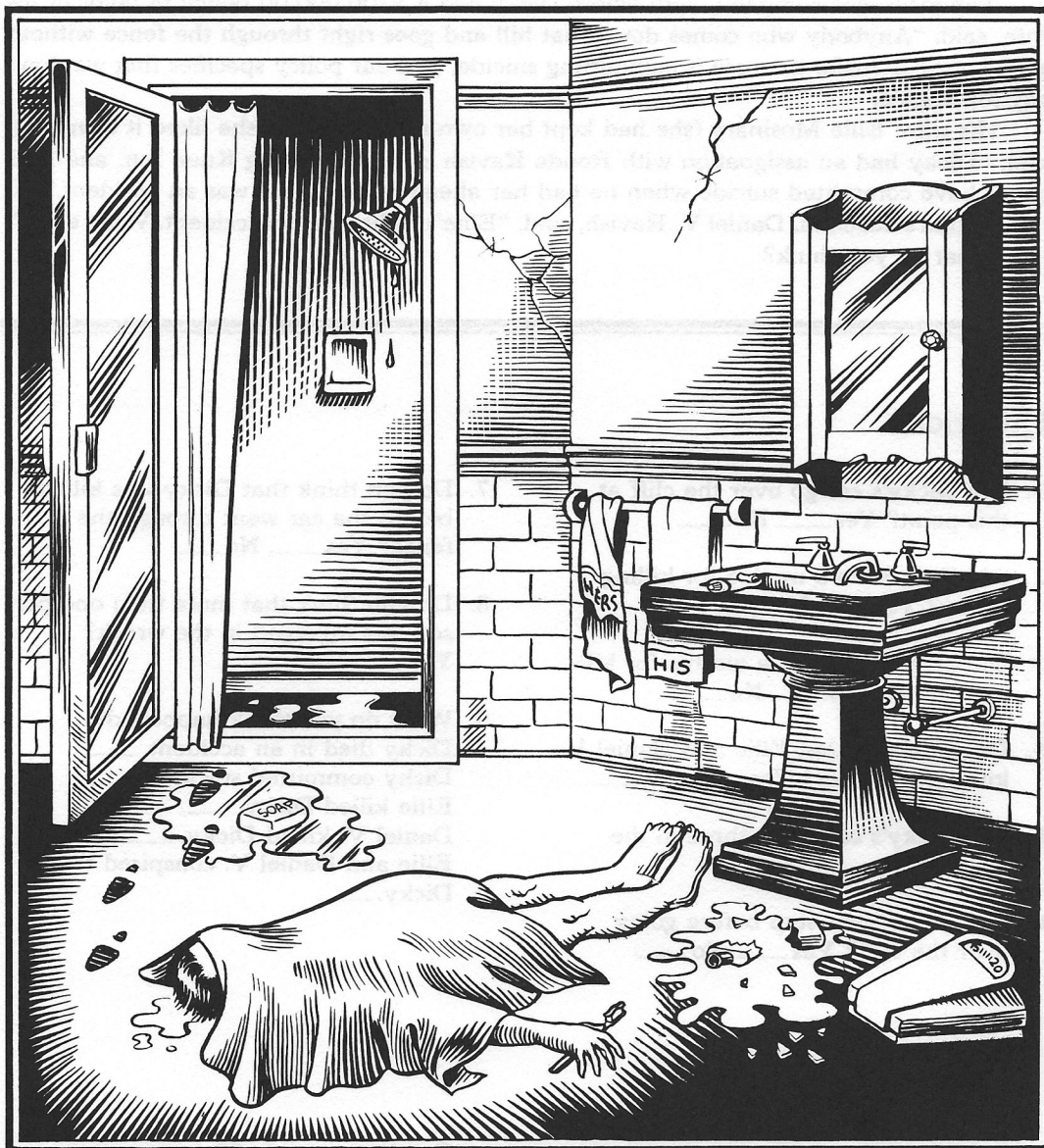


TRAGEDY IN THE BATHROOM



Minnie Verbermockle called the doctor and said, "My husband had a fall and he's lying unconscious on the bathroom floor. I think he must have been taking a shower and slipped on a cake of soap. I did not move him. I threw a blanket over him and called you immediately."

When the doctor arrived, he saw the scene as depicted and pronounced Horace Verbermockle dead as the result of a fracture at the rear of his skull. Can you tell what happened?

Questions

1. Were the Verbermockles compatible?
Yes_____ No_____
2. Had Horace finished brushing his teeth? Yes_____ No_____
3. Had the shower been running?
Yes_____ No_____
4. Had Horace just taken a shower?
Yes_____ No_____
5. Had Minnie been in the shower?
Yes_____ No_____
6. Did Horace slip on the soap?
Yes_____ No_____
7. Had the soap fallen out of the soap holder? Yes_____ No_____
8. Did the soap puddle come from either the dripping shower or the washstand? Yes_____ No_____
9. Had the bottle been knocked over before Horace allegedly fell?
Yes_____ No_____
10. Is there a possible murder weapon in the bathroom? Yes_____ No_____
11. Has evidence been planted to give a false impression of what happened?
Yes_____ No_____
12. On the basis of the evidence you have developed, reconstruct what happened.

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