Book 7: The Second Suspect

Your first case starts here.

Who Moved the Unopened Suitcase?

One complete murder mystery logic puzzle to print and solve.

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1. Read How to Play and the worked example on the next two pages.

2. Open the case file. Use the clues to place every suspect on the floor plan.

3. Name the murderer, then check your answer after the STOP page.

You will need: a pencil and an eraser.

This sample is the first case from the book, exactly as it appears in print. The How to Play page mentions hints near the centre of the book: those are in the full book only.

Print at actual size (100%) on US Letter paper. On A4, choose Fit. The solution begins after the STOP page.

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HOW TO PLAY

Solve the crime by placing every character on the scene. Each clue narrows the possibilities until only one suspect can be alone with the victim.

1 PLACE EVERYONE

Each character occupies exactly one square. A character may stand on an empty floor square or on an object listed in the puzzle's “Can be occupied” key. Every other object is blocking and cannot be occupied.

2 ONE PER ROW & COLUMN

Like Sudoku, no two characters may share a row or column. Once someone is placed, cross out every other square in that row and column.

3 READ “BESIDE” CAREFULLY

“Beside” means directly above, below, left or right, in the same room. Diagonal squares and squares across a wall do not count.

4 CATCH THE MURDERER

The murderer is the one suspect who ends up alone with the victim in the victim’s room. Every puzzle has a unique solution.

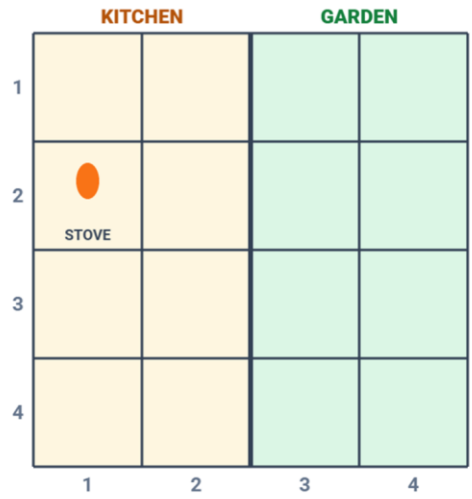
NOTE: If you get stuck there are hints for each puzzle near the centre of the book.

DETECTIVE’S TIP

Cross out impossible squares as you go. The strongest clues often become useful only after another row or column has been eliminated.

How to Solve: A Worked Example

Every case is pure logic, with no guessing. Follow this tiny 4×4 mystery one clue at a time. Place one guest in every row and column; whoever shares the victim's room is the murderer.



THE CLUES

Clue 1. Ada was in column 1.
Clue 2. Ada was in the top row.
Clue 3. Bo was beside the Stove.
Clue 4. Cy was in column 3.
Clue 5. Dex (the victim) was in row 4, column 4, in the Garden.
Clue 6. The Garden held exactly one other guest besides Dex.

FOLLOW THE DEDUCTION

1. Together, Clues 1 and 2 place Ada at row 1, column 1.

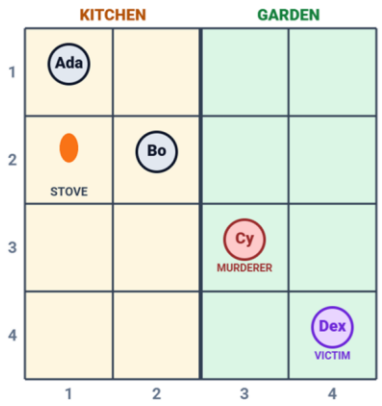
2. Clue 5 fixes Dex at row 4, column 4.

3. Clue 4 puts Cy in column 3. Columns 1, 3 and 4 are taken, so Bo must use column 2.

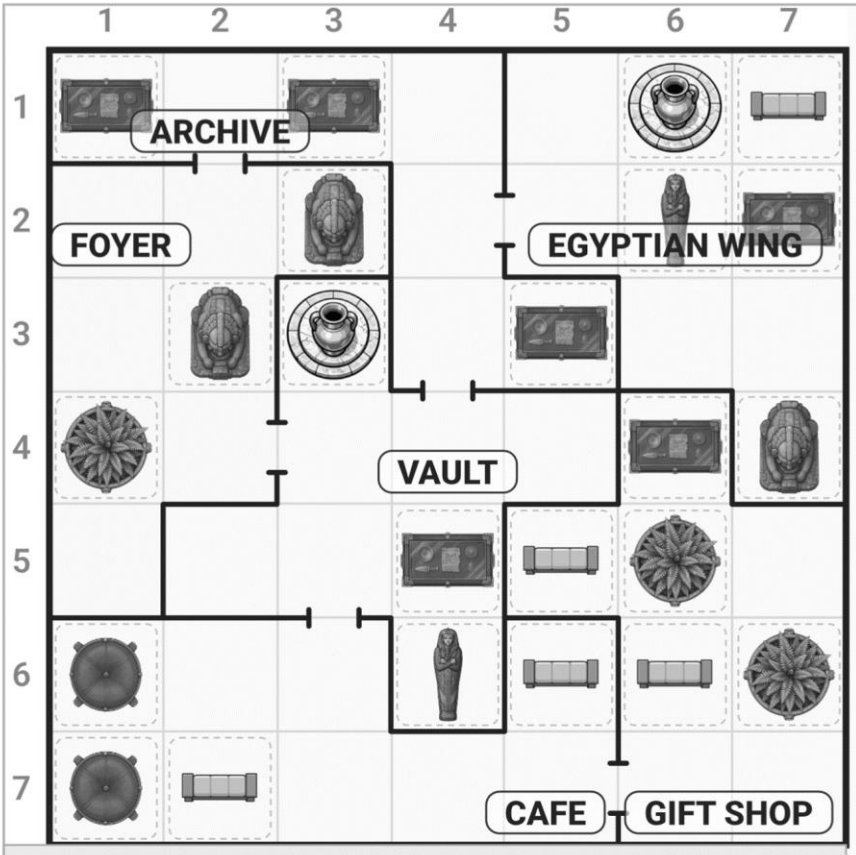
4. By Clue 3, Bo must occupy the only column-2 square beside the Stove: row 2, column 2.

5. Only row 3 remains for Cy, so Cy is at row 3, column 3.

6. By Clue 6, Cy is the only guest sharing the Garden with Dex, so



Cy shared the Garden with Dex, so Cy is the murderer.



CASE FILE

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Roseann

The first case entered on wet footsteps and stopped beside Roseann at the scene. Position the whole company, and the person sharing her solitude becomes the murderer.

OBJECT LEGEND

CAN OCCUPY	BLOCKED
	STATUE
BENCH	
STOOL	

EVIDENCE BOARD



Somerset
He and **Esther** were never both in the **Vault**, yet one of them was there.



Forrest
He was **south-west** of **Somerset**: further south AND further west, by any number of squares.



Esther
She was against an **outer wall** of the floor plan; she was also beside a **statue**.



Patrick
If **Somerset** was in the **Vault**, then **Patrick** was in the **Gift Shop**.



Adrienne
She was in either the **Gift Shop** or the **Egyptian Wing**, though she wouldn't say which.



Michael
He was in the **bottom row**, in the **rightmost column**.



Roseann
The victim. She and the murderer were alone together.

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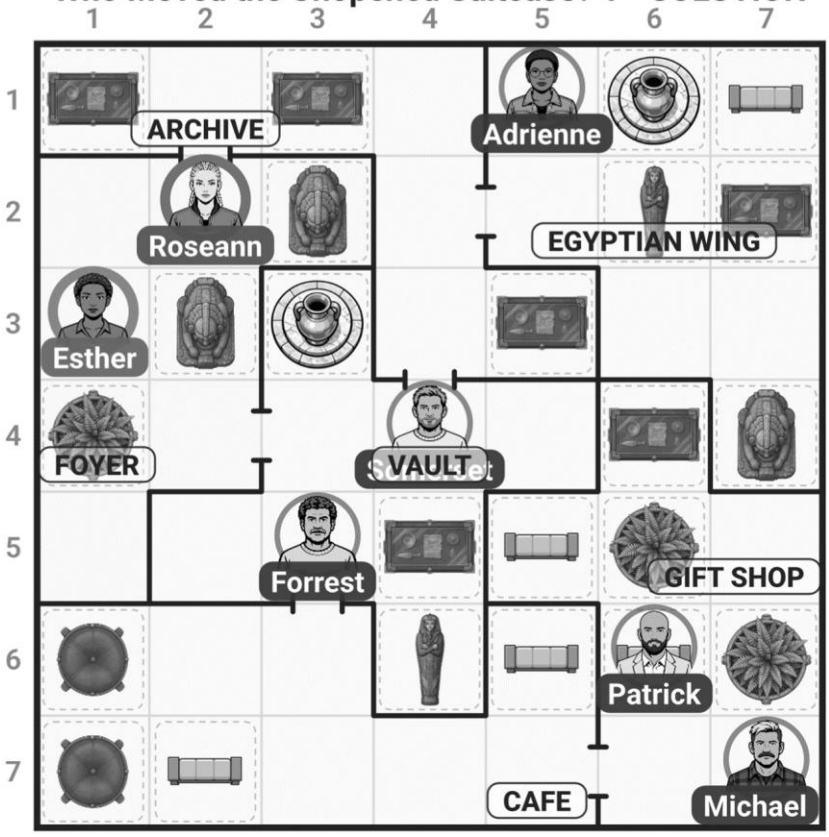
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STOP, DETECTIVE!

The solution is on the next page.

Name your murderer before you turn over. The next page shows where everyone was and who did it.

Who Moved the Unopened Suitcase? 1 - SOLUTION





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THE MURDERER IS ESTHER, alone with Roseann in the Foyer.

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