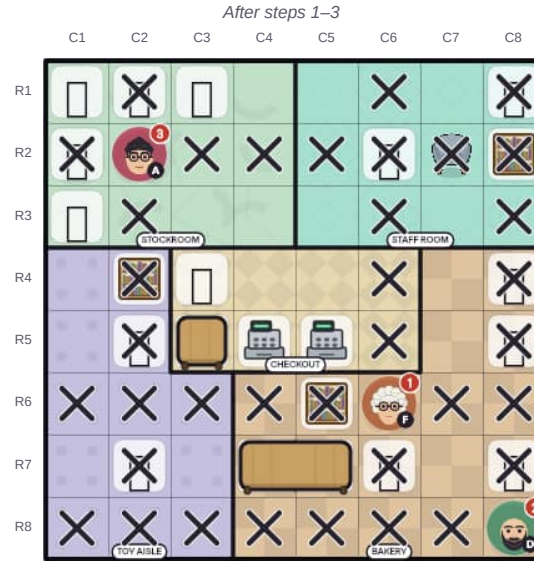




Short Circuit

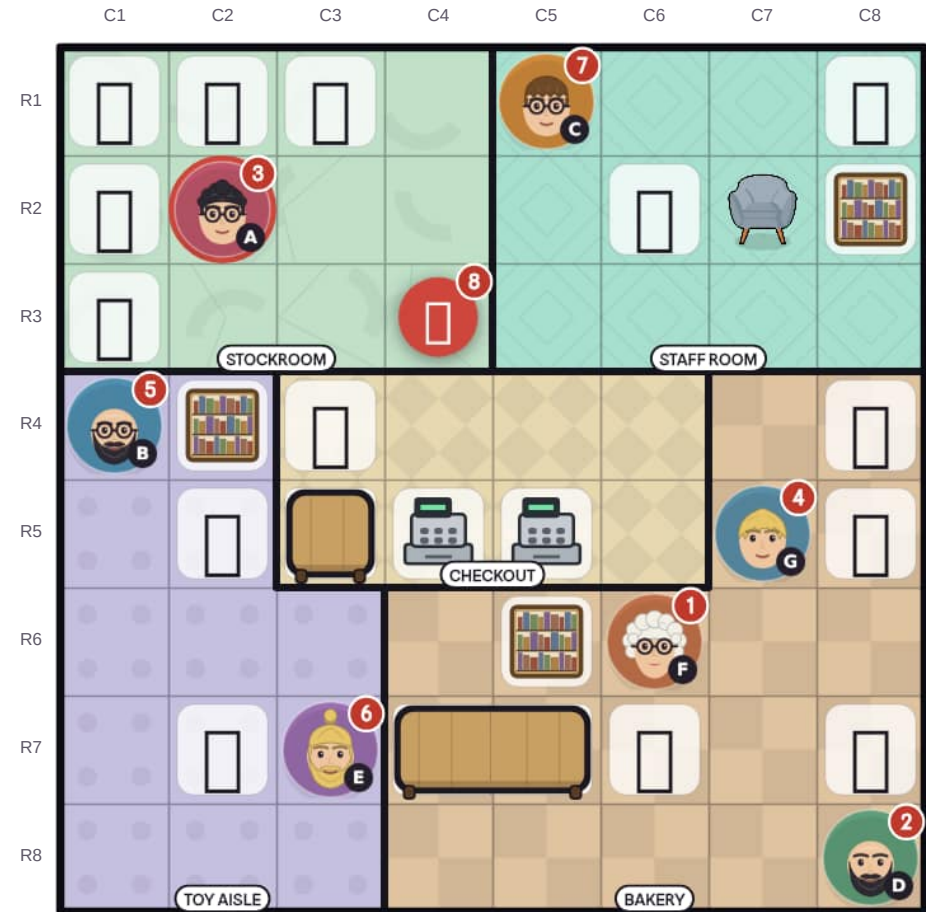
Difficulty: Hard

- 1 Grant: only column 7 possible – blocked for others. Freya must be on R6/C6 – the only possible cell.
- 2 Dylan can't be there – otherwise the victim is nowhere left alone with exactly one suspect (no clear murderer). Dylan must be on R8/C8 – the only possible cell.
- 3 In column 2 everything is crossed out except R2/C2 – only Alex fits there, no other suspect and not the victim. Alex must be on R2/C2 – the only possible cell.
- 4 In row 5 everything is crossed out except R5/C7 – only Grant fits there, no other suspect and not the victim. Grant must be on R5/C7 – the only possible cell.
- 5 Bernd is north of Grant – impossible cells removed. Bernd must be on R4/C1 – the only possible cell.
- 6 Edison must be on R7/C3 – the only possible cell.
- 7 Cyrus can't be there – otherwise the victim is nowhere left alone with exactly one suspect (no clear murderer). Cyrus must be on R1/C5 – the only possible cell.
- 8 The victim Victoria remains on the last free cell R3/C4.
- 9 Murderer: Alex was alone with the victim in the Stockroom.



The murderer has been caught!
Here is where everybody was, and how to get there.

SOLUTION



The murderer is...

Alex