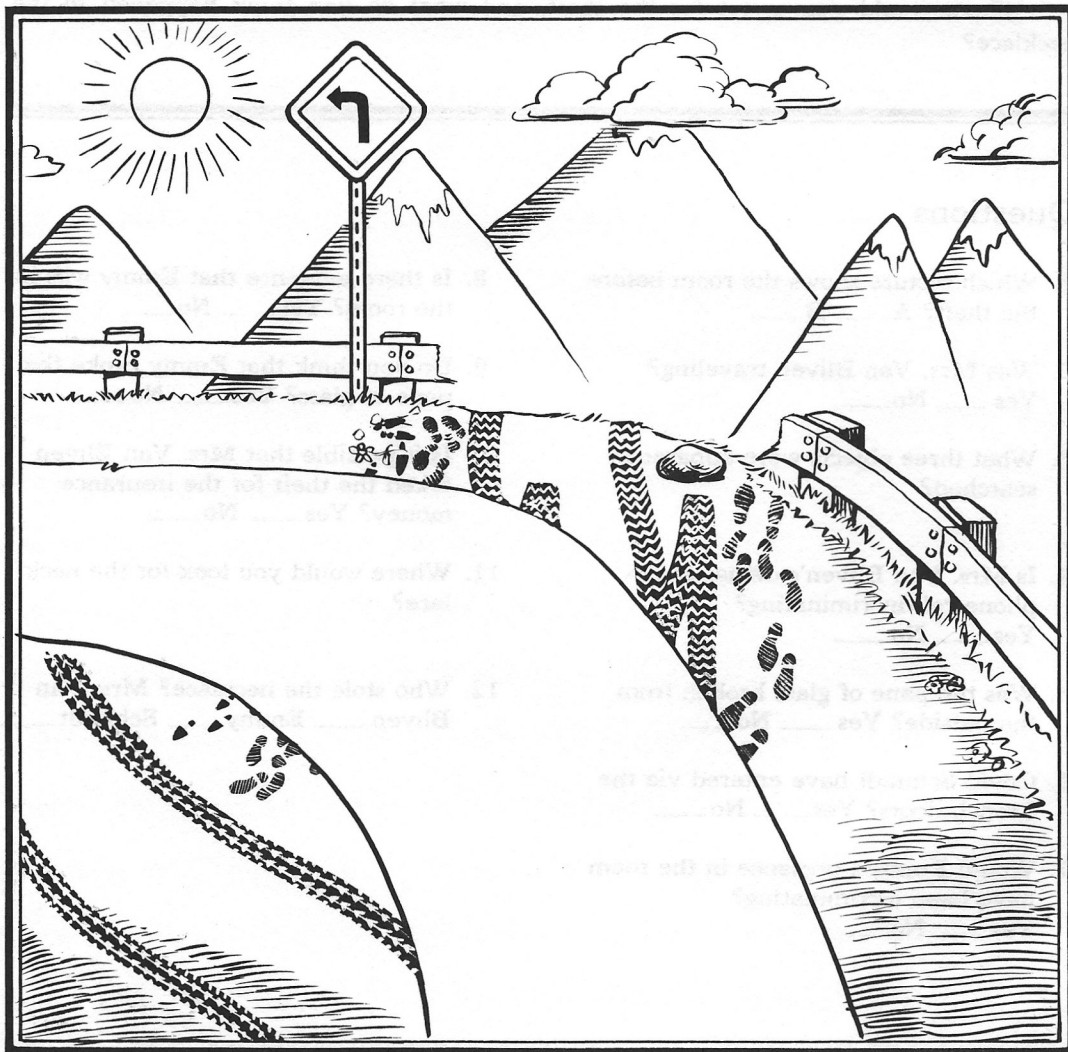


# DEAD MAN'S CURVATURE



**T**he badly burnt body of Dicky Philander was found in the wreckage of his car at the bottom of a cliff, the top of which is shown. The exact cause of death was not ascertained for some time.

The insurance company, with whom Dicky had a \$300,000.00 policy in favor of his wife, said, "Anybody who comes down that hill and goes right through the fence without even trying to make the turn is committing suicide, and our policy specifies that we don't pay for suicide."

His wife, Ellie Mosinary (she had kept her own name because she liked it so much), said, "Dicky had an assignation with Ronda Ravish at the Knocking Knee Inn, and he'd never have committed suicide when he had her ahead of him. This was an accident."

Ronda's husband, Daniel V. Ravish, said, "Ellie's right. Just an accident. What else?"  
What do you think?

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## Questions

1. Did Dicky's car go over the cliff at this point? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
2. Did Ellie have a motive for killing Dicky? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
3. Did Daniel V. have a motive for killing Dicky? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
4. Do you think that Ellie and Daniel V. knew each other? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
5. Did Dicky's car crash through the fence? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
6. Did Dicky's car stop before going over the cliff? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
7. Do you think that Dicky was killed before the car went through the fence? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
8. Do you think that more than one person was involved in the wreck? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
9. What do you think happened?  
Dicky died in an accident.\_\_\_\_  
Dicky committed suicide.\_\_\_\_  
Ellie killed Dicky.\_\_\_\_  
Daniel V. killed Dicky.\_\_\_\_  
Ellie and Daniel V. conspired to kill Dicky.\_\_\_\_

*Solution on page 55*