

MURDOKU

The Mystery Islands

difficulty: expert

The murderer has been caught!

Here's where every
everyone was.

SOLUTION PAGE

1. J and G are on the same island. The only island where J can be beside a tree with G six rows to the south is Forest Island. L is west of J, on an island with a tree, and with three women and one man on it, so she cannot be on Forest Island. She also cannot be on Lonely Island, because no man could fit there (she would block the only possible square for M). Therefore, L must be on Town Island.

Since L and J are both beside a tree, and L is west of J, this sets L in C8, which isolates J.

2. This sets G either in R11 C1 or R11 C2.

3. This isolates L.

4. According to her clue, O is in R14. F is the southmost person on Town Island, so O cannot be on Town Island. F must be in R13. Town Island has four people on it, block the rest R10 and R12 too.

5. The only rows with a shark where A can be are R1 and R7 on Desert Island. D is northeast of A, so D and H must also be on Desert Island. Wherever A is, the only square for D that is not beside a cactus is R1 C15.

6. This isolates H in the last square not beside a cactus on Desert Island.

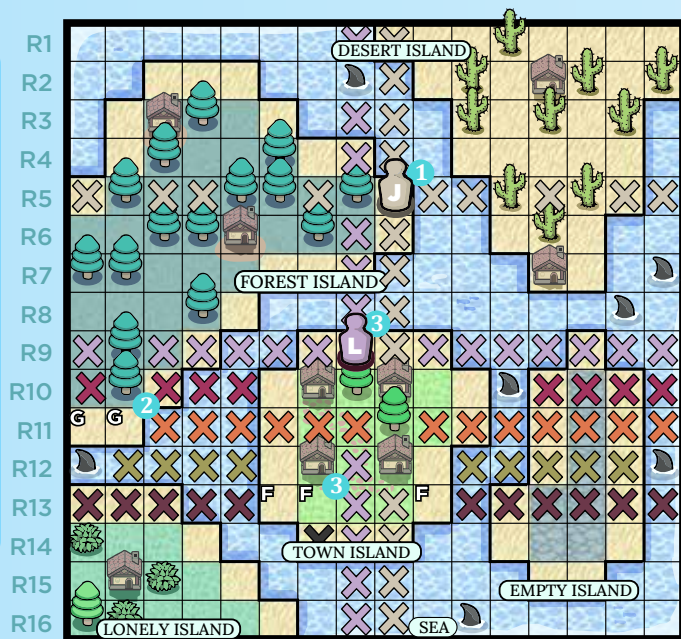
7. B is the only man on Desert Island and K is the only person in a house, so block all houses on Desert Island. All squares beside two cacti are in C12, so B must be in C12. This isolates A in the last square in R2 on Desert Island.

8. Only I and N can be the remaining two women on Town Island (per L's clue), and they cannot be inside a house (per K's clue). I is north of N. This isolates I, N and F in the remaining Town Island squares.

9. Desert Island cannot have four occupants like Town Island (per the general clue), so there must be five people on it. E is the only possible fifth occupant, this isolates her in the last possible square, R4 C13.

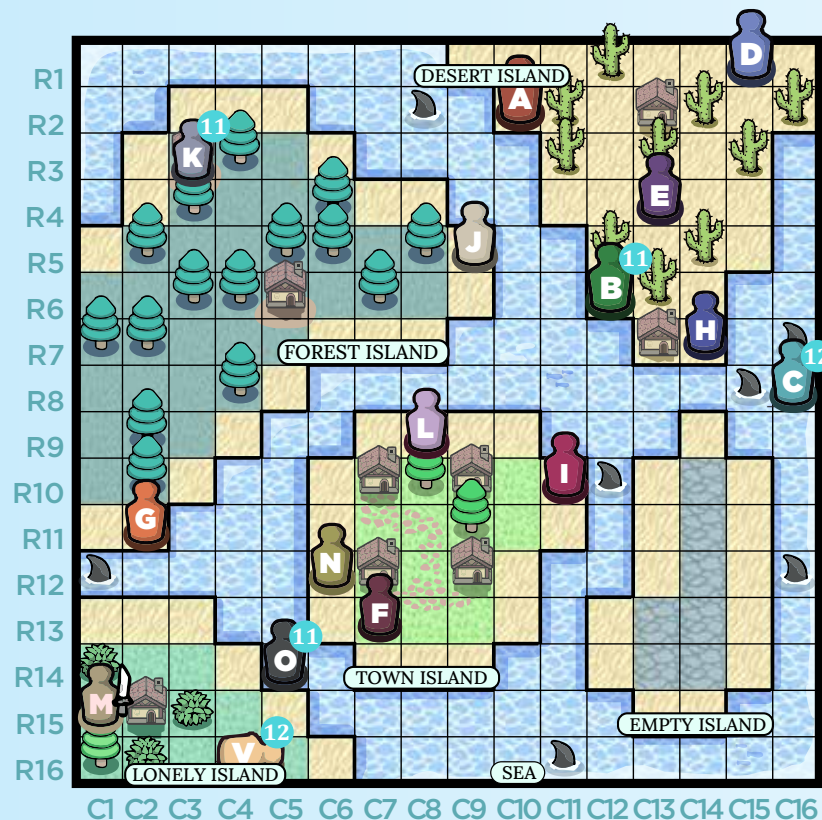
10. M can only be in C1, this isolates G.

11. J, G, K are on Forest Island. There cannot be four or five people on it, per the general clue. This isolates M on Lonely Island.



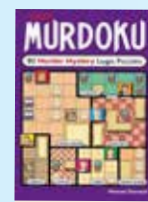
12. C must be in the Sea in C12 (east of O), and he's alone with someone. The only other remaining square in the Sea is R14 C5, where O must be. This isolates O, then K, then B.

13. This isolates C and V in the last squares. C is alone with M on Lonely Island, Miguel is the murderer!



The murderer is...
Miguel

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