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THE LONGSHOT FILES

Ten cases to print and solve with a pen

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Two cases at each of the five detective ranks. Every case has exactly one answer, reachable by deduction alone. Solutions are at the back.

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A NEW CASE EVERY DAY · SCAN TO PLAY

WELCOME, DETECTIVE

You have been handed ten open files. Nobody else is coming. That is not a slight — it is the job, and the reason you were sent for.

Each file is a closed room in the old sense: a victim, a small number of people who could have done it, a small number of places it could have happened, and a small number of things it could have been done with. Beside each one you will find a grid. That grid is the whole of your equipment.

A word on method, because detectives who rush these lose days to them. You are not looking for the answer. You are looking for what *cannot* be true. Cross off the impossible, patiently, one clue at a time, and the guilty party is simply whoever is left standing when there is nowhere else to put them. Every case in this pack has been checked — twice — so that this always works. You will never need to guess, and if you find yourself guessing, you have missed something you already have.

The files are arranged easiest first. The early ones will go quickly. By the last two you will be working a larger board and keeping track of when each suspect arrived as well as where they went, and the clues will stop being helpful one at a time and start being helpful only in pairs. This is deliberate. It is also, in the view of this office, the good part.

Answers are at the back. There is no scoring, no clock, and nobody is counting. Use a pencil if you would rather not commit.

Good hunting.

C. Waverly

CHIEF INSPECTOR · SEPTEMBER 2026 INTAKE

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Solutions to all 10 cases are at the back.

1 · READ THE FILE FIRST

Every case opens with the suspects, the rooms and the weapons in play, then the clues. Read all of it before you mark anything. Roughly a third of the clues will only make sense once you know what else is on the board.

2 · THE GRID IS FOR ELIMINATING, NOT FOR GUESSING

Each square is one question: could this suspect go with this room, or this weapon? Put ✗ in a square the clues rule out, and ✓ in one they confirm. Most of your marks will be crosses. That is normal — a case is solved by removing possibilities, not by spotting the answer.

3 · ONE TICK CLEARS A ROW AND A COLUMN

The moment you write a ✓, everything else in that row and that column becomes impossible: a suspect was in one room, and each room held one suspect. Cross the rest out immediately. Skipping this is the single most common reason a solvable case feels stuck.

4 · CARRY FACTS ACROSS THE GRIDS

The grids are joined. If the weapon was found in one room, and you have already placed a suspect in that room, then the weapon is that suspect's — even though no clue says so. Work the chain each time you place a tick.

5 · WATCH FOR WHAT IS NOT SAID

At the higher ranks some statements are witness testimony, and a witness may be mistaken or lying. A clue phrased as an alibi is still evidence about somebody. Later cases also add a fourth column — the time each suspect arrived — which behaves exactly like the others.

6 · NAME ALL THREE

A solved case is a person, a room and a weapon together. If two of the three are certain and the last is not, the grid still holds the answer. Go back to the clue you read past.

PRINTING & SHARING

Print this pack as often as you like, for a classroom, a puzzle group, a care home or a long flight. Photocopy it, hand it out, leave it in a waiting room. Please link to deduce.studio/printables rather than re-hosting the file, so people find the current pack. © 2026 Deduce Studio. Cases are fiction; any resemblance to real persons or events is coincidental.

DEATH AT DOCKSIDE

Owns the salvage yard, the fuel depot and the marker on the Longshot's hull.

SUSPECTS



Hester Vine

THE TERRAFORM BOTANIST

162 cm · Left-handed · Elder · melancholic · silver-haired

Keeps the greenhouse dome breathing. Knows which of her plants will kill a man and which will only make him wish they had.

MOTIVE **Debt** — *the salvage baron's marker came due the hour the Longshot touched down*



Ines Varga

THE FIRST MATE

171 cm · Left-handed · Middle-aged · secretive · broad-shouldered

Keeps the ledger and the gun locker, and has never been seen losing either.

MOTIVE **Inheritance** — *the ship's papers named a new owner the moment the captain's heart stopped*



Juno Achterberg

THE CARGO PILOT

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Can thread a canyon at full burn. Can't keep a job on a ship that flies straight.

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LOCATIONS



Broken Compass Cantina RAUCOUS

Low ceiling, blue smoke, and a bar built from a wrecked hull plate. Nobody asks where you are headed.

LIQUOR · SMOKE · GLASS



Lantern Market CROWDED

Stalls strung between the docking pylons, lit by tallow lanterns because the port power fails every night.

WAX · CANDLELIGHT · SPICE



Main Hold ECHOING

Two decks high, crates lashed to the walls, and a loading ramp that never quite seals.

STORAGE · METAL · CONTRABAND



Salvage Yard RUSTING

Acres of gutted hulls rusting under a pale sun. Throop's men know every corner and charge for all of them.

RUST · IRON · HEAVY

IMPLEMENTS



Folding Deck Knife

Cuts rope, strapping and ration packs. Every hand aboard carries one.

BLADE · SHARP · METAL



Garrote Wire

A length of fine cable with a toggle at each end. It fits in a cuff.

CABLE · FLEXIBLE · METAL



Sedative Hypo-Injector

One dose settles a patient for surgery. Three settle them for good.

SEDATIVE · MEDICINE · STERILE



Shattered Viewport Shard

A wedge of the old cockpit canopy, kept in a drawer after the last hard landing.

SPLINTERED GLASS · CRYSTAL · REFLECTIVE

ELIMINATION GRID

SUSPECTS	IMPLEMENTS: FOLDING DECK KNIFE	IMPLEMENTS: GARROTE WIRE	IMPLEMENTS: SEDATIVE HYPO-INJECTOR	IMPLEMENTS: SHATTERED VIEWPORT SHARD	LOCATIONS: BROKEN COMPASS CANTINA	LOCATIONS: LANTERN MARKET	LOCATIONS: MAIN HOLD	LOCATIONS: SALVAGE YARD
HESTER VINE	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
INES VARGA	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
JUNO ACHTERBERG	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
VESNA KADE	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·

LOCATIONS	FOLDING DECK KNIFE	GARROTE WIRE	SEDATIVE HYPO-INJECTOR	SHATTERED VIEWPORT SHARD
BROKEN COMPASS CANTINA	·	·	·	·
LANTERN MARKET	·	·	·	·
MAIN HOLD	·	·	·	·
SALVAGE YARD	·	·	·	·

EVIDENCE

01 Hester Vine entered the Lantern Market.

02 Vesna Kade entered the Main Hold.

03 The fatal implement was the Sedative Hypo-Injector.

04 Hester Vine carried the Garrote Wire.

05 The murder itself occurred in the Broken Compass Cantina.

06 Juno Achterberg entered the Salvage Yard.

07 Juno Achterberg carried the Shattered Viewport Shard.

I ACCUSE _____ IN THE _____ WITH THE _____

NO WITNESS AT CALDER'S REST

Came to Calder's Rest with a warrant and a face. Hasn't said whose.

SUSPECTS



Bartholomew "Gauge" Fenn

THE SHIP'S MECHANIC

179 cm · Right-handed · Elder · nocturnal · cynical · bearded

Has kept the engine alive for thirty years on salvage and spite, and won't let anyone else touch it.

MOTIVE **Revenge** — *a raid on a border moon ten years back had finally come aboard*



Dr Idris Kalloway

THE SHIP'S SURGEON

176 cm · Right-handed · Middle-aged · sleepless · methodical · bespectacled

Struck off in the core worlds for an operation nobody will name. Stitches the crew up without asking how it happened.

MOTIVE **Revenge** — *a raid on a border moon ten years back had finally come aboard*



Ines Varga

THE FIRST MATE

171 cm · Left-handed · Middle-aged · secretive · broad-shouldered

Keeps the ledger and the gun locker, and has never been seen losing either.

MOTIVE **Debt** — *the salvage baron's marker came due the hour the Longshot touched down*



Kit Sallow

THE DECKHAND

169 cm · Right-handed · Young · early-rising · eavesdropping

Signed on two ports ago with no papers. Hears everything through the deck plates.

MOTIVE **Revenge** — *a raid on a border moon ten years back had finally come aboard*

LOCATIONS



Broken Compass Cantina RAUCOUS

Low ceiling, blue smoke, and a bar built from a wrecked hull plate. Nobody asks where you are headed.

LIQUOR · SMOKE · GLASS



Passenger Berths PRIVATE

Four curtained bunks off the aft corridor. Paying guests get a blanket; the rest bring their own.

FABRIC · SOFT · SECLUSION



Shuttle Bay COLD

One short-hop shuttle on its cradle, fuel lines coiled on the deck, and a draught from a seal nobody has fixed.

FUEL · CABLE · METAL



Smuggler's Crawlspace STIFLING

A false floor under the hold, lined with packing straw. Not on any schematic the Charter has seen.

DARK · SECLUSION · CONTRABAND

IMPLEMENTS



Garrote Wire

A length of fine cable with a toggle at each end. It fits in a cuff.

CABLE · FLEXIBLE · METAL



Jammed Exhaust Vent

Wedge the baffle shut and the engine's breath goes somewhere it shouldn't.

SUFFOCATION · FUEL · HEAT



Jar of Engine-Room Moonshine

Fenn runs it off the coolant loop. Most batches only blind you.

BITTER RESIDUE · POISON · LIQUOR



Sedative Hypo-Injector

One dose settles a patient for surgery. Three settle them for good.

SEDATIVE · MEDICINE · STERILE

ELIMINATION GRID

SUSPECTS	IMPLEMENTS: GARROTE WIRE	IMPLEMENTS: JAMMED EXHAUST VENT	IMPLEMENTS: JAR OF ENGINE-ROOM MOONSHINE	IMPLEMENTS: SEDATIVE HYPO-INJECTOR	LOCATIONS: BROKEN COMPASS CANTINA	LOCATIONS: PASSENGER BERTHS	LOCATIONS: SHUTTLE BAY	LOCATIONS: SMUGGLER'S CRAWLSPACE
BARTHOLOMEW "GAUGE" FENN	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
DR IDRIS KALLOWAY	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
INES VARGA	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
KIT SALLOW	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·

LOCATIONS	
BROKEN COMPASS CANTINA	·
PASSENGER BERTHS	·
SHUTTLE BAY	·
SMUGGLER'S CRAWLSPACE	·

EVIDENCE

01 The fatal implement was the Sedative Hypo-Injector.

02 Kit Sallow entered the Shuttle Bay.

03 The murder itself occurred in the Broken Compass Cantina.

04 Dr Idris Kalloway entered the Smuggler's Crawlspace.

05 Ines Varga entered the Passenger Berths.

06 Ines Varga carried the Jammed Exhaust Vent.

07 Dr Idris Kalloway carried the Garrote Wire.

I ACCUSE _____ IN THE _____ WITH THE _____

THE CONTRABAND OF BERTH NINE

Came to Calder's Rest with a warrant and a face. Hasn't said whose.

SUSPECTS



Delphine Okoro

THE CANTINA KEEPER

167 cm · Right-handed · Middle-aged · teetotal · charming

Runs the Broken Compass. Every deal on Calder's Rest is struck at her bar, and she keeps a copy.

MOTIVE **Debt** — *the salvage baron's marker came due the hour the Longshot touched down*



Ines Varga

THE FIRST MATE

171 cm · Left-handed · Middle-aged · secretive · broad-shouldered

Keeps the ledger and the gun locker, and has never been seen losing either.

MOTIVE **Blackmail** — *a sealed manifest proved what was really in crate forty*



Juno Achterberg

THE CARGO PILOT

164 cm · Left-handed · Young · reckless · red-haired

Can thread a canyon at full burn. Can't keep a job on a ship that flies straight.

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169 cm · Right-handed · Young · early-rising · eavesdropping

Signed on two ports ago with no papers. Hears everything through the deck plates.

MOTIVE **Debt** — *the salvage baron's marker came due the hour the Longshot touched down*

LOCATIONS



Charter Customs Post OFFICIOUS

A prefab office with a flag, a stamp, and a filing cabinet that opens for the right price.

PAPER · INK · COMMAND



Galley HOMELY

A scarred table that seats nine, a stove that seats none, and the only real glassware aboard.

FOOD · SOCIAL · GLASS



Infirmary STERILE

One cot, one lamp, and a locked cabinet of injectors the surgeon counts every morning.

MEDICINE · SEDATIVE · STERILE



Landing Field EXPOSED

Scorched hardpan ringed with beacons. The wind never stops, and it carries every word to somebody.

DUST · WIND · FUEL

IMPLEMENTS



Cattle Prod

Brought aboard with a herd of shipped livestock and never sent back. Still holds a charge.

ENERGY · STUN · METAL



Crate Pry-Bar

Three feet of iron for opening crates nobody is supposed to open.

IRON · HEAVY · BLUNT



Jar of Engine-Room Moonshine

Fenn runs it off the coolant loop. Most batches only blind you.

BITTER RESIDUE · POISON · LIQUOR



Sprig of Bloodthorn

A hardy terraforming shrub. Steep the leaves and the heart forgets its rhythm.

SHREDDED LEAVES · SAP · BOTANICAL

ELIMINATION GRID

SUSPECTS	IMPLEMENTS: CATTLE PROD	IMPLEMENTS: CRATE PRY-BAR	IMPLEMENTS: JAR OF ENGINE-ROOM MOONSHINE	IMPLEMENTS: SPRIG OF BLOODTHORN	LOCATIONS: CHARTER CUSTOMS POST	LOCATIONS: GALLEY	LOCATIONS: INFIRMARY	LOCATIONS: LANDING FIELD
DELPHINE OKORO	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
INES VARGA	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
JUNO ACHTERBERG	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
KIT SALLOW	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·

LOCATIONS	CATTLE PROD	CRATE PRY-BAR	JAR OF ENGINE-ROOM MOONSHINE	SPRIG OF BLOODTHORN
CHARTER CUSTOMS POST	·	·	·	·
GALLEY	·	·	·	·
INFIRMARY	·	·	·	·
LANDING FIELD	·	·	·	·

EVIDENCE

01 A separate residue report linked Ines Varga to bitter residue.

02 Ines Varga showed a bitter residue, a consequence pointing toward poison.

03 The fatal implement was the Jar of Engine-Room Moonshine.

04 Juno Achterberg entered the Galley.

05 The murder itself occurred in the Charter Customs Post.

06 The charming suspect was seen in the Landing Field.

07 Delphine Okoro carried the Cattle Prod.

08 The broad-shouldered suspect was seen in the Infirmary.

I ACCUSE _____ IN THE _____ WITH THE _____

SHADOWS AT THE BORDER MOONS

Owns the salvage yard, the fuel depot and the marker on the Longshot's hull.

SUSPECTS



Aurelio Sterne

THE CORE-WORLD PASSENGER

181 cm · Right-handed · Middle-aged · collecting · vain

Paid triple for a berth and brought eleven trunks. Won't say what he is running from.

MOTIVE **Debt** — *the salvage baron's marker came due the hour the Longshot touched down*



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LOCATIONS



Cockpit CRAMPED

A cracked canopy patched with sealant, two worn seats, and a good-luck charm swinging off the throttle.

SCREENS · COMMAND · SECLUSION



Infirmary STERILE

One cot, one lamp, and a locked cabinet of injectors the surgeon counts every morning.

MEDICINE · SEDATIVE · STERILE



Salvage Yard RUSTING

Acres of gutted hulls rusting under a pale sun. Throop's men know every corner and charge for all of them.

RUST · IRON · HEAVY



Smuggler's Crawlspace STIFLING

A false floor under the hold, lined with packing straw. Not on any schematic the Charter has seen.

DARK · SECLUSION · CONTRABAND

IMPLEMENTS



Jammed Exhaust Vent

Wedge the baffle shut and the engine's breath goes somewhere it shouldn't.

SUFFOCATION · FUEL · HEAT



Salvage Harpoon Gun

Fires a barbed spike on a tether to snag drifting wreckage. The tether is optional.

SHARP · TETHER · CABLE



Sedative Hypo-Injector

One dose settles a patient for surgery. Three settle them for good.

SEDATIVE · MEDICINE · STERILE



Shattered Viewport Shard

A wedge of the old cockpit canopy, kept in a drawer after the last hard landing.

SPLINTERED GLASS · CRYSTAL · REFLECTIVE

ELIMINATION GRID

SUSPECTS	IMPLEMENTS				LOCATIONS			
	JAMMED EXHAUST VENT	SALVAGE HARPOON GUN	SEDATIVE HYPO-INJECTOR	SHATTERED VIEWPORT SHARD	COCKPIT	INFIRMARY	SALVAGE YARD	SMUGGLER'S CRAWLSPACE
AURELIO STERNE	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
DELPHINE OKORO	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
KIT SALLOW	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
VESNA KADE	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·

LOCATIONS				
COCKPIT	·	·	·	·
INFIRMARY	·	·	·	·
SALVAGE YARD	·	·	·	·
SMUGGLER'S CRAWLSPACE	·	·	·	·

EVIDENCE

01 Vesna Kade entered the Cockpit.

02 The teetotal suspect was seen in the Salvage Yard.

03 Delphine Okoro carried the Salvage Harpoon Gun.

04 The collecting suspect was seen in the Smuggler's Crawlspace.

05 A separate residue report linked Aurelio Sterne to soot.

06 The fatal implement was the Shattered Viewport Shard.

07 Aurelio Sterne showed burn marks, a consequence pointing toward heat.

08 The murder itself occurred in the Infirmary.

I ACCUSE _____ IN THE _____ WITH THE _____

THE WATCH LAYOVER

Came to Calder's Rest with a warrant and a face. Hasn't said whose.

SUSPECTS



Aurelio Sterne

THE CORE-WORLD PASSENGER

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MOTIVE **Revenge** — *a raid on a border moon ten years back had finally come aboard*



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Hester Vine

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LOCATIONS



Charter Customs Post OFFICIOUS

A prefab office with a flag, a stamp, and a filing cabinet that opens for the right price.

PAPER · INK · COMMAND



Lantern Market CROWDED

Stalls strung between the docking pylons, lit by tallow lanterns because the port power fails every night.

WAX · CANDLELIGHT · SPICE



Main Hold ECHOING

Two decks high, crates lashed to the walls, and a loading ramp that never quite seals.

STORAGE · METAL · CONTRABAND



Passenger Berths PRIVATE

Four curtained bunks off the aft corridor. Paying guests get a blanket; the rest bring their own.

FABRIC · SOFT · SECLUSION

IMPLEMENTS



Folding Deck Knife

Cuts rope, strapping and ration packs. Every hand aboard carries one.

BLADE · SHARP · METAL



Jammed Exhaust Vent

Wedge the baffle shut and the engine's breath goes somewhere it shouldn't.

SUFFOCATION · FUEL · HEAT



Plasma Cutter

Built to slice hull plate. Held a moment too long, it does the same to anything else.

BURN MARKS · HEAT · TOOL



Signal Flare Pistol

Every ship carries one for emergencies. Fired at close range, it is one.

OPEN FLAME · COMBUSTION · LOUD

ELIMINATION GRID

SUSPECTS	IMPLEMENTS: FOLDING DECK KNIFE	IMPLEMENTS: JAMMED EXHAUST VENT	IMPLEMENTS: PLASMA CUTTER	IMPLEMENTS: SIGNAL FLARE PISTOL	LOCATIONS: CHARTER CUSTOMS POST	LOCATIONS: LANTERN MARKET	LOCATIONS: MAIN HOLD	LOCATIONS: PASSENGER BERTHS
AURELIO STERNE	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
BARTHOLOMEW "GAUGE" FENN	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
HESTER VINE	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
VESNA KADE	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·

LOCATIONS	
CHARTER CUSTOMS POST	·
LANTERN MARKET	·
MAIN HOLD	·
PASSENGER BERTHS	·

EVIDENCE

01 The victim's wounds bore the mark of fire, identifying the fatal implement.

02 Vesna Kade entered the Passenger Berths.

03 The reliable ledger confirms Hester Vine carried the Jammed Exhaust Vent.

04 A separate residue report linked Bartholomew "Gauge" Fenn to soot.

05 Bartholomew "Gauge" Fenn claimed Hester Vine had carried the Folding Deck Knife.

06 Bartholomew "Gauge" Fenn showed burn marks, a consequence pointing toward heat.

07 Bartholomew "Gauge" Fenn entered the Charter Customs Post.

08 The left-handed suspect was seen in the Lantern Market.

09 The murder itself occurred in the Main Hold.

I ACCUSE _____ IN THE _____ WITH THE _____

SHADOWS AT THE OUTER DRIFT

Flew for the side that lost the border war and bought the Longshot with what was left of his pension. Owes money on every moon.

SUSPECTS



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FABRIC · SOFT · SECLUSION



Salvage Yard RUSTING

Acres of gutted hulls rusting under a pale sun. Throop's men know every corner and charge for all of them.

RUST · IRON · HEAVY



Shuttle Bay COLD

One short-hop shuttle on its cradle, fuel lines coiled on the deck, and a draught from a seal nobody has fixed.

FUEL · CABLE · METAL

IMPLEMENTS



Cattle Prod

Brought aboard with a herd of shipped livestock and never sent back. Still holds a charge.

ENERGY · STUN · METAL



Crate Pry-Bar

Three feet of iron for opening crates nobody is supposed to open.

IRON · HEAVY · BLUNT



Jammed Exhaust Vent

Wedge the baffle shut and the engine's breath goes somewhere it shouldn't.

SUFFOCATION · FUEL · HEAT



Shattered Viewport Shard

A wedge of the old cockpit canopy, kept in a drawer after the last hard landing.

SPLINTERED GLASS · CRYSTAL · REFLECTIVE

ELIMINATION GRID

SUSPECTS	IMPLEMENTS: CATTLE PROD	IMPLEMENTS: CRATE PRY-BAR	IMPLEMENTS: JAMMED EXHAUST VENT	IMPLEMENTS: SHATTERED VIEWPORT SHARD	LOCATIONS: CHARTER CUSTOMS POST	LOCATIONS: PASSENGER BERTHS	LOCATIONS: SALVAGE YARD	LOCATIONS: SHUTTLE BAY
BARTHOLOMEW "GAUGE" FENN	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
DR IDRIS KALLOWAY	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
HESTER VINE	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
INES VARGA	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·

LOCATIONS	IMPLEMENTS: CATTLE PROD	IMPLEMENTS: CRATE PRY-BAR	IMPLEMENTS: JAMMED EXHAUST VENT	IMPLEMENTS: SHATTERED VIEWPORT SHARD
CHARTER CUSTOMS POST	·	·	·	·
PASSENGER BERTHS	·	·	·	·
SALVAGE YARD	·	·	·	·
SHUTTLE BAY	·	·	·	·

EVIDENCE

01 Hester Vine entered the Passenger Berths.

02 Hester Vine claimed Bartholomew "Gauge" Fenn had carried the Cattle Prod.

03 The bespectacled suspect was seen in the Shuttle Bay.

04 A separate residue report linked Dr Idris Kalloway to crystal.

05 Dr Idris Kalloway showed splintered glass, a consequence pointing toward glass.

06 The murder itself occurred in the Salvage Yard.

07 The victim's wounds showed burn marks, a consequence pointing toward heat.

08 Bartholomew "Gauge" Fenn entered the Charter Customs Post.

09 The reliable ledger confirms Bartholomew "Gauge" Fenn carried the Crate Pry-Bar.

I ACCUSE _____ IN THE _____ WITH THE _____

THE MIDNIGHT PARLEY

Owns the salvage yard, the fuel depot and the marker on the Longshot's hull.

SUSPECTS



Bartholomew "Gauge" Fenn

THE SHIP'S MECHANIC

179 cm · Right-handed · Elder · nocturnal · cynical · bearded

Has kept the engine alive for thirty years on salvage and spite, and won't let anyone else touch it.

MOTIVE **Debt** — *the salvage baron's marker came due the hour the Longshot touched down*



Delphine Okoro

THE CANTINA KEEPER

167 cm · Right-handed · Middle-aged · teetotal · charming

Runs the Broken Compass. Every deal on Calder's Rest is struck at her bar, and she keeps a copy.

MOTIVE **Revenge** — *a raid on a border moon ten years back had finally come aboard*



Kit Sallow

THE DECKHAND

169 cm · Right-handed · Young · early-rising · eavesdropping

Signed on two ports ago with no papers. Hears everything through the deck plates.

MOTIVE **Revenge** — *a raid on a border moon ten years back had finally come aboard*



Vesna Kade

THE GUNRUNNER

173 cm · Right-handed · Young · gambling · charming

Her crates are always "machine parts". The machines seem to shoot.

MOTIVE **Revenge** — *a raid on a border moon ten years back had finally come aboard*

LOCATIONS



Broken Compass Cantina RAUCOUS

Low ceiling, blue smoke, and a bar built from a wrecked hull plate. Nobody asks where you are headed.

LIQUOR · SMOKE · GLASS



Greenhouse Dome HUMID

A geodesic bubble of fogged panels, the only green thing on the moon. The air is wet and smells of cut stems.

BOTANICAL · MOISTURE · PLANTS



Lantern Market CROWDED

Stalls strung between the docking pylons, lit by tallow lanterns because the port power fails every night.

WAX · CANDLELIGHT · SPICE



Passenger Berths PRIVATE

Four curtained bunks off the aft corridor. Paying guests get a blanket; the rest bring their own.

FABRIC · SOFT · SECLUSION

IMPLEMENTS



Cargo Hook

A steel hook on a short haft for dragging crates. It drags other things too.

BLADE · SHARP · IRON



Jammed Exhaust Vent

Wedge the baffle shut and the engine's breath goes somewhere it shouldn't.

SUFFOCATION · FUEL · HEAT



Jar of Engine-Room Moonshine

Fenn runs it off the coolant loop. Most batches only blind you.

BITTER RESIDUE · POISON · LIQUOR



Slugthrower Revolver

Old, heavy and reliable. Loud enough that using it is a decision about witnesses.

FIREARM · METAL · LOUD

ELIMINATION GRID

SUSPECTS	IMPLEMENTS: CARGO HOOK	IMPLEMENTS: JAMMED EXHAUST VENT	IMPLEMENTS: JAR OF ENGINE-ROOM MOONSHINE	IMPLEMENTS: SLUGTHROWER REVOLVER	LOCATIONS: BROKEN COMPASS CANTINA	LOCATIONS: GREENHOUSE DOME	LOCATIONS: LANTERN MARKET	LOCATIONS: PASSENGER BERTHS
BARTHOLOMEW "GAUGE" FENN	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
DELPHINE OKORO	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
KIT SALLOW	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
VESNA KADE	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·

LOCATIONS	CARGO HOOK	JAMMED EXHAUST VENT	JAR OF ENGINE-ROOM MOONSHINE	SLUGTHROWER REVOLVER
BROKEN COMPASS CANTINA	·	·	·	·
GREENHOUSE DOME	·	·	·	·
LANTERN MARKET	·	·	·	·
PASSENGER BERTHS	·	·	·	·

EVIDENCE

01 A separate residue report linked Kit Sallow to soot.

02 A stopped clock in Magnus Throop's private quarters proved accurate, but irrelevant to the murder.

03 The early-rising suspect was seen in the Greenhouse Dome.

04 Delphine Okoro entered the Broken Compass Cantina.

05 Kit Sallow showed burn marks, a consequence pointing toward heat.

06 The recovered papers show a raid on a border moon ten years back had finally come aboard; the killer therefore had a revenge motive.

07 The scene was marked by fabric fibres, fixing where the murder occurred.

08 The victim's wounds showed a blade, a consequence pointing toward a sharp edge.

09 Delphine Okoro carried the Slugthrower Revolver.

10 Delphine Okoro insisted that revenge had nothing to do with the death, though their own interest in the matter was plain.

I ACCUSE _____ IN THE _____ WITH THE _____

THE AFFAIR AT THE CINDER RUN

The only Charter officer on the moon. Stamps the manifests she is paid to stamp.

SUSPECTS



Aurelio Sterne

THE CORE-WORLD PASSENGER

181 cm · Right-handed · Middle-aged · collecting · vain

Paid triple for a berth and brought eleven trunks. Won't say what he is running from.

MOTIVE **Debt** — *the salvage baron's marker came due the hour the Longshot touched down*



Bartholomew "Gauge" Fenn

THE SHIP'S MECHANIC

179 cm · Right-handed · Elder · nocturnal · cynical · bearded

Has kept the engine alive for thirty years on salvage and spite, and won't let anyone else touch it.

MOTIVE **Debt** — *the salvage baron's marker came due the hour the Longshot touched down*



Delphine Okoro

THE CANTINA KEEPER

167 cm · Right-handed · Middle-aged · teetotal · charming

Runs the Broken Compass. Every deal on Calder's Rest is struck at her bar, and she keeps a copy.

MOTIVE **Debt** — *the salvage baron's marker came due the hour the Longshot touched down*



Hester Vine

THE TERRAFORM BOTANIST

162 cm · Left-handed · Elder · melancholic · silver-haired

Keeps the greenhouse dome breathing. Knows which of her plants will kill a man and which will only make him wish they had.

MOTIVE **Revenge** — *a raid on a border moon ten years back had finally come aboard*

LOCATIONS



Engine Room INFERNAL

The drive core throbs behind a cage of mismatched parts. Hot enough to strip to your vest, loud enough to hide a shout.

HEAT · MACHINERY · FUEL



Greenhouse Dome HUMID

A geodesic bubble of fogged panels, the only green thing on the moon. The air is wet and smells of cut stems.

BOTANICAL · MOISTURE · PLANTS



Lantern Market CROWDED

Stalls strung between the docking pylons, lit by tallow lanterns because the port power fails every night.

WAX · CANDLELIGHT · SPICE



Shuttle Bay COLD

One short-hop shuttle on its cradle, fuel lines coiled on the deck, and a draught from a seal nobody has fixed.

FUEL · CABLE · METAL

IMPLEMENTS



Jar of Engine-Room Moonshine

Fenn runs it off the coolant loop. Most batches only blind you.

BITTER RESIDUE · POISON · LIQUOR



Plasma Cutter

Built to slice hull plate. Held a moment too long, it does the same to anything else.

BURN MARKS · HEAT · TOOL



Salvage Harpoon Gun

Fires a barbed spike on a tether to snag drifting wreckage. The tether is optional.

SHARP · TETHER · CABLE



Shattered Viewport Shard

A wedge of the old cockpit canopy, kept in a drawer after the last hard landing.

SPLINTERED GLASS · CRYSTAL · REFLECTIVE

ELIMINATION GRID

SUSPECTS	IMPLEMENTS: JAR OF ENGINE-ROOM MOONSHINE	IMPLEMENTS: PLASMA CUTTER	IMPLEMENTS: SALVAGE HARPOON GUN	IMPLEMENTS: SHATTERED VIEWPORT SHARD	LOCATIONS: ENGINE ROOM	LOCATIONS: GREENHOUSE DOME	LOCATIONS: LANTERN MARKET	LOCATIONS: SHUTTLE BAY
AURELIO STERNE	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
BARTHOLOMEW "GAUGE" FENN	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
DELPHINE OKORO	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
HESTER VINE	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·

LOCATIONS	
ENGINE ROOM	·
GREENHOUSE DOME	·
LANTERN MARKET	·
SHUTTLE BAY	·

EVIDENCE

01 The victim's wounds showed a blade, a consequence pointing toward a sharp edge.

02 Aurelio Sterne entered the Lantern Market.

03 The scene was marked by greenhouse growth, fixing where the murder occurred.

04 A separate residue report linked Bartholomew "Gauge" Fenn to soot.

05 Bartholomew "Gauge" Fenn showed burn marks, a consequence pointing toward heat.

06 Aurelio Sterne insisted that debt had nothing to do with the death, though their own interest in the matter was plain.

07 The recovered papers show the salvage baron's marker came due the hour the Longshot touched down; the killer therefore had a debt motive.

08 A stopped clock in Inspector Odile Farrant's private quarters proved accurate, but irrelevant to the murder.

09 Aurelio Sterne carried the Shattered Viewport Shard.

10 The bearded suspect was seen in the Shuttle Bay.

I ACCUSE _____ IN THE _____ WITH THE _____

THE LAST RUN AT DOCKSIDE

The only Charter officer on the moon. Stamps the manifests she is paid to stamp.

SUSPECTS



Aurelio Sterne

THE CORE-WORLD PASSENGER

181 cm · Right-handed · Middle-aged · collecting · vain

Paid triple for a berth and brought eleven trunks. Won't say what he is running from.

MOTIVE **Inheritance** — *the ship's papers named a new owner the moment the captain's heart stopped*



Bartholomew "Gauge" Fenn

THE SHIP'S MECHANIC

179 cm · Right-handed · Elder · nocturnal · cynical · bearded

Has kept the engine alive for thirty years on salvage and spite, and won't let anyone else touch it.

MOTIVE **Inheritance** — *the ship's papers named a new owner the moment the captain's heart stopped*



Dr Idris Kalloway

THE SHIP'S SURGEON

176 cm · Right-handed · Middle-aged · sleepless · methodical · bespectacled

Struck off in the core worlds for an operation nobody will name. Stitches the crew up without asking how it happened.

MOTIVE **Inheritance** — *the ship's papers named a new owner the moment the captain's heart stopped*



Hester Vine

THE TERRAFORM BOTANIST

162 cm · Left-handed · Elder · melancholic · silver-haired

Keeps the greenhouse dome breathing. Knows which of her plants will kill a man and which will only make him wish they had.

MOTIVE **Blackmail** — *a sealed manifest proved what was really in crate forty*



Kit Sallow

THE DECKHAND

169 cm · Right-handed · Young · early-rising · eavesdropping

Signed on two ports ago with no papers. Hears everything through the deck plates.

MOTIVE **Inheritance** — *the ship's papers named a new owner the moment the captain's heart stopped*

LOCATIONS



Broken Compass Cantina RAUCOUS

Low ceiling, blue smoke, and a bar built from a wrecked hull plate. Nobody asks where you are headed.

LIQUOR · SMOKE · GLASS



Engine Room INFERNAL

The drive core throbs behind a cage of mismatched parts. Hot enough to strip to your vest, loud enough to hide a shout.

HEAT · MACHINERY · FUEL



Galley HOMELY

A scarred table that seats nine, a stove that seats none, and the only real glassware aboard.

FOOD · SOCIAL · GLASS



Lantern Market CROWDED

Stalls strung between the docking pylons, lit by tallow lanterns because the port power fails every night.

WAX · CANDLELIGHT · SPICE



Salvage Yard RUSTING

Acres of gutted hulls rusting under a pale sun. Throop's men know every corner and charge for all of them.

RUST · IRON · HEAVY

IMPLEMENTS



Cattle Prod

Brought aboard with a herd of shipped livestock and never sent back. Still holds a charge.

ENERGY · STUN · METAL



Jar of Engine-Room Moonshine

Fenn runs it off the coolant loop. Most batches only blind you.

BITTER RESIDUE · POISON · LIQUOR



Salvage Harpoon Gun

Fires a barbed spike on a tether to snag drifting wreckage. The tether is optional.

SHARP · TETHER · CABLE



Signal Flare Pistol

Every ship carries one for emergencies. Fired at close range, it is one.

OPEN FLAME · COMBUSTION · LOUD



Sprig of Bloodthorn

A hardy terraforming shrub. Steep the leaves and the heart forgets its rhythm.

SHREDDED LEAVES · SAP · BOTANICAL

ELIMINATION GRID

SUSPECTS	IMPLEMENTS: CATTLE PROD	IMPLEMENTS: JAR OF ENGINE-ROOM MOONSHINE	IMPLEMENTS: SALVAGE HARPOON GUN	IMPLEMENTS: SIGNAL FLARE PISTOL	IMPLEMENTS: SPRIG OF BLOODTHORN	LOCATIONS: BROKEN COMPASS CANTINA	LOCATIONS: ENGINE ROOM	LOCATIONS: GALLEY	LOCATIONS: LANTERN MARKET	LOCATIONS: SALVAGE YARD	ARRIVAL: FIRST LIGHT	ARRIVAL: HIGH SUN	ARRIVAL: LOADING SHIFT	ARRIVAL: DUSK WINDOW	ARRIVAL: DEAD HOURS
AURELIO STERNE	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
BARTHOLOMEW "GAUGE" FENN	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
DR IDRIS KALLOWAY	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
HESTER VINE	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
KIT SALLOW	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·

ARRIVAL	IMPLEMENTS: CATTLE PROD	IMPLEMENTS: JAR OF ENGINE-ROOM MOONSHINE	IMPLEMENTS: SALVAGE HARPOON GUN	IMPLEMENTS: SIGNAL FLARE PISTOL	IMPLEMENTS: SPRIG OF BLOODTHORN	LOCATIONS: BROKEN COMPASS CANTINA	LOCATIONS: ENGINE ROOM	LOCATIONS: GALLEY	LOCATIONS: LANTERN MARKET	LOCATIONS: SALVAGE YARD
FIRST LIGHT	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
HIGH SUN	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
LOADING SHIFT	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
DUSK WINDOW	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
DEAD HOURS	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·

LOCATIONS	IMPLEMENTS: CATTLE PROD	IMPLEMENTS: JAR OF ENGINE-ROOM MOONSHINE	IMPLEMENTS: SALVAGE HARPOON GUN	IMPLEMENTS: SIGNAL FLARE PISTOL	IMPLEMENTS: SPRIG OF BLOODTHORN
BROKEN COMPASS CANTINA	·	·	·	·	·
ENGINE ROOM	·	·	·	·	·
GALLEY	·	·	·	·	·
LANTERN MARKET	·	·	·	·	·
SALVAGE YARD	·	·	·	·	·

EVIDENCE

01 Aurelio Sterne carried the Sprig of Bloodthorn.

02 The bespectacled suspect was seen in the Salvage Yard.

03 Aurelio Sterne arrived immediately before Hester Vine.

04 The left-handed suspect was seen in the Broken Compass Cantina.

05 Aurelio Sterne was the first to arrive that evening.

06 The bespectacled suspect carried the Signal Flare Pistol.

07 Aurelio Sterne insisted that inheritance had nothing to do with the death, though their own interest in the matter was plain.

08 A separate residue report linked Kit Sallow to metal filings.

09 Dr Idris Kalloway arrived immediately before Kit Sallow.

10 Kit Sallow showed a blade, a consequence pointing toward a sharp edge.

11 Whoever committed the murder arrived after Dr Idris Kalloway.

12 Aurelio Sterne entered the Galley.

13 Dr Idris Kalloway claimed Aurelio Sterne had gone to the Broken Compass Cantina.

14 The left-handed suspect carried the Cattle Prod.

15 A stopped clock in Inspector Odile Farrant's private quarters proved accurate, but irrelevant to the murder.

16 Hester Vine arrived immediately before Dr Idris Kalloway.

17 The early-rising suspect was seen in the Engine Room.

18 The recovered papers show the ship's papers named a new owner the moment the captain's heart stopped; the killer therefore had an inheritance motive.

I ACCUSE _____ IN THE _____ WITH THE _____

THE HEIST OF THE CHARTER LINE

Set up the job, took his cut up front, and came along to make sure.

SUSPECTS



Bartholomew "Gauge" Fenn

THE SHIP'S MECHANIC

179 cm · Right-handed · Elder · nocturnal · cynical · bearded

Has kept the engine alive for thirty years on salvage and spite, and won't let anyone else touch it.

MOTIVE **Revenge** — *a raid on a border moon ten years back had finally come aboard*



Delphine Okoro

THE CANTINA KEEPER

167 cm · Right-handed · Middle-aged · teetotal · charming

Runs the Broken Compass. Every deal on Calder's Rest is struck at her bar, and she keeps a copy.

MOTIVE **Jealousy** — *the only berth off the moon had been promised to someone else*



Dr Idris Kalloway

THE SHIP'S SURGEON

176 cm · Right-handed · Middle-aged · sleepless · methodical · bespectacled

Struck off in the core worlds for an operation nobody will name. Stitches the crew up without asking how it happened.

MOTIVE **Revenge** — *a raid on a border moon ten years back had finally come aboard*



Hester Vine

THE TERRAFORM BOTANIST

162 cm · Left-handed · Elder · melancholic · silver-haired

Keeps the greenhouse dome breathing. Knows which of her plants will kill a man and which will only make him wish they had.

MOTIVE **Revenge** — *a raid on a border moon ten years back had finally come aboard*



Vesna Kade

THE GUNRUNNER

173 cm · Right-handed · Young · gambling · charming

Her crates are always "machine parts". The machines seem to shoot.

MOTIVE **Revenge** — *a raid on a border moon ten years back had finally come aboard*

LOCATIONS



Charter Customs Post OFFICIOUS

A prefab office with a flag, a stamp, and a filing cabinet that opens for the right price.

PAPER · INK · COMMAND



Galley HOMELY

A scarred table that seats nine, a stove that seats none, and the only real glassware aboard.

FOOD · SOCIAL · GLASS



Infirmary STERILE

One cot, one lamp, and a locked cabinet of injectors the surgeon counts every morning.

MEDICINE · SEDATIVE · STERILE



Lantern Market CROWDED

Stalls strung between the docking pylons, lit by tallow lanterns because the port power fails every night.

WAX · CANDLELIGHT · SPICE



Main Hold ECHOING

Two decks high, crates lashed to the walls, and a loading ramp that never quite seals.

STORAGE · METAL · CONTRABAND

IMPLEMENTS



Cargo Hook

A steel hook on a short haft for dragging crates. It drags other things too.

BLADE · SHARP · IRON



Jammed Exhaust Vent

Wedge the baffle shut and the engine's breath goes somewhere it shouldn't.

SUFFOCATION · FUEL · HEAT



Jar of Engine-Room Moonshine

Fenn runs it off the coolant loop. Most batches only blind you.

BITTER RESIDUE · POISON · LIQUOR



Salvage Harpoon Gun

Fires a barbed spike on a tether to snag drifting wreckage. The tether is optional.

SHARP · TETHER · CABLE



Signal Flare Pistol

Every ship carries one for emergencies. Fired at close range, it is one.

OPEN FLAME · COMBUSTION · LOUD

ELIMINATION GRID

	IMPLEMENTS					LOCATIONS					ARRIVAL				
	CARGO HOOK	JAMMED EXHAUST VENT	JAR OF ENGINE-ROOM MOONSHINE	SALVAGE HARPOON GUN	SIGNAL FLARE PISTOL	CHARTER CUSTOMS POST	GALLEY	INFIRMARY	LANTERN MARKET	MAIN HOLD	FIRST LIGHT	HIGH SUN	LOADING SHIFT	DUSK WINDOW	DEAD HOURS
SUSPECTS															
BARTHOLOMEW "GAUGE" FENN	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
DELPHINE OKORO	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
DR IDRIS KALLOWAY	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
HESTER VINE	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
VESNA KADE	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
ARRIVAL															
FIRST LIGHT	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·					
HIGH SUN	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·					
LOADING SHIFT	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·					
DUSK WINDOW	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·					
DEAD HOURS	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·					
LOCATIONS															
CHARTER CUSTOMS POST	·	·	·	·	·										
GALLEY	·	·	·	·	·										
INFIRMARY	·	·	·	·	·										
LANTERN MARKET	·	·	·	·	·										
MAIN HOLD	·	·	·	·	·										

EVIDENCE

01 A stopped clock in Corvin Ashby's private quarters proved accurate, but irrelevant to the murder.

02 Bartholomew "Gauge" Fenn arrived immediately before Hester Vine.

03 The left-handed suspect was seen in the Galley.

04 Vesna Kade arrived immediately before Bartholomew "Gauge" Fenn.

05 A separate residue report linked Vesna Kade to soot.

06 Vesna Kade showed burn marks, a consequence pointing toward heat.

07 The recovered papers show a raid on a border moon ten years back had finally come aboard; the killer therefore had a revenge motive.

08 Hester Vine claimed Delphine Okoro had gone to the Charter Customs Post.

09 Dr Idris Kalloway entered the Infirmary.

10 The teetotal suspect carried the Cargo Hook.

11 The gambling suspect was seen in the Charter Customs Post.

12 The teetotal suspect was seen in the Main Hold.

13 Vesna Kade was the first to arrive that evening.

14 Dr Idris Kalloway insisted that revenge had nothing to do with the death, though their own interest in the matter was plain.

15 A separate residue report linked Hester Vine to bitter residue.

16 Hester Vine showed a bitter residue, a consequence pointing toward poison.

17 Hester Vine arrived immediately before Dr Idris Kalloway.

18 Dr Idris Kalloway carried the Jammed Exhaust Vent.

19 Whoever committed the murder arrived before Hester Vine.

I ACCUSE _____ IN THE _____ WITH THE _____

SOLUTIONS

ROOKIE DETECTIVE

№001 **Death at Dockside**
Ines Varga · *in the* Broken Compass Cantina · *with the* Sedative Hypo-Injector

№002 **No Witness at Calder's Rest**
Bartholomew "Gauge" Fenn · *in the* Broken Compass Cantina · *with the* Sedative Hypo-Injector

JUNIOR INVESTIGATOR

№003 **The Contraband of Berth Nine**
Kit Sallow · *in the* Charter Customs Post · *with the* Jar of Engine-Room Moonshine

№004 **Shadows at the Border Moons**
Kit Sallow · *in the* Infirmary · *with the* Shattered Viewport Shard

INSPECTOR

№005 **The Watch Layover**
Aurelio Sterne · *in the* Main Hold · *with the* Signal Flare Pistol

№006 **Shadows at the Outer Drift**
Ines Varga · *in the* Salvage Yard · *with the* Jammed Exhaust Vent

MASTER DETECTIVE

№007 **The Midnight Parley**
Vesna Kade · *in the* Passenger Berths · *with the* Cargo Hook

№008 **The Affair at the Cinder Run**
Delphine Okoro · *in the* Greenhouse Dome · *with the* Salvage Harpoon Gun

GRAND SLEUTH

№009 **The Last Run at Dockside**
Bartholomew "Gauge" Fenn · *in the* Lantern Market · *with the* Jar of Engine-Room Moonshine

№010 **The Heist of the Charter Line**
Bartholomew "Gauge" Fenn · *in the* Lantern Market · *with the* Salvage Harpoon Gun