

The Crooked Portrait

MEDIUM • 9×9 • 8 SUSPECTS



1 **Diana** was sitting on an armchair: only one square fits. **Row 6, column 8**, in the Library.

2 **Edward** was in a corner of the Chapel. He was south of Flora, and Flora can only be in row 2, columns 1 to 6. **Row 3, column 9**, in the Chapel.

3 **Gonzalo**'s card is about others, not about his own square. Rule out the rows and columns of Diana and Edward. Nobody was in the Wine Cellar. He was the only person next to the bat. **Row 4, column 4**, in the Cemetery.

4 **Alice** was next to the raven. Rule out the rows and columns of Diana and Gonzalo. **Row 5, column 2**, in the Lobby.

5 **Carmen** was next to a grandfather clock and in the Lobby. Rule out the rows and columns of Alice. By his card, Hector must be in row 9. **Row 7, column 3**, in the Lobby.

6 **Hector**'s card is about others, not about his own square. Rule out the rows and columns already taken. Three rows north, a woman was next to a spider. By his card, Bruno must be in column 7. **Row 9, column 1**, in the Lobby.

7 **Flora** was not next to a spider. Rule out the rows and columns already taken. She was exactly one row south of Bruno, and Bruno can only be in row 1, column 7. **Row 2, column 6**, in the Chapel.

8 **Bruno** was in the seventh column and not next to a black cat. Rule out the rows and columns already taken. Flora was exactly one row south of Bruno, and Flora is in row 2, column 6. **Row 1, column 7**, in the Chapel.

9 **Victor**, the victim, has no card. Rule out the rows and columns already taken. **Row 8, column 5**, in the Cemetery.

SOLUTION

The murderer was Gonzalo.

