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# MURDOKU

## 80 Murder Mystery Logic Puzzles

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## Welcome, detective!

There was – yep, you guessed it – a murder last night. The good news? Well, we have a whole lineup of suspects and info about each of them. Here, let me show you the ropes.



## Your Goal

Identify the murderer by finding out who was in the same room as the victim.

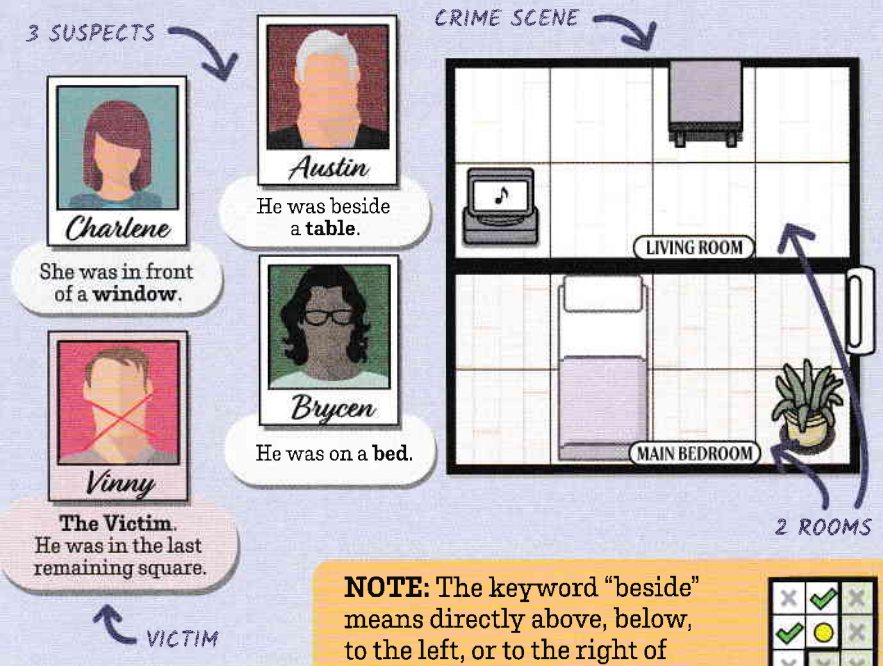
## Overview

Locate each suspect based on their given clues and the following rules:

- Every person was in a different column and row.
- Beds, chairs, and carpets are the only objects that can be occupied. Tables, televisions, and plants **cannot** be occupied.
- The victim is in the last available square. Whoever was alone with them in the same room is the murderer.

## Step by step

Here's an example. This case features 3 suspects and 1 victim. They all need to be placed on this 4×4 crime scene with two rooms.

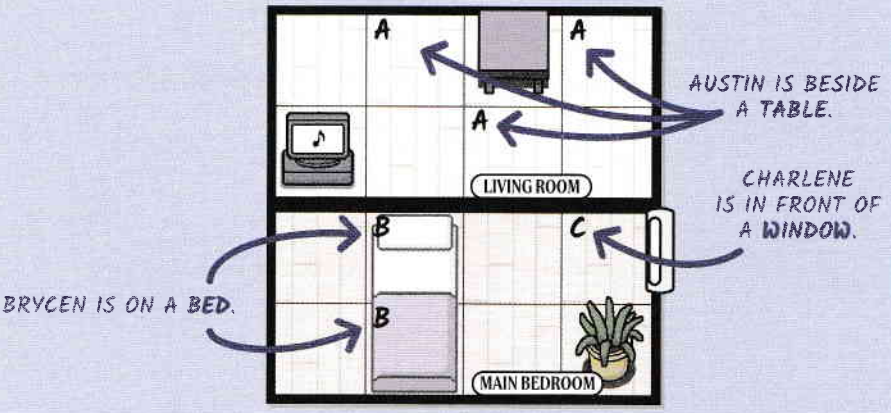



**NOTE:** The keyword "beside" means directly above, below, to the left, or to the right of something, **and** in the same room.

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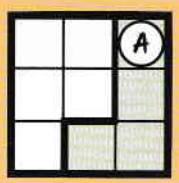
## Now, let's examine the clues.

**1.** According to their clues, Austin, Brycen, and Charlene can be in any of these squares:

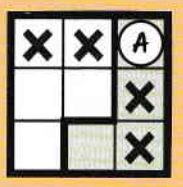



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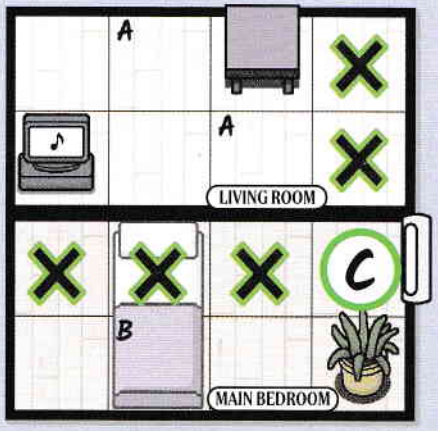
Each person was in a different row and in a different column.



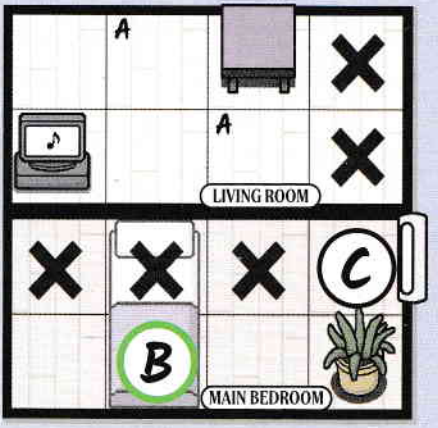

If A is here ...




... then no one can be in these squares.

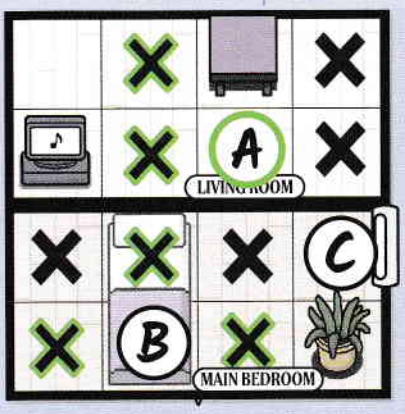



**2.** There is only one square where Charlene can be, so we can block every square in her row and column.




**3.** This lets us isolate Brycen's position on the last available bed square.

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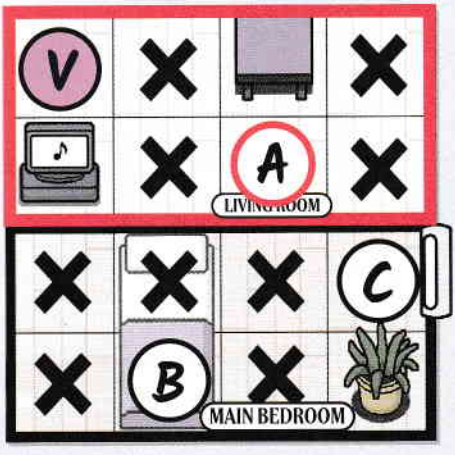

**4.** After finding Brycen, we block his row and column. This leaves only one square beside the table for Austin.




**5.** The Victim is in the last remaining square. This lets us find Vinny's position.

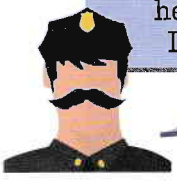
## Finally, let's identify the murderer.

The murderer was in the same room as the victim.




Austin was alone in the Living Room with Vinny, so Austin is the murderer!



Austin, huh? Yeah, I knew he was up to no good. Lock him up, team!

Any questions? I've added some **clarifications at the back of the book**. Now it's time to get moving! These murder cases won't solve themselves.

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# List of Objects

## Can be occupied


Chair


Carpet


Bed

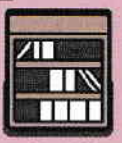

Window

## Cannot be occupied


Table


TV


Plant


Shelf


Box

A window is a special type of object that only appears on heavy grid lines. A window may be on the edge of the grid, or between two squares, in which case it is adjacent to both squares.

# Advanced Tips

**1. Analyze the puzzle row by row, column by column.**
In most grids, there is exactly one person per row and per column. If you see any row or column with exactly one available square, someone must be there, even if you don't know who it is yet.

**2. Analyze the puzzle room by room.**
Instead of figuring out where each person can be, try asking who exactly can and cannot be in each room. This approach is especially useful when a clue states, "There is no empty room."

**3. Eliminate "intersecting squares."**
If a person can occupy only two squares, imagine those squares as the corners of a rectangle; no one else can occupy the other two corners. The same logic applies when all possible squares align with a single square.




*A* can be on either chair. Either way, no one can be on a square that's in a line with both.

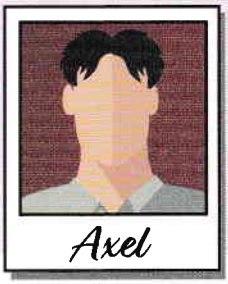



Two beds are perpendicular and *A* is on one of them. We can block the square where the two beds align.

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# 1. Your First Case

This one shouldn't be too tricky. Just remember your training.



*Axel*

He was in front of a **window**.



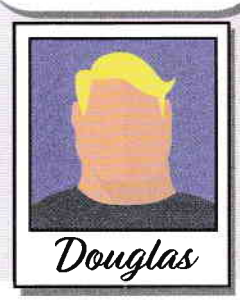
*Bella*

She was in the **Front Hall**.



*Cora*

She was on the **carpet**.



*Douglas*

He was on the **bed**.



*Ella*

She was **beside a plant**.

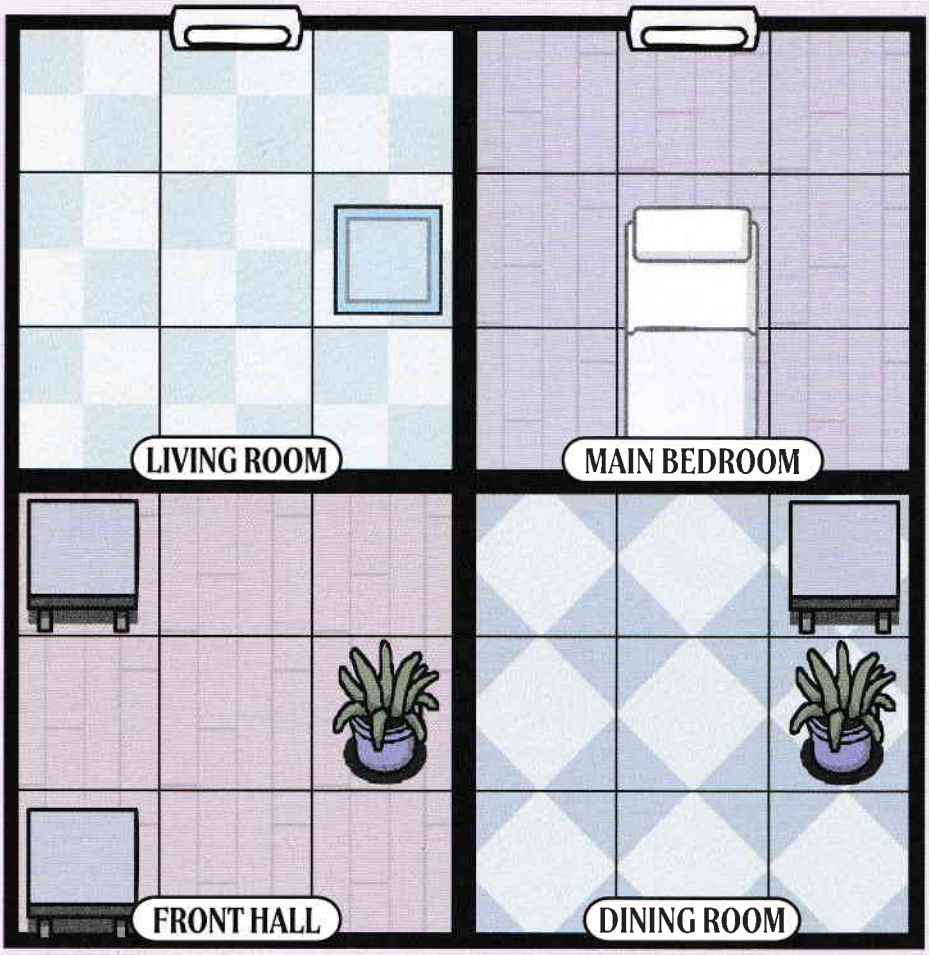


*Vincent*

**The Victim**. He was in the last remaining square.

*They say you never forget your first case. Although that wasn't true for me ... I was knocked unconscious by a suspect and lost my memory. Hope you have better luck!*
*—Chief Williams*

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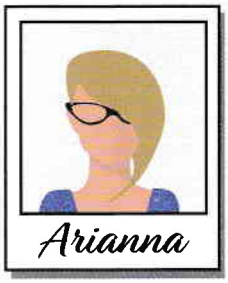

The murderer is...

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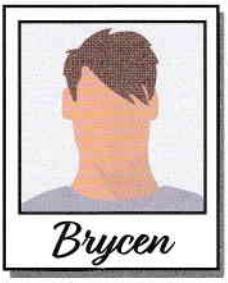
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# 2. Vacation Rental

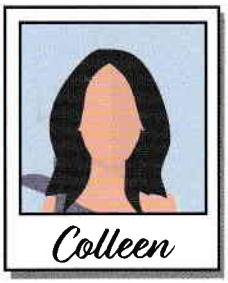
Someone is going to lose their Airbnb deposit if these bloodstains don't get cleaned up.



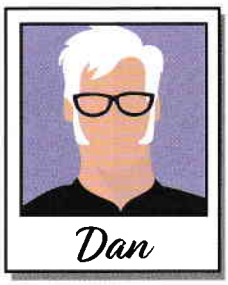

She was **beside** a **TV**.



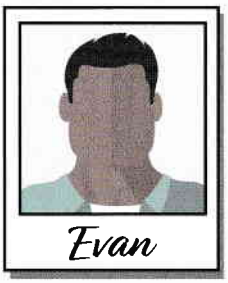

He was sitting in the **chair**.




She was in the **Bathroom.**




He was **beside** a **plant** and he was on a **bed**.

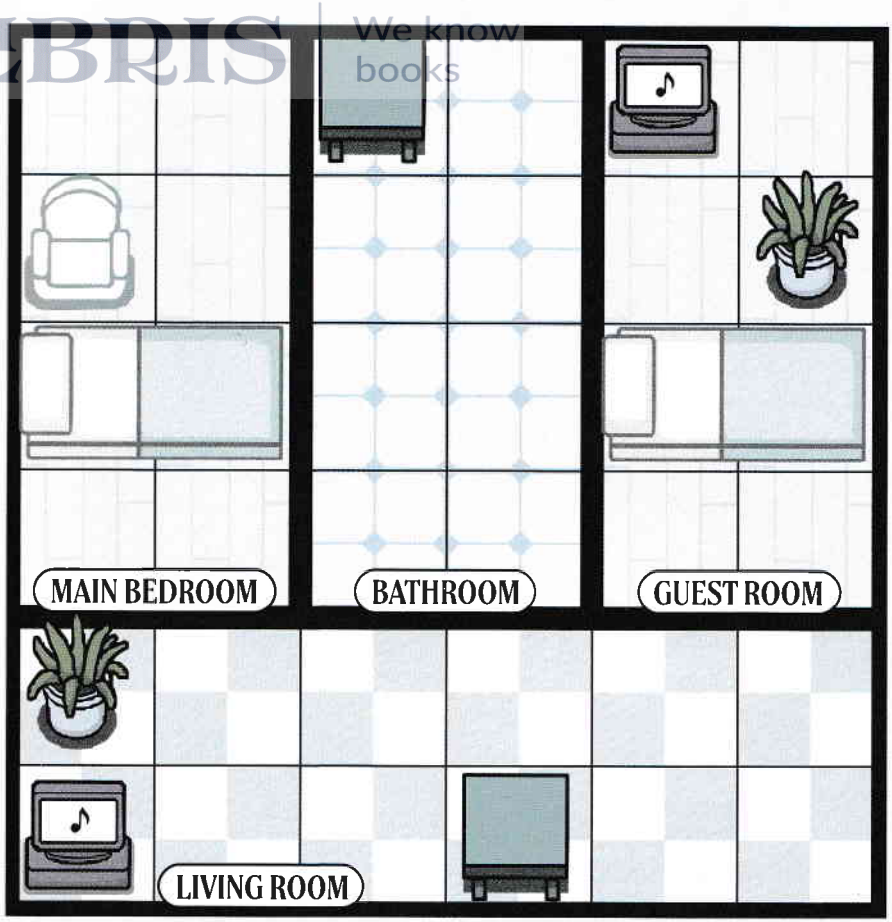



He was **beside** a **bed**.




**The Victim.** He was in the last remaining square.

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Detective,
This little notepad might come in handy for taking notes. You can thank me later.
—Chief Williams

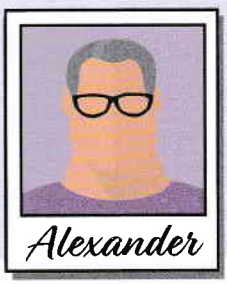
The murderer is...

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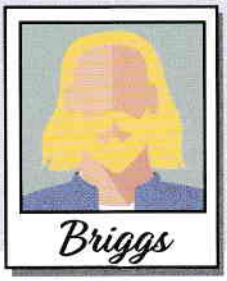
# 3. The English Breakfast

Looks cozy enough, but now we know there was something brewing.



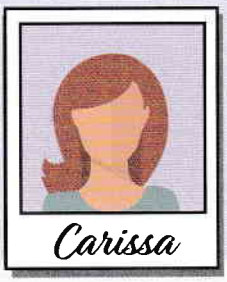
*Alexander*

He was on a **bed**.



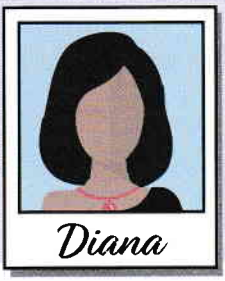
*Briggs*

He was in the **Kitchen**.



*Carissa*

She was **beside** a **table**.



*Diana*

She was **beside** the **TV**.



*Elsa*

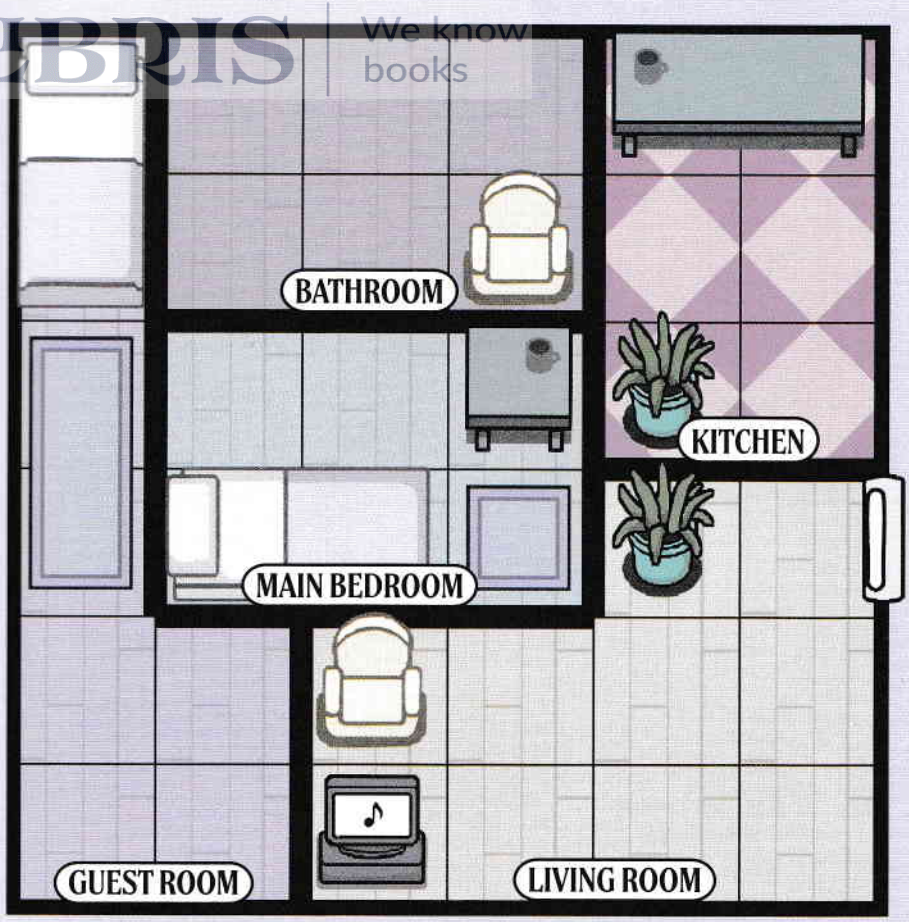
She was in front of the **window**.



*Vin*

**The Victim**. He was in the last remaining square.

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The murderer is...

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