SOLUTION

The Gardener's Gloves

Aleksei was the only person alone with **Vy** — **Dining room**. The killer is unmasked.

1. Clue: “Aleksei was in the dining room.” So Aleksei can only be in 8 cells; cross out the 16 that don't fit.
2. Clue: “Bushra was standing on a rug.” So Bushra can only be in one cell; cross out the 23 that don't fit.
3. Clue: “Cường was not in the study.” So Cường can only be in 21 cells; cross out the 3 that don't fit.
4. Clue: “Deepa was beside a plant.” So Deepa can only be in 5 cells; cross out the 19 that don't fit.
5. Clue: “Eun-ji was beside a bench.” So Eun-ji can only be in 4 cells; cross out the 20 that don't fit.
6. Clue: “Vy was the only person sitting on a chair.” So Vy can only be in 5 cells; cross out the 19 that don't fit.
7. Vy was the only person sitting on a chair, so nobody else can be on a chair: cross out those cells for everyone else.
8. Bushra has only one possible cell left: row 5, column 4. Place Bushra there and cross out the rest of that row and column.
9. All of Aleksei's possible cells are in row 6, so Aleksei takes that line. Nobody else can be in row 6.
10. Column 6 needs exactly one person, and only Deepa can still go there. So Deepa must be in column 6 — cross out Deepa's other cells.
11. Deepa has only one possible cell left: row 2, column 6. Place Deepa there and cross out the rest of that row and column.
12. Column 2 needs exactly one person, and only Aleksei can still go there. So Aleksei must be in column 2 — cross out Aleksei's other cells.
13. Aleksei has only one possible cell left: row 6, column 2. Place Aleksei there and cross out the rest of that row and column.
14. Column 1 needs exactly one person, and only Vy can still go there. So Vy must be in column 1 — cross out Vy's other cells.
15. Column 5 needs exactly one person, and only Cường can still go there. So Cường must be in column 5 — cross out Cường's other cells.
16. Cường has only one possible cell left: row 4, column 5. Place Cường there and cross out the rest of that row and column.
17. Vy has only one possible cell left: row 3, column 1. Place Vy there and cross out the rest of that row and column.
18. Eun-ji has only one possible cell left: row 1, column 3. Place Eun-ji there and cross out the rest of that row and column.
19. The only other person in Vy's room was Aleksei. Aleksei is the murderer!

