1. Gus: “He was beside a sink. He was in a corner of a room.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: E5.
2. Otto: “He was beside a sink.” Of the squares that fit, only D4 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
3. Row B still needs someone, and only Cora can still stand in it — so Cora is somewhere in row B.
4. Cora, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: B2, in the Bedroom.
5. Column 1 still needs someone, and Uma is the only one who can still stand in it. In column 1, “She was in a corner of a room.” fits only C1.
6. Xavier: “He was beside a crate.” Of the squares that fit, only A3 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
7. Everyone is placed. Cora lies in the Bedroom, and the only other person in there is Uma. Uma is the killer.




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