

Final Solution

Killer:

Lukas Winkler

Motive:

Lukas Winkler, as Elena's former colleague, knew the truth about the offshore accounts and was directly involved in the investigation. He had motive to silence Elena after she exposed the mayor's offshore accounts, and the dessert course was a perfect setup to conceal the murder while others were distracted.

Method:

Lukas Winkler orchestrated the murder by exploiting the timing of the dessert course, using the distraction of the Franzbrötchen to conceal the knife in Elena's throat. The murder was staged to appear accidental, with no trace left behind except a dropped spoon and half-eaten matjessalat.

Opportunity:

Lukas was present during the appetizer course and main course, and the killer's opportunity was the dessert course - a moment of distraction where no one noticed the knife. He used the timing to kill Elena during the dessert course, which was cleared after the murder.

Clue Alignment

Lukas Winkler about Julian Schmid (supports_guilt)

Julian Schmid exchanged notes on offshore accounts, but Lukas Winkler, as a former colleague, was the one who knew the truth - Julian's notes were a red herring, as Lukas orchestrated the murder.

Lukas Winkler about Anna Schneider (supports_guilt)

Anna Schneider served the dessert, but the clue that she left no trace - only a dropped spoon and half-eaten matjessalat - suggests she was the one who executed the murder, as she was the only one who could have done it without trace.

Alternative Suspects

Anna Schneider: She served the dessert and left no trace, making her a natural suspect - but the clue alignment shows she was the one who executed the murder, not the killer.

Sophie Meier: She was responsible for the subsidies, but the clue shows she had no motive to hide the truth - yet the killer exploited the dessert course, suggesting she was not the killer.

Final Reveal Monologue

The killer was not the one who served dessert - it was the one who knew the truth and used the timing of the dessert course to conceal the murder. Lukas Winkler, Elena's former colleague, was the one who orchestrated the plot to silence her - and he did it with perfect timing.