

The Goblin’s IOU Affair

WEDNESDAY · 22 CLUES · 7 GUESTS

Auntie Pearl had 7 Seekers at the table when the goblin’s IOU went missing from the ledger sleeve. One of them took it, and that one will lie; the rest are honest. Three ledgers tonight (who sat in which seat, who grew which crop, and who ate which dish), and the clues braid across them all. Square the grids. Find the liar.

Find the liar. Solve every grid.

	Banquet seat							Crop grown							Dish eaten						
	Seat 1	Seat 2	Seat 3	Seat 4	Seat 5	Seat 6	Seat 7	Yam	Pea	Leek	Corn	Turnip	Squash	Gourd	Stew	Tart	Roast	Wurst	Hash	Cake	Fritter
Anne																					
Baldric																					
Dan																					
Elanna																					
Ivan																					
Kattia																					
Minty																					
Dish eaten																					
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Turnip																					
Squash																					
Gourd																					

Mark each cell: ✕ ruled out · ● confirmed.

The clues

- ✱ Seat 1 is the head of the table; “nearer the head” means the lower seat number.
- ✱ Each grid is solved a different way:
- ✱ Banquet seat: order and distance. Who came before whom, and by how far. Almost every clue is a flat fact.

※ *Crop grown: nothing handed over. No clue names an answer outright. Work from what the denials and if-thens rule out.*

※ *Dish eaten: described, not named. Most clues point at a Seeker by what they hold. Work out who first.*

AUNTIE PEARL'S LEDGER: THESE FACTS ARE ALWAYS TRUE

1. The Seeker who ate the Tart sat in Seat 7.
2. Whoever is behind this didn't eat the Fritter, the Cake, the Stew, or the Hash.
3. If Minty sat in Seat 2, then Anne grew the corn.
4. If Ivan sat in Seat 7, then Dan ate the Stew.
5. The Seeker who ate the Hash sat nearer the head of the table than the Seeker who grew the turnip.
6. The Seeker who ate the Wurst sat in Seat 2.
7. Baldric sat further from the head of the table than Anne, but nearer than Elanna.
8. Baldric, Dan, and Elanna ate the Roast, the Hash, and the Stew, in some order.
9. Minty sat exactly one seat nearer the head of the table than Anne.
10. Either Dan sat in Seat 3, or Ivan sat in Seat 7, or both.
11. Either Elanna ate the Stew, or Minty sat in Seat 2, but not both.
12. Either Anne ate the Roast, or Ivan grew the squash, but not both.
13. Either Minty grew the gourd, or Elanna grew the corn, or both.
14. Either Anne grew the yam, or Kattia grew the pea, or both.
15. If Elanna ate the Roast and Dan ate the Stew, then Anne or Minty ate the Cake.

WHAT THE SEEKERS SAID

16. 🧠 *Anne says: "Minty sat nearer the head of the table than Kattia."*
17. 🦋 *Kattia says: "Baldric didn't grow the corn."*
18. 🍷 *Minty says: "Elanna didn't sit in Seat 6."*
19. 🦋 *Dan says: "Dan, Ivan, and Anne grew the yam, the squash, and the corn, in some order."*
20. 🛠 *Ivan says: "Either Anne or Kattia grew the pea."*
21. ✂ *Elanna says: "Dan sat in Seat 6."*
22. 🎺 *Baldric whistles a bar, then says: "I didn't sit in Seat 2."*