

Missing: Sunflower Crown

MONDAY · 21 CLUES · 7 GUESTS

During Auntie Pearl’s dinner for 7, Emily’s sunflower crown disappeared from the flower box. The thief is still at the table, and only the thief will lie. Tonight there are three ledgers to square (who carries which blade, who charted which sign, and who returned which loot), and the clues cross between them. Solve every grid and find the liar.

Find the liar. Solve every grid.

	Blade carried							Star-sign charted							Loot returned						
	Whisper	Howl	Spark	Tide	Cinder	Gale	Vow	Plough	Swan	Hound	Forge	Lyre	Crown	Veil	Lantern	Spoons	Netting	Horseshoe	Corkscrew	Whetstone	Thimble
Anne																					
Baldric																					
Dan																					
Elise																					
Ivan																					
Kattia																					
Michael																					
Loot returned																					
Lantern																					
Spoons																					
Netting																					
Horseshoe																					
Corkscrew																					
Whetstone																					
Thimble																					
Star-sign charted																					
Plough																					
Swan																					
Hound																					
Forge																					
Lyre																					
Crown																					
Veil																					

Mark each cell: ✕ ruled out · ● confirmed.

The clues

- ✧ Blades with an R in the name (Whisper, Spark, Cinder): Whisper · Spark · Cinder
- ✧ Voice-named blades: sounds and speech (Whisper, Howl, Vow): Whisper · Howl · Vow

📄 AUNTIE PEARL’S LEDGER: THESE FACTS ARE ALWAYS TRUE

1. Baldric, Anne, and Michael returned the Netting, the Horseshoe, and the Thimble, in some order.
2. Baldric, Elise, and Anne returned the Thimble, the Netting, and the Whetstone, in some order.
3. The Seeker who returned the Thimble carries the Gale.
4. The Seeker who carries the Whisper returned the Spoons.
5. Baldric, Michael, Kattia, and Ivan carry the Vow, the Spark, the Howl, and the Whisper, in some order.
6. The Seeker who carries the Cinder returned the Lantern.
7. The Seeker who charted the Lyre carries the Vow.
8. Kattia's blade has no R in its name.
9. Whoever is behind this returned the Spoons, the Whetstone, the Lantern, or the Corkscrew.
10. Dan didn't chart the Veil.
11. Whoever is behind this charted the Hound, the Crown, or the Swan.
12. The Seeker who returned the Spoons charted the Crown.
13. Dan carries a blade with an R in its name.

WHAT THE SEEKERS SAID

14.  *Elise says, not looking up from the whetstone: "The Seeker who returned the Horseshoe charted the Swan."*
15.  *Ivan says: "I carry the Spark."*
16.  *Michael says: "I charted the Swan."*
17.  *Kattia says: "Ivan didn't chart the Forge."*
18.  *Dan says: "Anne's blade isn't named for a voice."*
19.  *Baldric says: "Elise didn't return the Lantern."*
20.  *Anne says: "The Seeker who charted the Plough carries the Spark."*
21.  *Anne adds: "The Seeker who charted the Forge returned the Whetstone."*

Answer: Missing: Sunflower Crown

🔦 The liar (culprit): 🛠 Ivan

The lie, clue 15: Ivan carries the Spark. (false).

	🔪 Blade carried							🌟 Star-sign charted							📦 Loot returned						
	Whisper	Howl	Spark	Tide	Cinder	Gale	Vow	Plough	Swan	Hound	Forge	Lyre	Crown	Veil	Lantern	Spoons	Netting	Horseshoe	Corkscrew	Whetstone	Thimble
🧠 Anne	X	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	●
🌿 Baldric	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X
🔧 Dan	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	X	X
🔪 Elise	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	●	X
🛠 Ivan	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	X
🦋 Kattia	X	X	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	●	X	X
🌟 Michael	X	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	X
📦 Loot returned																					
Lantern	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Spoons	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Netting	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Horseshoe	X	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Corkscrew	X	X	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Whetstone	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Thimble	X	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
🌟 Star-sign charted																					
Plough	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Swan	X	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hound	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Forge	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lyre	X	X	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Crown	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Veil	X	X	X	X	X	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Step-by-step proof

- From clue 1: only Baldric, Anne, and Michael can have the Netting, the Horseshoe, and the Thimble. Rule those out for everyone else.
- From clue 2: Anne didn't return the Horseshoe, Baldric didn't return the Horseshoe, Dan didn't return the Whetstone, Elise returned the Whetstone, Ivan didn't return the Whetstone, Kattia didn't return the Whetstone, and Michael returned the Horseshoe.
- From clue 3: Dan doesn't carry the Gale, Elise doesn't carry the Gale, Ivan doesn't carry the Gale, Kattia doesn't carry the Gale, and Michael doesn't carry the Gale.
- From clue 4: Anne doesn't carry the Whisper, Baldric doesn't carry the Whisper, Elise doesn't carry the Whisper, and Michael doesn't carry the Whisper.
- From clue 5: only Baldric, Michael, Kattia, and Ivan can have the Vow, the Spark, the Howl, and the Whisper. Rule those out for everyone else.

6. From clue 3: Baldric returned the Netting.
7. From clue 4: Dan didn't return the Spoons.
8. From clue 6: Anne doesn't carry the Cinder, Elise carries the Tide, Ivan didn't return the Lantern, and Kattia didn't return the Lantern.
9. From clue 7: Anne didn't chart the Lyre, Dan didn't chart the Lyre, and Elise didn't chart the Lyre.
10. From clue 8: Kattia doesn't carry the Whisper and Kattia doesn't carry the Spark.
11. From clue 4: Kattia returned the Corkscrew.
12. From clue 9: Anne is innocent, Baldric is innocent, and Michael is innocent.
13. From clue 10: Dan didn't chart the Veil.
14. From clue 12: Anne didn't chart the Crown, Baldric didn't chart the Crown, Dan didn't chart the Crown, Elise didn't chart the Crown, Kattia didn't chart the Crown, and Michael didn't chart the Crown.
15. From clue 13: Dan carries the Cinder.
16. From clue 6: Dan returned the Lantern.
17. From clue 16: Michael charted the Swan.
18. From clue 7: Michael doesn't carry the Vow.
19. From clue 20: Michael carries the Howl, Anne didn't chart the Plough, Dan didn't chart the Plough, Elise didn't chart the Plough, and Kattia didn't chart the Plough.
20. From clue 21: Anne didn't chart the Forge, Baldric didn't chart the Forge, Dan didn't chart the Forge, Elise charted the Forge, Ivan didn't chart the Forge, and Kattia didn't chart the Forge.
21. From clue 11: Elise is innocent.
22. From clue 14: Anne didn't chart the Swan, Baldric didn't chart the Swan, Dan charted the Hound, Ivan didn't chart the Swan, and Kattia didn't chart the Swan.
23. Only one possibility remains: Anne carries the Gale, Baldric carries the Spark, Ivan carries the Whisper, Kattia carries the Vow, Anne charted the Veil, Baldric didn't chart the Hound, Ivan charted the Crown, Kattia didn't chart the Hound, Anne returned the Thimble, and Ivan returned the Spoons.
24. From clue 7: Baldric didn't chart the Lyre and Kattia charted the Lyre.
25. From clue 11: Kattia is innocent.
26. From clue 20: Baldric charted the Plough.
27. Ivan's statement (clue 15) cannot be true, and only the culprit lies. Ivan is the culprit.