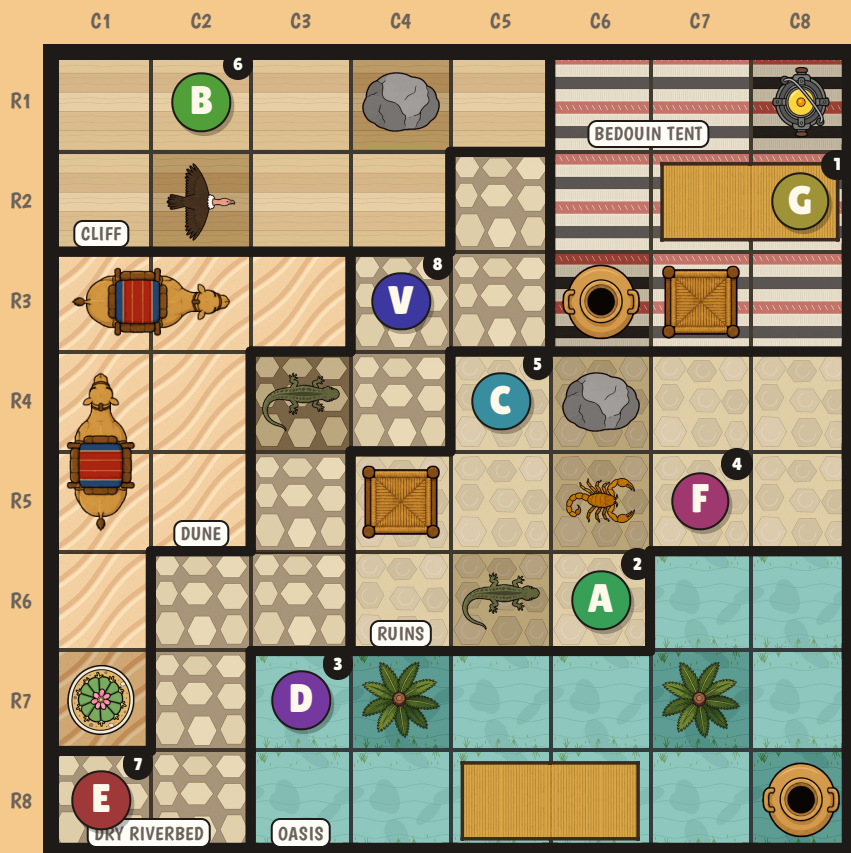




The murderer was Edward.

Victor was in the Dry Riverbed, alone with Edward.

- 1 **G** → **R2 C8**. "I was the only person on a mat": R2 C7, R2 C8, R8 C5 or R8 C6. **A** is in C6 ("I was in the sixth column"). Nobody else has squares left in C8, so **G** has to be there. That leaves R2 C8.
- 2 **A** → **R6 C6**. "I was in the sixth column": 5 squares. Not in the row of **G**. **G** says "I was the only person on a mat". **B** is in R1 ("I was in the top row"). "I was not with Diana". That leaves R6 C6.
- 3 **D** → **R7 C3**. "I was in a corner of the Oasis" and "I was not next to the edge of the map": R6 C7 or R7 C3. Not in the row of **A**. That leaves R7 C3.
- 4 **F** → **R5 C7**. "I was next to the scorpion": R5 C5, R5 C7 or R6 C6. **A** is in C6 ("I was in the sixth column"). "Exactly one person was next to a lizard", and **A** already fits that. That leaves R5 C7.
- 5 **C** → **R4 C5**. "I was next to a rock or a cactus": 6 squares. Not in the rows of **G** and **A** or the column of **F**. **B** is in R1 ("I was in the top row"). That leaves R4 C5.
- 6 **B** → **R1 C2**. "I was in the top row": 6 squares. Not in the columns of **D**, **F** and **C**. **A** is in C6 ("I was in the sixth column"). "I was northeast of Edward", and **E** says "I was in the Dry Riverbed". That leaves R1 C2.
- 7 **E** → **R8 C1**. "I was in the Dry Riverbed"; **F** is in R5 ("I was next to the scorpion"): 9 squares. Not in the rows of **A** and **D** or the columns of **C** and **B**. If **E** were in R6 C3, that would cover that row and that column, which is where all two of **D**'s marked squares are (one in R6 and one in C3), so **D** would have nowhere to go. If **E** were in R2 C5, that would cover that row and that column, which is where all three of **G**'s marked squares are (two in R2 and one in C5), so **G** would have nowhere to go. **C** is in R4 ("I was next to a rock or a cactus"). **B**, who is in R1 C2, says "I was northeast of Edward". That leaves R8 C1.
- 8 **V** → **R3 C4**. **E** says "I was with at least one other man", and only **V** can fit that, because none of the squares marked for **G** or **B** fits; **F** is in R5 ("I was next to the scorpion"): 9 squares. Not in the row or column of **E**, the rows of **G**, **A** and **D** or the columns of **C** and **B**. **C** is in R4 ("I was next to a rock or a cactus"). That leaves R3 C4.