SOLUTION

Sticky Rice and Secrets

Beatriz was the only person alone with **Valentina** — **Food Row 1**. The killer is unmasked.

1. Clue: “Astrid was beside a lamp.” So Astrid can only be in 4 cells; cross out the 41 that don't fit.
2. Clue: “Beatriz was beside a barrel.” So Beatriz can only be in 2 cells; cross out the 43 that don't fit.
3. Clue: “Chioma was in a boat.” So Chioma can only be in 2 cells; cross out the 43 that don't fit.
4. Clue: “Diego was beside a plant.” So Diego can only be in 2 cells; cross out the 43 that don't fit.
5. Clue: “Gunnar was the only person sitting on a stool.” So Gunnar can only be in 6 cells; cross out the 39 that don't fit.
6. Gunnar was the only person sitting on a stool, so nobody else can be on a stool: cross out those cells for everyone else.
7. All of Chioma's possible cells are in column 8, so Chioma takes that line. Nobody else can be in column 8.
8. Fumio and Diego were in the same room. Cross out any room that one of them can't reach.
9. The victim's room held exactly two people. Diego and Fumio are certainly in the seating area, so Valentina can't be there.
10. Beatriz was south of Chioma. Compare where each of them can still be and cross out the cells that would break this.
11. Beatriz has only one possible cell left: row 3, column 3. Place Beatriz there and cross out the rest of that row and column.
12. Chioma has only one possible cell left: row 2, column 8. Place Chioma there and cross out the rest of that row and column.
13. Diego has only one possible cell left: row 4, column 6. Place Diego there and cross out the rest of that row and column.
14. Astrid has only one possible cell left: row 5, column 1. Place Astrid there and cross out the rest of that row and column.
15. All of Gunnar's possible cells are in row 6, so Gunnar takes that line. Nobody else can be in row 6.
16. Fumio was west of Gunnar. Compare where each of them can still be and cross out the cells that would break this.
17. Gunnar has only one possible cell left: row 6, column 7. Place Gunnar there and cross out the rest of that row and column.
18. All of Fumio's possible cells are in column 5, so Fumio takes that line. Nobody else can be in column 5.
19. Valentina was north of Diego. Compare where each of them can still be and cross out the cells that would break this.
20. All of Valentina's possible cells are in row 1, so Valentina takes that line. Nobody else can be in row 1.
21. Valentina was west of Beatriz. Compare where each of them can still be and cross out the cells that would break this.
22. Valentina has only one possible cell left: row 1, column 2. Place Valentina there and cross out the rest of that row and column.
23. Elif has only one possible cell left: row 8, column 4. Place Elif there and cross out the rest of that row and column.
24. Fumio has only one possible cell left: row 7, column 5. Place Fumio there and cross out the rest of that row and column.
25. The only other person in Valentina's room was Beatriz. Beatriz is the murderer!

