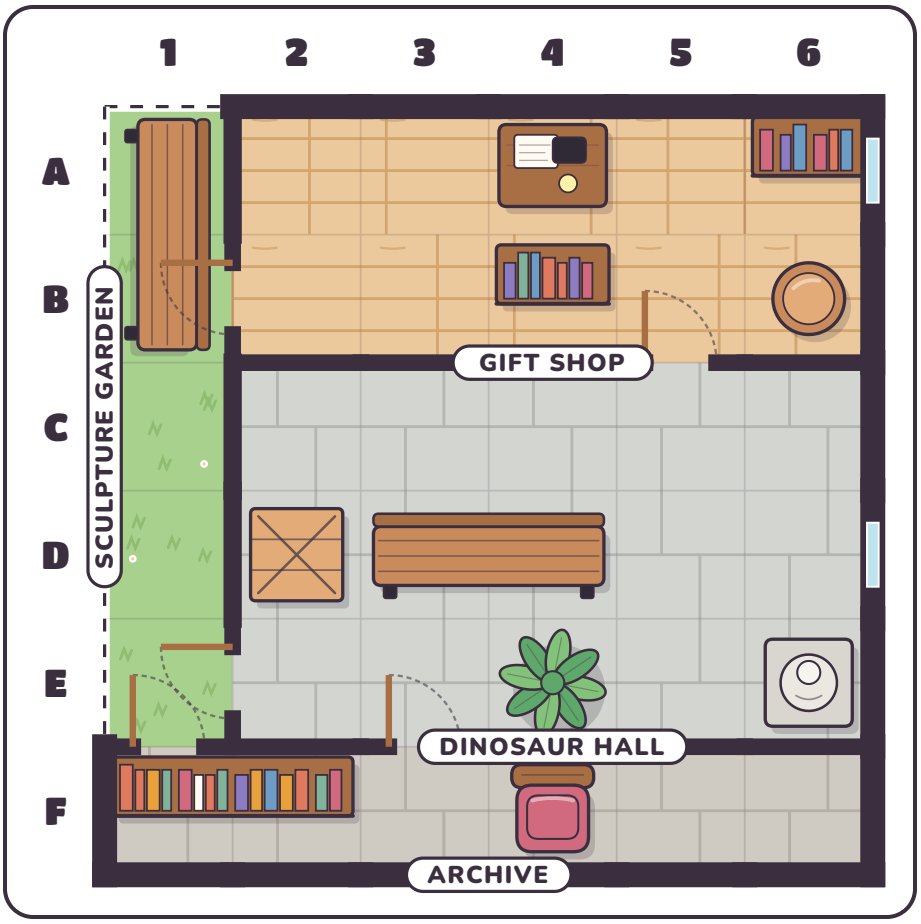
The Museum Mystery

Iris was about to change the will.



What the witnesses say



Edith the retired spy
"She was beside a desk."



Vince the car dealer
"He was beside a bookshelf."



Mabel the librarian
"She was beside a bench. She was in the Sculpture Garden."



Dev the postman
"He was in the Archive."



Uma the architect
"She was beside a bench."



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

CAN STAND / SIT ON

chair · stool · bench

SOLID — NOBODY THERE

desk · plant · bookshelf · crate · statue

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 _____

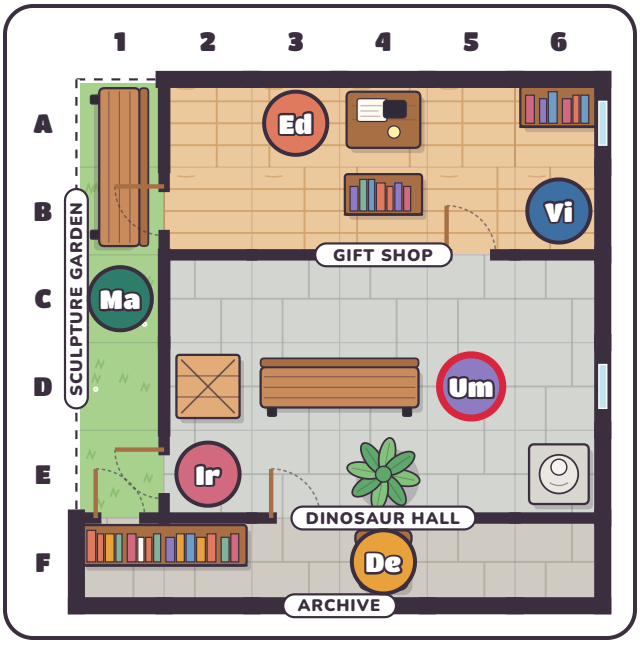
in the _____

Solved in _____

Notes

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

Solution: The Museum Mystery



THE KILLER

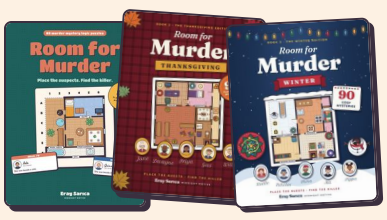
Uma, the architect

The only other person in the Dinosaur Hall with Iris.

Edith A3 · Vince B6 · Mabel C1 · Dev F4 · Uma D5 · Iris E2

How to solve it, step by step

1. Mabel: “She was beside a bench. She was in the Sculpture Garden.” Only one square on the whole plan fits: C1.
2. Column 2 still needs someone, and only Iris can still stand in it — so Iris is somewhere in column 2.
3. Row D still needs someone, and Uma is the only one who can still stand in it. In row D, “She was beside a bench.” fits only D5.
4. Edith: “She was beside a desk.” Of the squares that fit, only A3 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
5. Vince: “He was beside a bookshelf.” Of the squares that fit, only B6 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
6. Dev: “He was in the Archive.” Of the squares that fit, only F4 is still open — the others are in rows or columns already taken.
7. Iris, the victim, has no statement — but only one square is left in a free row and column: E2, in the Dinosaur Hall.
8. Everyone is placed. Iris lies in the Dinosaur Hall, and the only other person in there is Uma. Uma is the killer.



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