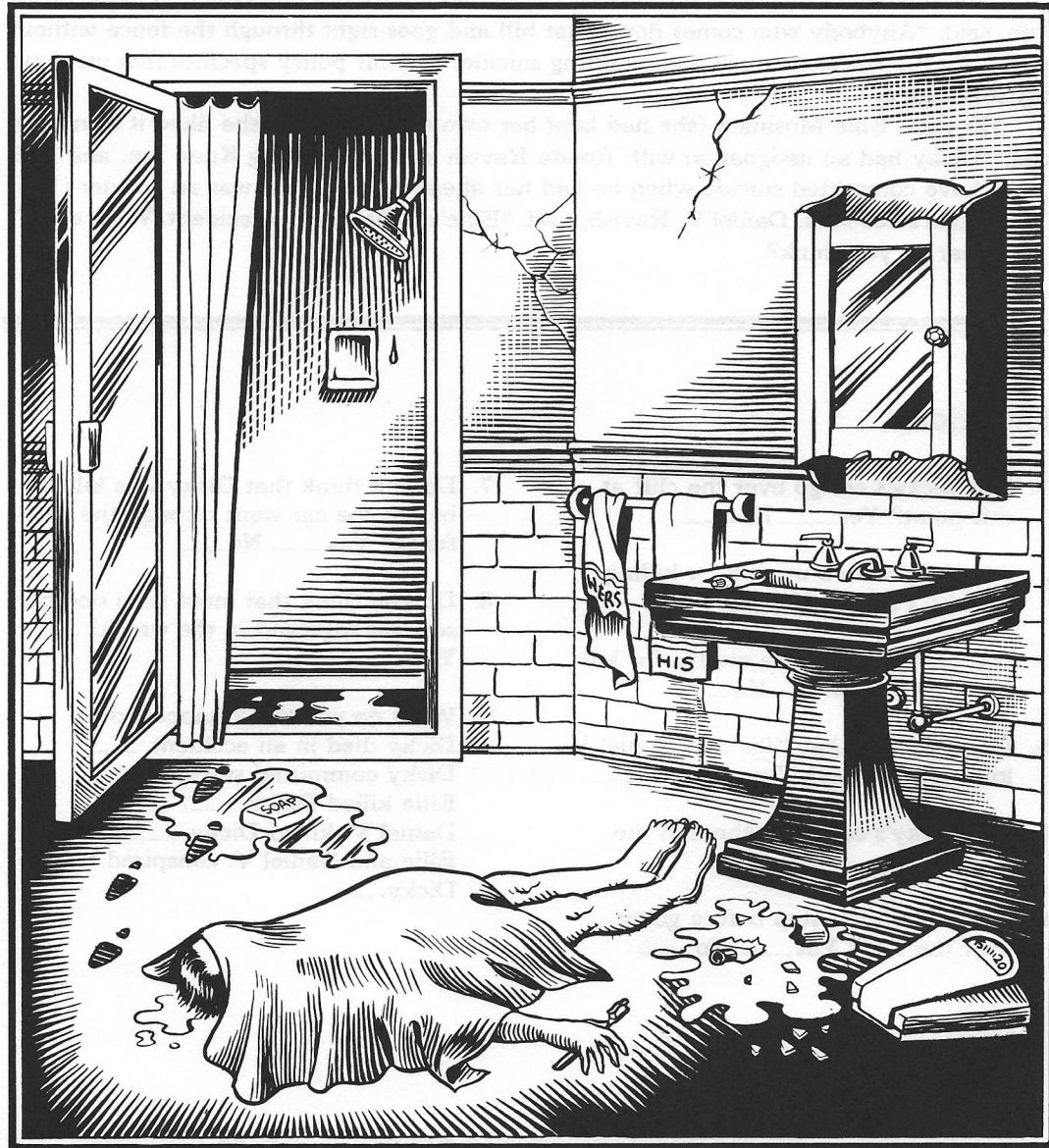


# TRAGEDY IN THE BATHROOM



**M**innie 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.

*Solution on page 56*