

Nine Suspects

The Silent Study

Last night at the Amberlight Villa, Vincent was found dead. 4 suspects were in the house — each in a different row and column. Work out where everyone was, and find who was alone with the victim.

C	P		X	V
	V	V	.	
	C			
	T	S		B
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Floor plan. Rooms are outlined in bold; gold ticks mark windows. Furniture: B=bed, C=chair, .=carpet, T=table, V=TV, S=shelf, X=box, P=plant. People can occupy beds, chairs, and carpets only.

Rooms

Bathroom · Sunroom · Kitchen

Suspects & clues

- Mona (M): “She was beside a plant.”
- Elena (E): “She was on the carpet.”
- Leo (L): “He was beside a TV.”
- Pierre (P): “He was in front of a window.”

The victim, Vincent, was also in the house — in a different row and column from everyone else. Place all suspects and the victim on the floor plan (one per row, one per column, sudoku-style), then find who was alone in the same room as the victim. That is the murderer.

SPOILERS — SOLUTION

Do not read until you have solved the case!

The murderer is Elena.

Elena was alone in the Kitchen with Vincent. Case closed.

Final positions

Mona: row 1, column 1 (Bathroom)

Elena: row 2, column 4 (Kitchen)

Leo: row 3, column 2 (Bathroom)

Pierre: row 5, column 3 (Sunroom)

Vincent (victim): row 4, column 5 (Kitchen)