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6 murder puzzles to print

How to play

1. Every row and every column holds exactly one person.
2. Every clue is true. Combine them to work out who was where.
3. The killer is the only one who was in a room with the victim.
   No guessing needed.

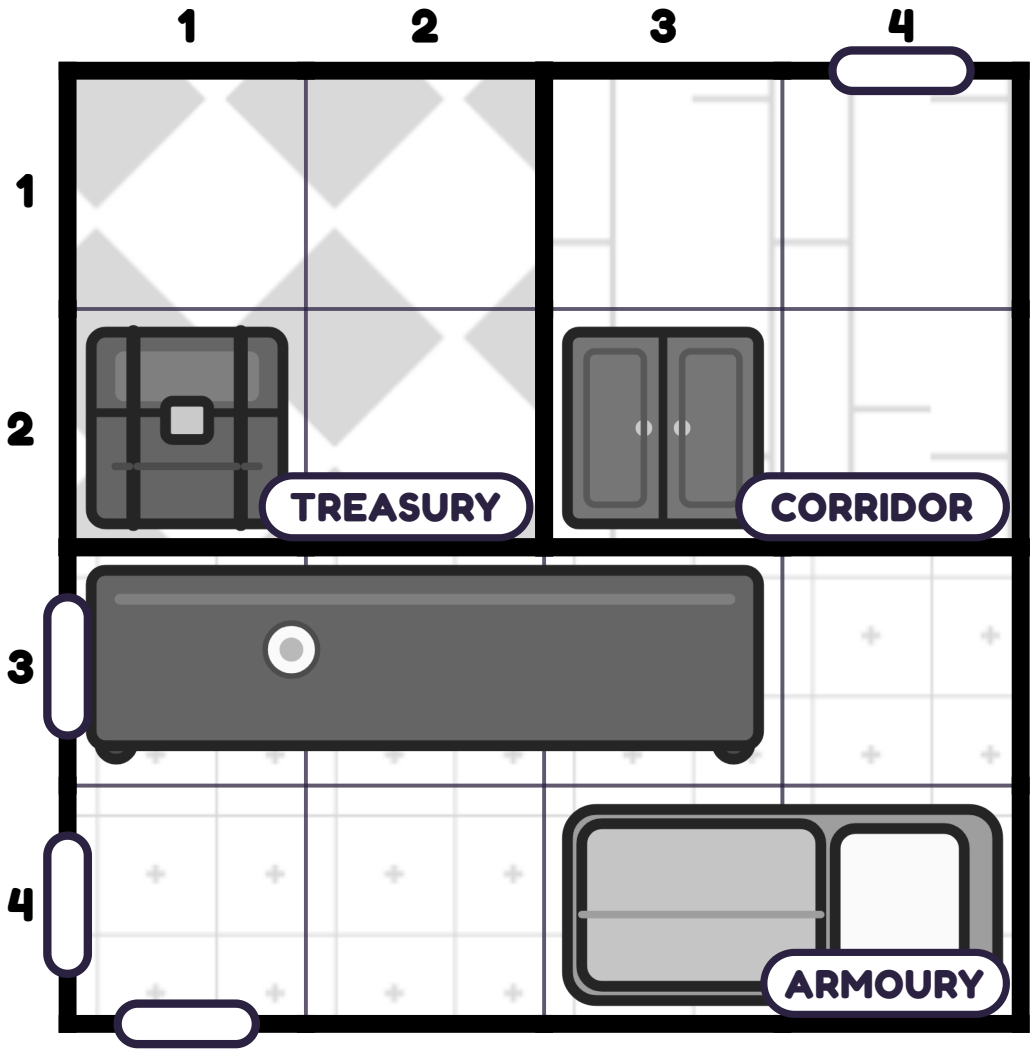
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The Castle: the purloined letter

Level 1 · Beginner ★☆☆☆☆ · L1-00037tb

A letter has been stolen. What it said is one question. Who took it is the real one.



A · Arthur (♂ man)**:** Was in the **3rd row**.

B · Bridget (♀ woman)**:** Was on a **bed**.

C · Colin (♂ man · hat)**:** Was in the **leftmost column**.

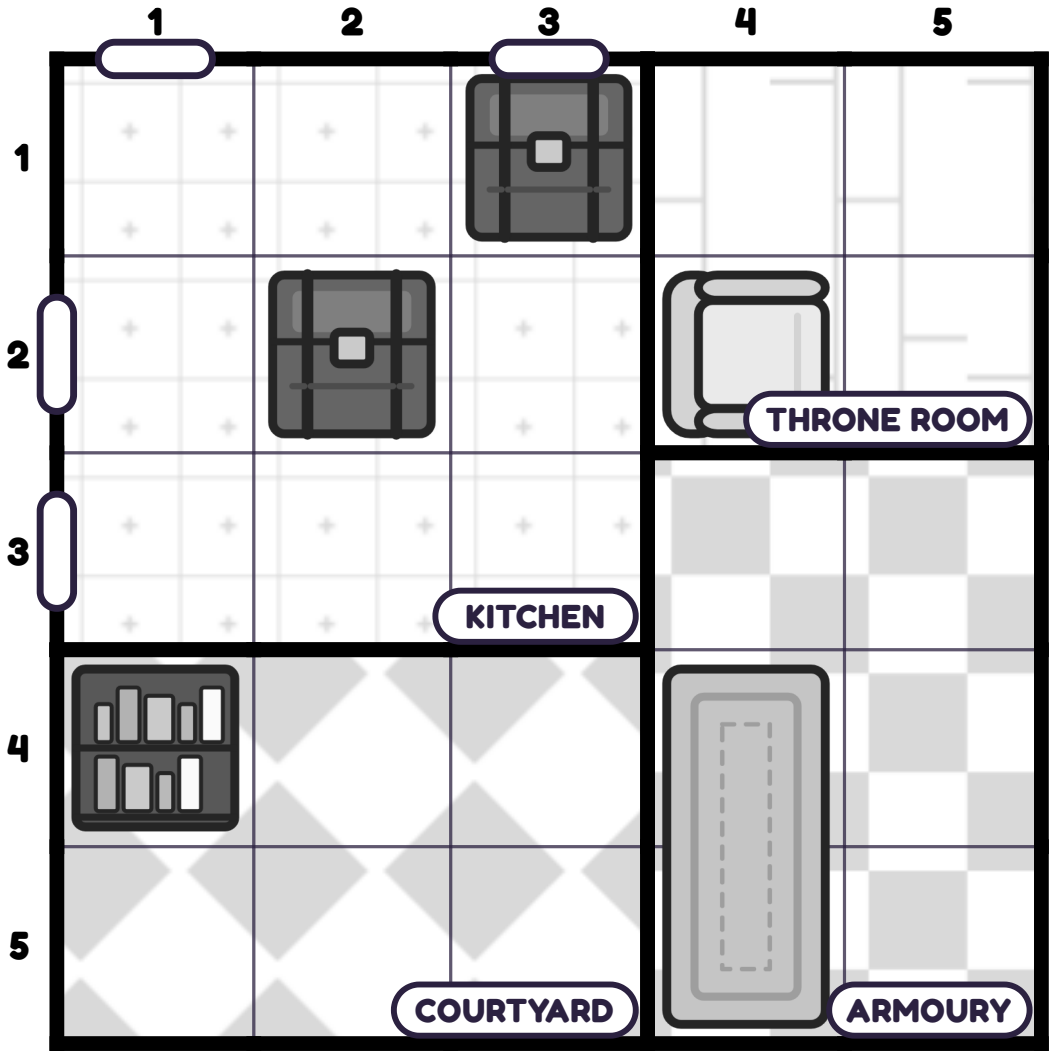
V · Vaughan (♂ man · glasses · hat)**:** the victim. The murderer is the only suspect in the same room.

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The Castle: the secret door

Level 2 · Sleuth ★★☆☆☆ · L2-000255z

The portcullis creaks, the ravens caw, the suspicions grow.



A · Adam (♂ man)**:** Was on a **chair**.

B · Ben (♂ man · hat)**:** Was in the **2nd column**.

C · Colin (♂ man · hat)**:** Was **next to** a **bookcase**.

D · Dorothy (♀ woman)**:** Was **directly next to** a **rug**.

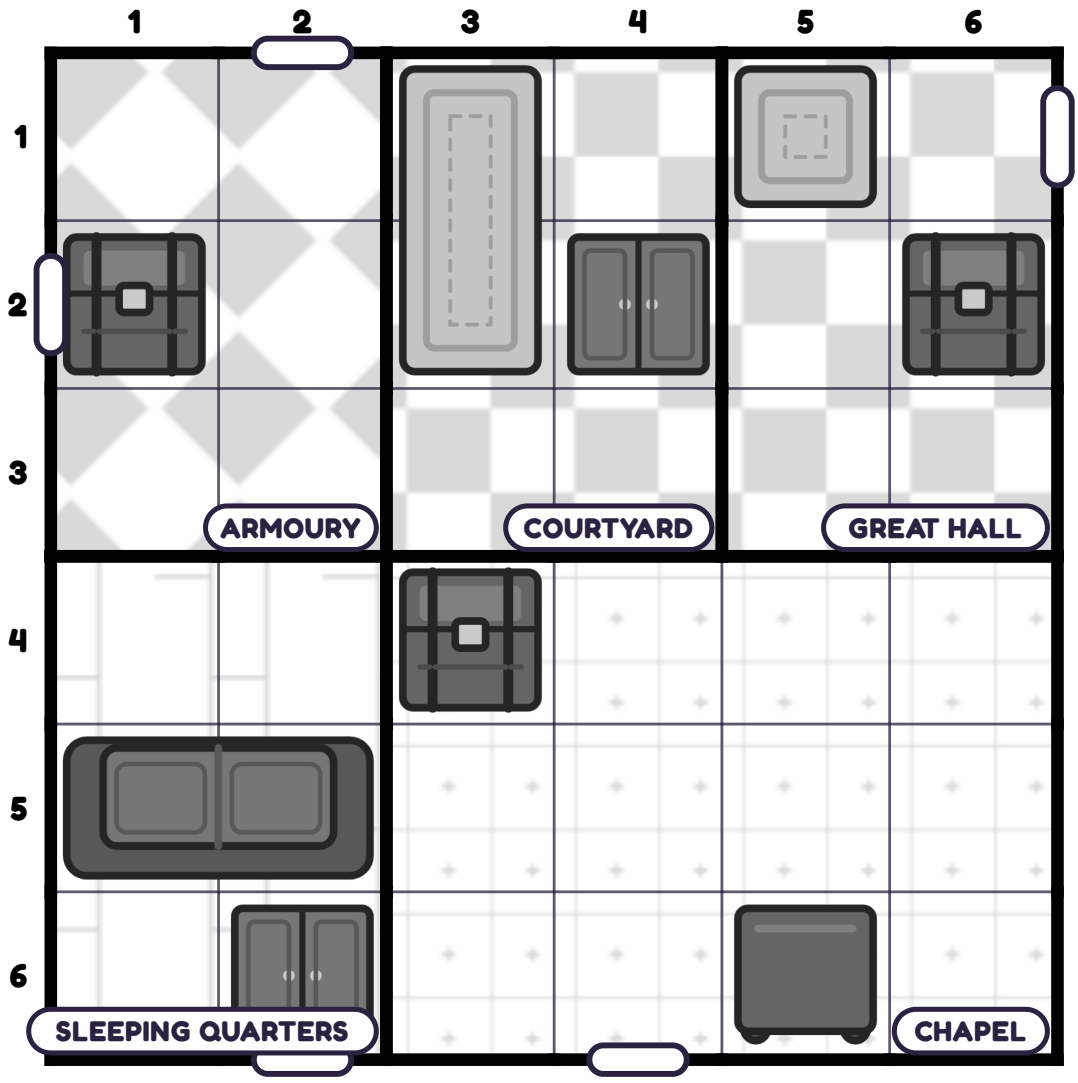
V · Vivienne (♀ woman)**:** the victim. The murderer is the only suspect in the same room.

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The Castle: a cold night

Level 3 · Inspector ★★★☆☆ · L3-0002cw3

The banquet was lavish. Pudding was a mystery.



A · Adam (♂ man)**:** Was **not next to** a **table**.

B · Bradley (♂ man)**:** Was in the **3rd column**. Was **not next to** a **rug**.

C · Clara (♀ woman)**:** Was **not in a corner**.

D · Dylan (♂ man · hat)**:** Was in the **4th column**. Was in **the same room** as **Adam**.

E · Eve (♀ woman · hat)**:** Was **in a corner of the room**. There was **also a man** in **their room**.

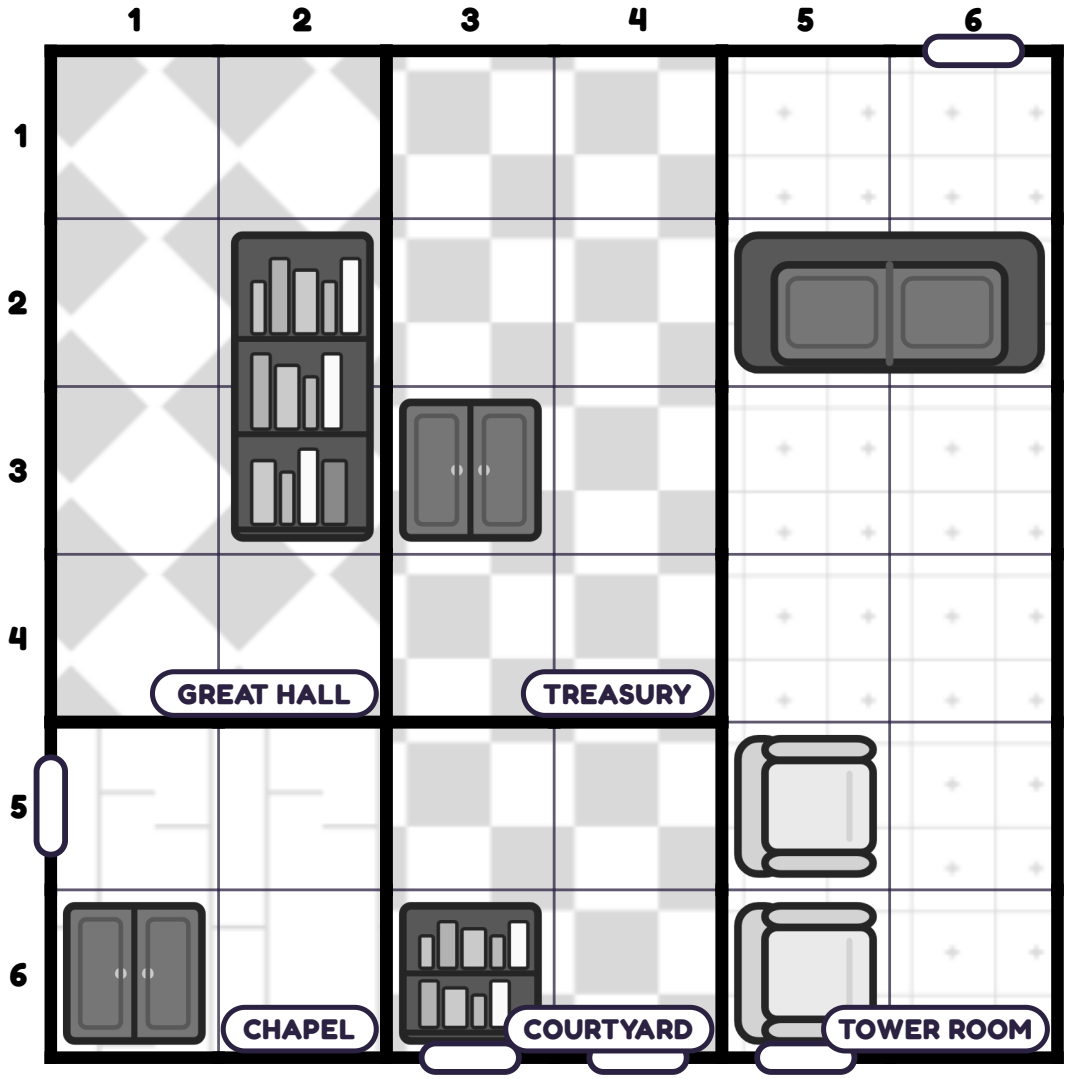
V · Vera (♀ woman)**:** the victim. The murderer is the only suspect in the same room.

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The Castle: the sealed window

Level 3 · Inspector ★★★☆☆ · L3-0002cvs

The suits of armour have their visors down. They want nothing to do with it.



A · Amelia (♀ woman · glasses · hat)**:** Was in the **top half**.

B · Beth (♀ woman)**:** Was in the **top row**.

C · Colin (♂ man)**:** There was **also someone with glasses** in **their room**. Was in the **2nd column**.

D · Dominic (♂ man · glasses)**:** Was **not in a corner**. Was **somewhere to the left of Amelia**.

E · Edward (♂ man)**:** Was in the **3rd row**.

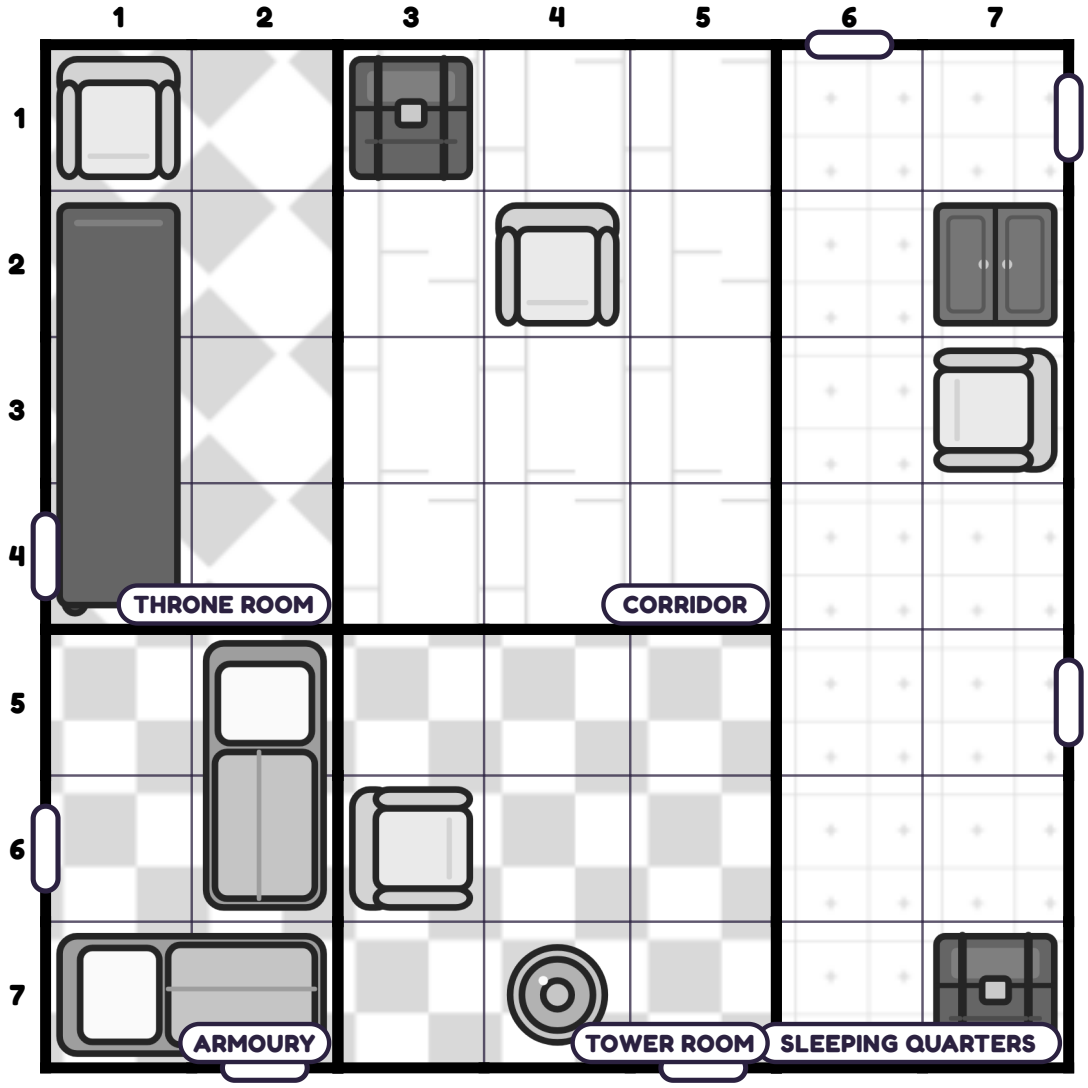
V · Valerie (♀ woman · glasses)**:** the victim. The murderer is the only suspect in the same room.

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The Castle: the missing guest

Level 4 · Detective ★★★★☆ · L4-005rwkp

The chronicler is still searching for words for this night.



A · Albert (♂ man)**:** There was **also a man** in **their room**.

B · Ben (♂ man)**:** Was in the **2nd column**.

C · Catherine (♀ woman)**:** Was **exactly** four **rows below Albert**.

D · Dorothy (♀ woman)**:** Was **in a column further right than Catherine**. Was **not next to** a **cupboard**.

E · Eleanor (♀ woman)**:** Was **not next to** a **chest**. Was **the only** person in the **corridor**.

F · Fergus (♂ man)**:** Was **exactly** two **rows below a man**. Was in the **4th column**.

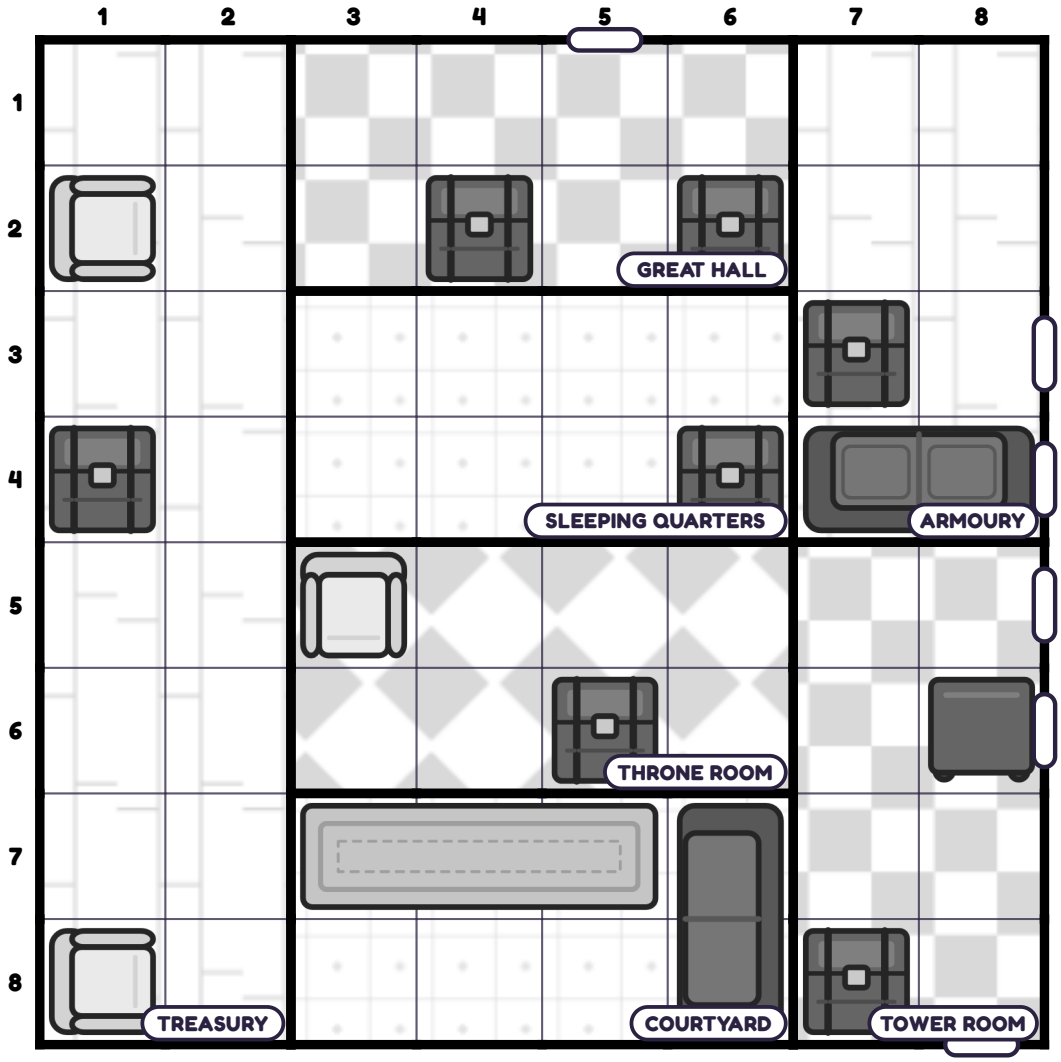
V · Vivienne (♀ woman · hat)**:** the victim. The murderer is the only suspect in the same room.

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The Castle: the tower clock

Level 5 · Mastermind ★★★★★ · L5-0003n6a

The tower clock has ticked for five hundred years. Now it ticks for you.



A · Alfie (♂ man · hat)**:** Was **directly next to** a **chair**. Was **exactly** one **column to the left of Barry**. There was **no** woman **at all** in **their room**.

B · Barry (♂ man · glasses)**:** Was in the **bottom row**.

C · Colin (♂ man)**:** Was **somewhere below Fiona**. Was **the only** man in the room.

D · Dylan (♂ man · hat)**:** Was **exactly** two **rows above Alfie**.

E · Ellie (♀ woman)**:** Was **in a column further left than Gemma**. In their **row** there was a **chest**.

F · Fiona (♀ woman · glasses)**:** Was **in a lower row than a man**. Was in the **2nd column**.

G · Gemma (♀ woman · hat)**:** Was in the **4th row**. Was **not by a window**.

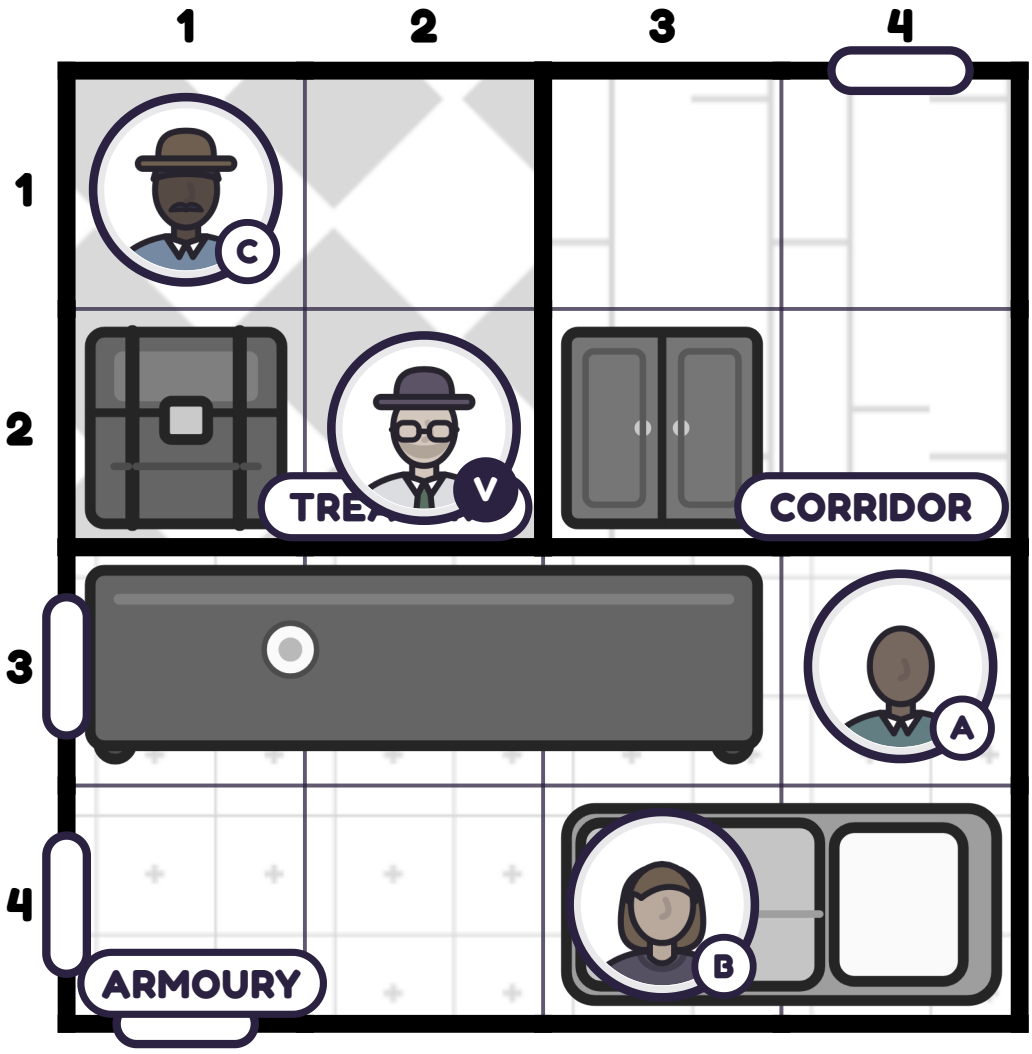
V · Vince (♂ man)**:** the victim. The murderer is the only suspect in the same room.

Rule for this case: The murderer wore **glasses**.

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Solution · The Castle: the purloined letter

L1-00037tb

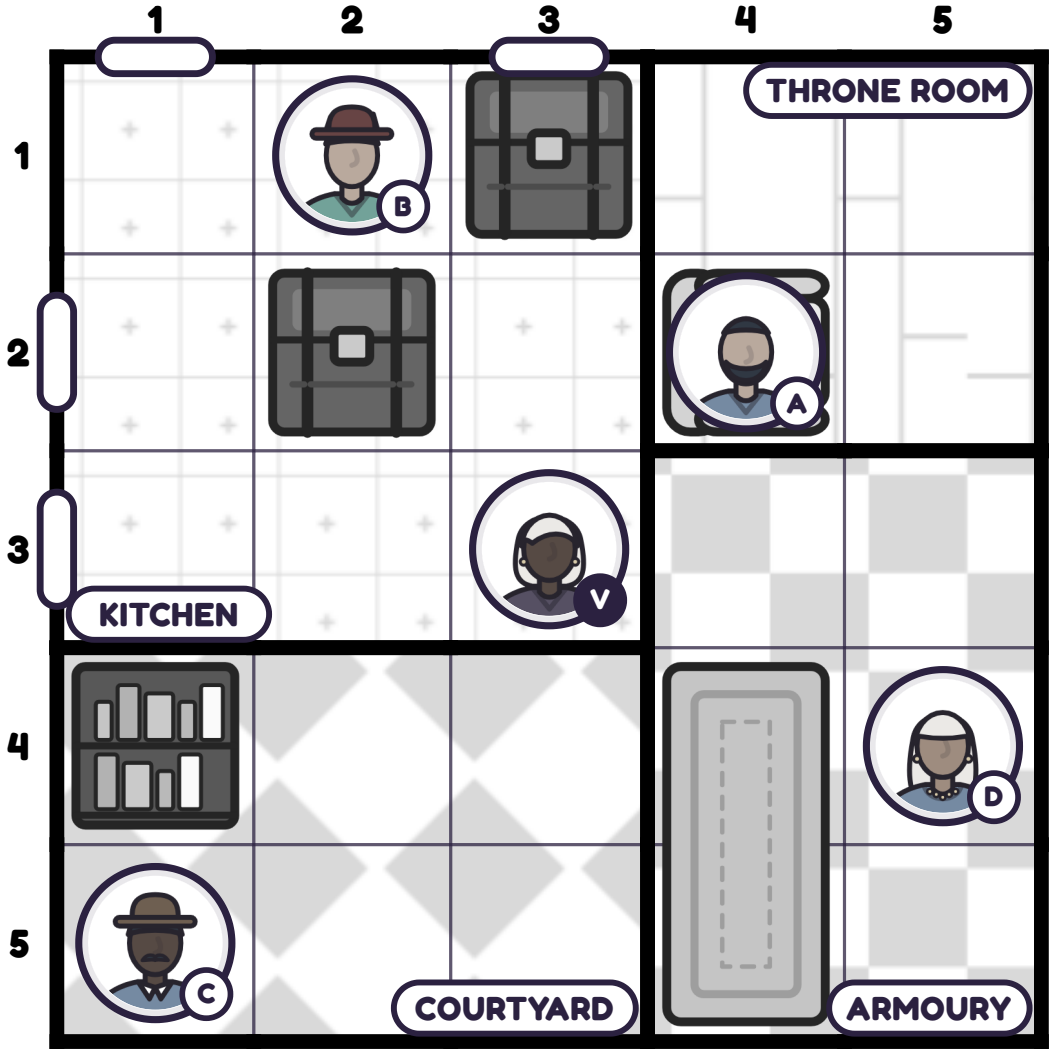


The murderer is Colin (C). The victim, Vaughan, lay in the treasury.

1. Arthur is on [3,4], so row 3 and column 4 are ruled out for Bridget. → Bridget at [4,3]
2. Bridget is on [4,3], so row 4 and column 3 are ruled out for Colin. → Colin at [1,1]
3. Colin is on [1,1], so row 1 and column 1 are ruled out for Vaughan. → Vaughan at [2,2]

Solution · The Castle: the secret door

L2-000255z

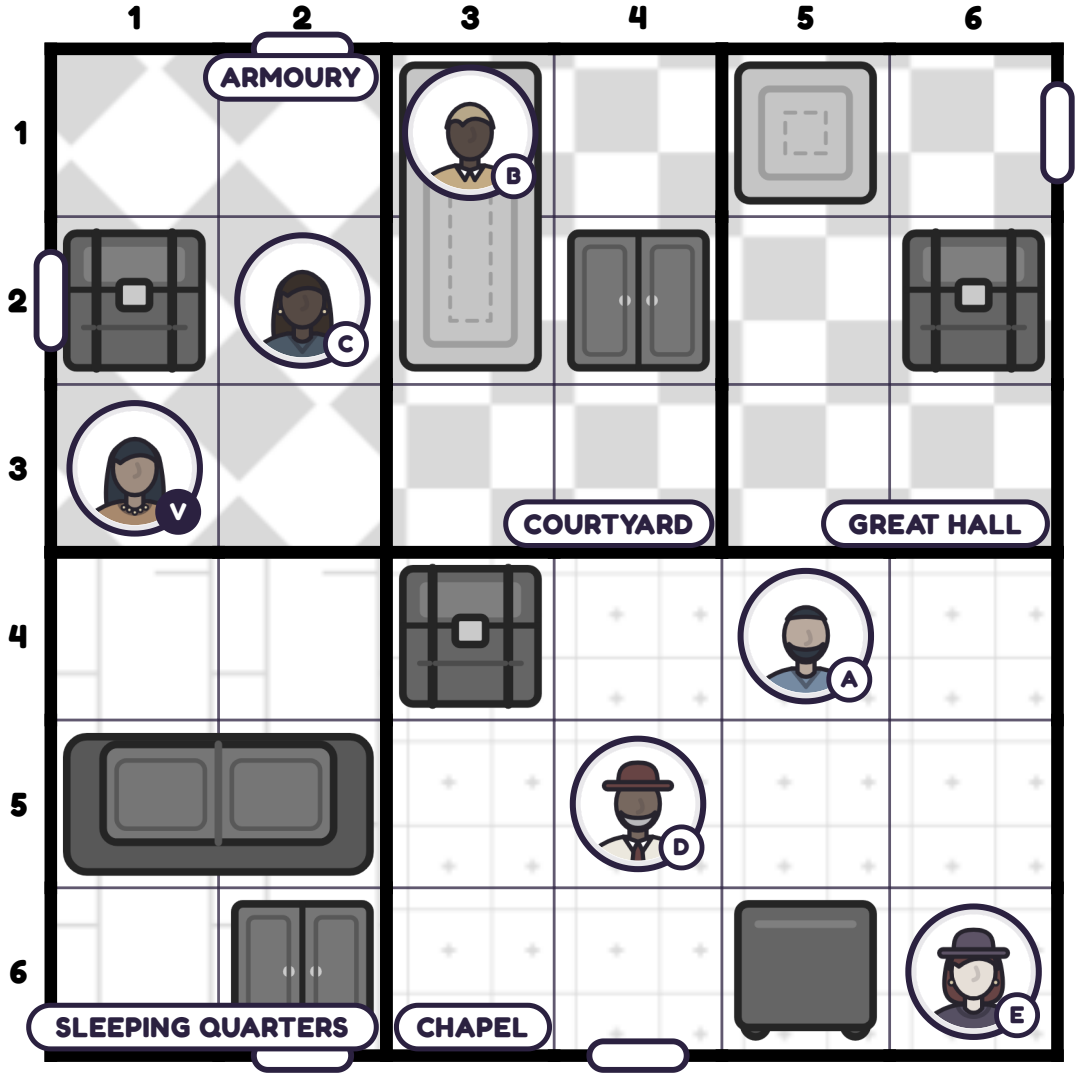


The murderer is Ben (B). The victim, Vivienne, lay in the kitchen.

1. Ben is certainly in column 2, so Colin cannot be there. → Colin at [5,1]
2. Colin is on [5,1], so row 5 and column 1 are ruled out for Dorothy. → Dorothy at [4,5]
3. Ben is certainly in column 2, so Vivienne cannot be there. → Vivienne at [3,3]
4. Vivienne is on [3,3], so row 3 and column 3 are ruled out for Ben. → Ben at [1,2]

Solution · The Castle: a cold night

L3-0002cw3

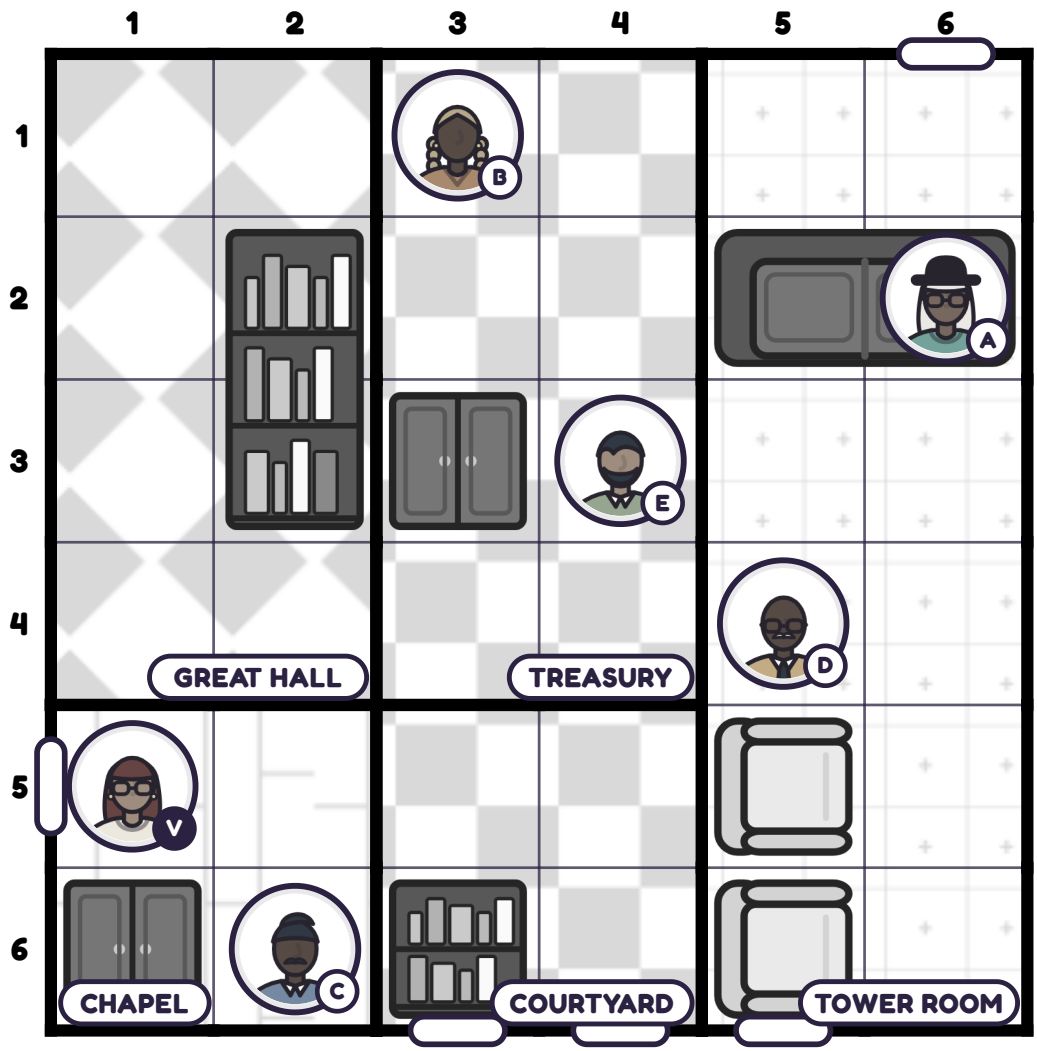


The murderer is Clara (C). The victim, Vera, lay in the armoury.

1. "Dylan was in the same room as Adam.": for these squares of Dylan there is no fitting place for Adam.
2. "Dylan was in the same room as Adam.": for these squares of Adam there is no fitting place for Dylan.
3. "There was also a man in Eve's room.": in these rooms a man cannot be with Eve.
4. Eve is certainly in column 6, so Adam cannot be there. → Adam at [4,5]
5. Adam is on [4,5], so row 4 and column 5 are ruled out for Eve. → Eve at [6,6]
6. Eve is on [6,6], so row 6 and column 6 are ruled out for Dylan. → Dylan at [5,4]
7. Dylan is on [5,4], so row 5 and column 4 are ruled out for Clara. → Clara at [2,2]
8. Clara is on [2,2], so row 2 and column 2 are ruled out for Bradley. → Bradley at [1,3]
9. Eve is on [6,6], so row 6 and column 6 are ruled out for Vera. → Vera at [3,1]

Solution · The Castle: the sealed window

L3-0002cvs

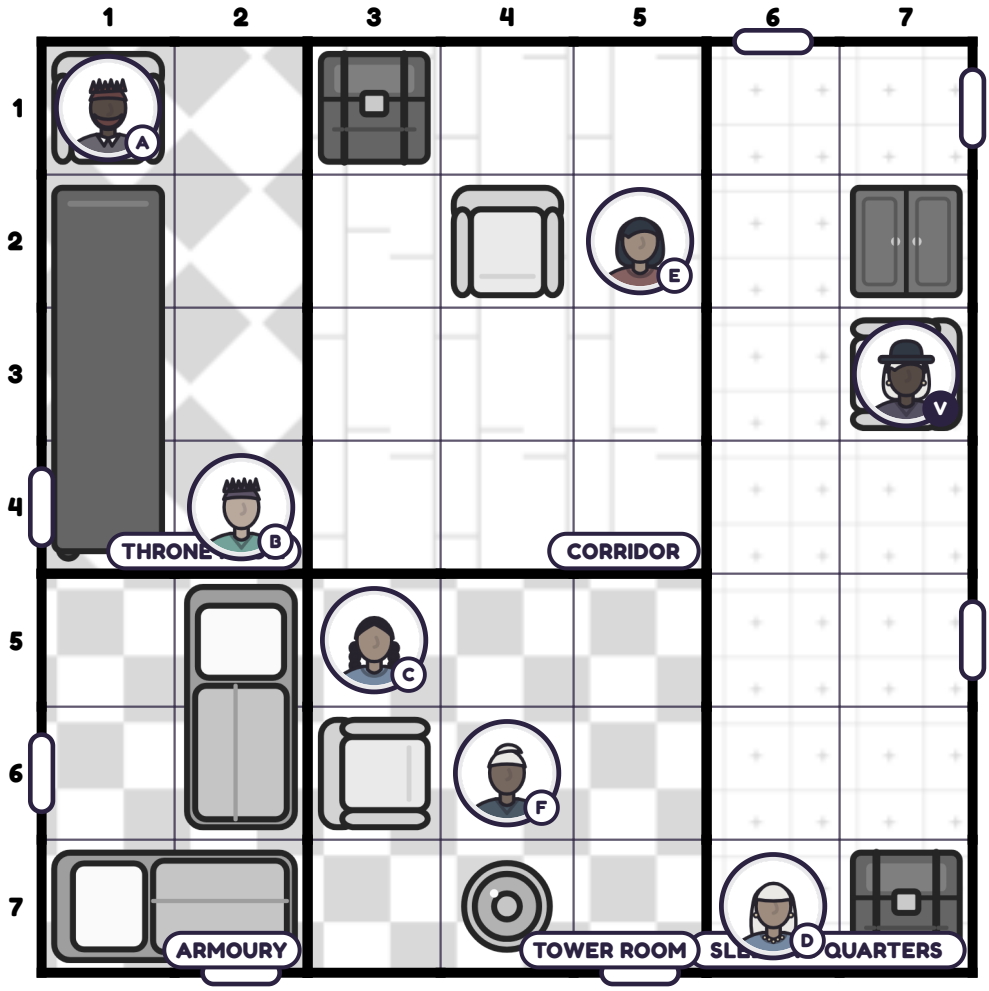


The murderer is Colin (C). The victim, Valerie, lay in the chapel.

1. "There was also someone with glasses in Colin's room.": in these rooms someone with glasses cannot be with Colin.
2. "Dominic was somewhere to the left of Amelia.": for these squares of Dominic there is no fitting place for Amelia.
3. "Dominic was somewhere to the left of Amelia.": for these squares of Amelia there is no fitting place for Dominic. → Amelia at [2,6]
4. "There was also someone with glasses in Colin's room.": in these rooms someone with glasses cannot be with Colin. → Colin at [6,2]
5. "There was also someone with glasses in Colin's room.": only Valerie can be that person, so Valerie is in the same room as Colin. → Valerie at [5,1]
6. Valerie is on [5,1], so row 5 and column 1 are ruled out for Dominic. → Dominic at [4,5]
7. Valerie is on [5,1], so row 5 and column 1 are ruled out for Edward. → Edward at [3,4]
8. Edward is on [3,4], so row 3 and column 4 are ruled out for Beth. → Beth at [1,3]

Solution · The Castle: the missing guest

L4-005rwkp

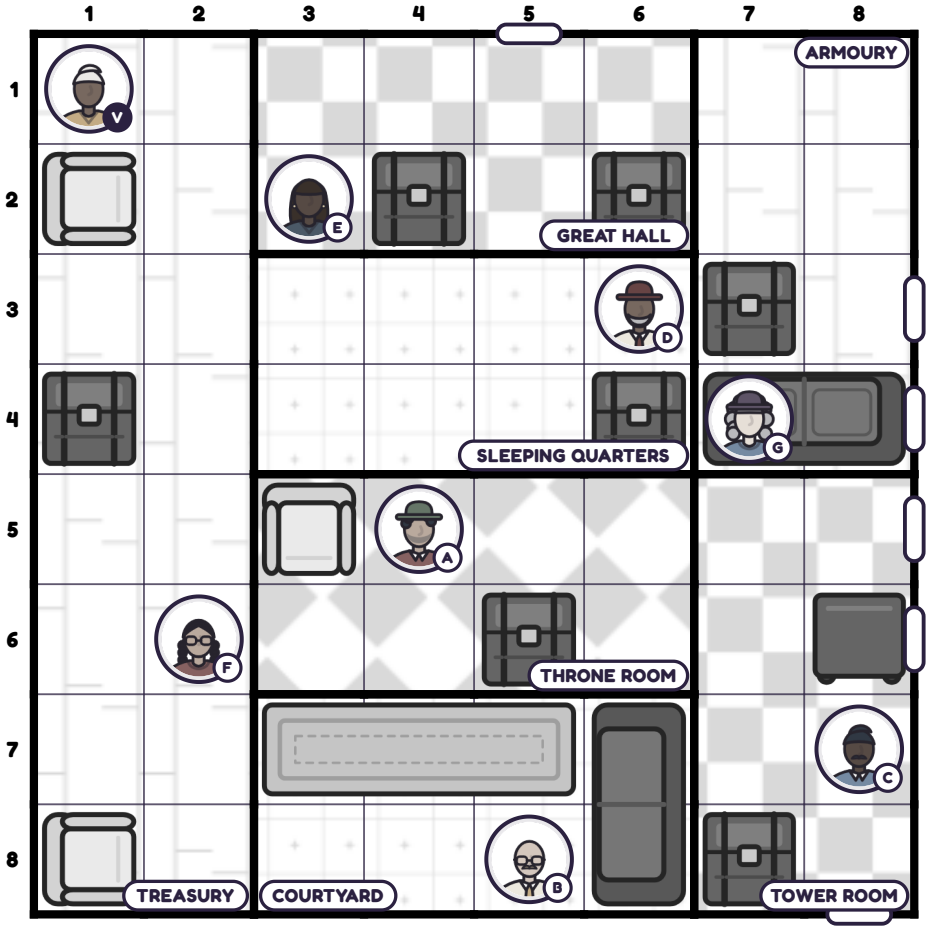


The murderer is Dorothy (D). The victim, Vivienne, lay in the sleeping quarters.

1. "There was also a man in Albert's room.": in these rooms a man cannot be with Albert.
2. "Catherine was exactly four rows below Albert.": for these squares of Catherine there is no fitting place for Albert.
3. Catherine is certainly in row 5, so Fergus cannot be there. → Fergus at [6,4]
4. "There was also a man in Albert's room.": in these rooms a man cannot be with Albert.
5. "Catherine was exactly four rows below Albert.": for these squares of Albert there is no fitting place for Catherine. → Albert at [1,1]
6. "There was also a man in Albert's room.": only Ben can be that person, so Ben is in the same room as Albert.
7. "Dorothy was in a column further right than Catherine.": for these squares of Dorothy there is no fitting place for Catherine.
8. "Dorothy was in a column further right than Catherine.": for these squares of Catherine there is no fitting place for Dorothy.
9. "Fergus was exactly two rows below a man.": only Ben can be that person, so Ben is in a fitting place relative to Fergus. → Ben at [4,2]
10. Only Vivienne can still be in column 7. → Vivienne at [3,7]
11. Vivienne is on [3,7], so row 3 and column 7 are ruled out for Eleanor. → Eleanor at [2,5]
12. Eleanor is on [2,5], so row 2 and column 5 are ruled out for Dorothy. → Dorothy at [7,6]
13. Dorothy is on [7,6], so row 7 and column 6 are ruled out for Catherine. → Catherine at [5,3]

Solution · The Castle: the tower clock

L5-0003n6a



The murderer is Fiona (F). The victim, Vince, lay in the treasury.

1. "Alfie was exactly one column to the left of Barry.": for these squares of Alfie there is no fitting place for Barry.
2. "Alfie was exactly one column to the left of Barry.": for these squares of Barry there is no fitting place for Alfie.
3. "Colin was somewhere below Fiona.": for these squares of Colin there is no fitting place for Fiona.
4. "Colin was somewhere below Fiona.": for these squares of Fiona there is no fitting place for Colin.
5. "Dylan was exactly two rows above Alfie.": for these squares of Dylan there is no fitting place for Alfie.
6. "Dylan was exactly two rows above Alfie.": for these squares of Alfie there is no fitting place for Dylan. → Alfie at [5,4]
7. Alfie is on [5,4], so row 5 and column 4 are ruled out for Barry. → Barry at [8,5]
8. "Ellie was in a column further left than Gemma.": for these squares of Ellie there is no fitting place for Gemma.
9. "Fiona was in a lower row than a man.": for these squares of Fiona there is no man in the right place.
10. "There was no woman at all in Alfie's room.": that number has been reached, so Ellie is not in the throne room.
11. "Colin was the only man in the room.": in these rooms that number cannot be right.
12. "The murderer wore glasses.": the victim must be in a room where someone with glasses can be. → Vince at [1,1]
13. Vince is on [1,1], so row 1 and column 1 are ruled out for Ellie. → Ellie at [2,3]
14. Ellie is on [2,3], so row 2 and column 3 are ruled out for Fiona. → Fiona at [6,2]
15. Ellie is on [2,3], so row 2 and column 3 are ruled out for Gemma. → Gemma at [4,7]
16. Gemma is on [4,7], so row 4 and column 7 are ruled out for Colin. → Colin at [7,8]
17. Colin is on [7,8], so row 7 and column 8 are ruled out for Dylan. → Dylan at [3,6]