

The Case of Alec’s Kite-Line

TUESDAY · 19 CLUES · 7 GUESTS

During Auntie Pearl’s dinner for 7, Alec’s kite-line disappeared from the upwind rig. The thief is still at the table, and only the thief will lie. Tonight there are three ledgers to square (who drank what, who returned which loot, and who ordered which cup), and the clues cross between them. Solve every grid and find the liar.

Find the liar. Solve every grid.

	Drink							Loot returned							Cup ordered						
	Tea	Cordial	Wine	Soda	Nectar	Porter	Grog	Lantern	Spoons	Netting	Horseshoe	Corkscrew	Whetstone	Thimble	Goat-milk	Tarry	Honeyed	Frothy	Chicory	Spiced	Watery
Ada																					
Betsy																					
Dorian																					
Elanna																					
Isaac																					
Kattia																					
Mara																					
Cup ordered																					
Goat-milk																					
Tarry																					
Honeyed																					
Frothy																					
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Horseshoe																					
Corkscrew																					
Whetstone																					
Thimble																					

Mark each cell: ✕ ruled out · ● confirmed.

The clues

※ Double-lettered loot (a doubled letter in the name: Spoons, Netting, Funnel): Spoons · Netting

AUNTIE PEARL’S LEDGER: THESE FACTS ARE ALWAYS TRUE

1. The Seeker who drank the grog returned the Corkscrew.

2. The Seeker who drank the soda didn't order the Tarry cup.
3. The Seeker who returned the Horseshoe drank the soda.
4. Betsy, Mara, and Dorian drank the grog, the wine, and the porter, in some order.
5. The Seeker who ordered the Watery cup drank the tea.
6. Elanna didn't return the Thimble.
7. Ada returned a piece with a doubled letter in its name.
8. Betsy, Kattia, and Mara returned the Horseshoe, the Corkscrew, and the Netting, in some order.
9. Elanna didn't order the Frothy cup.
10. Whoever is behind this drank the cordial, the grog, the wine, or the soda.
11. Dorian, Kattia, and Betsy returned the Netting, the Lantern, and the Horseshoe, in some order.
12. The Seeker who returned the Spoons ordered the Honeyed cup.

WHAT THE SEEKERS SAID

13. 🌿 *Betsy draws, around a stalk of barley:* "The Seeker who drank the porter ordered the Goat-milk cup."
14. 🧠 *Ada says:* "The Seeker who returned the Spoons drank the cordial."
15. ✂️ *Elanna says:* "The Seeker who returned the Lantern ordered the Goat-milk cup."
16. 🗣️ *Mara says, all innocence:* "Kattia drank the cordial."
17. 🗨️ *Kattia says, noting it in a margin:* "Isaac drank the tea."
18. 🗡️ *Isaac says:* "The Seeker who ordered the Tarry cup drank the wine."
19. 🗨️ *Dorian grunts "Blood and bone," then adds:* "Kattia ordered the Chicory cup."