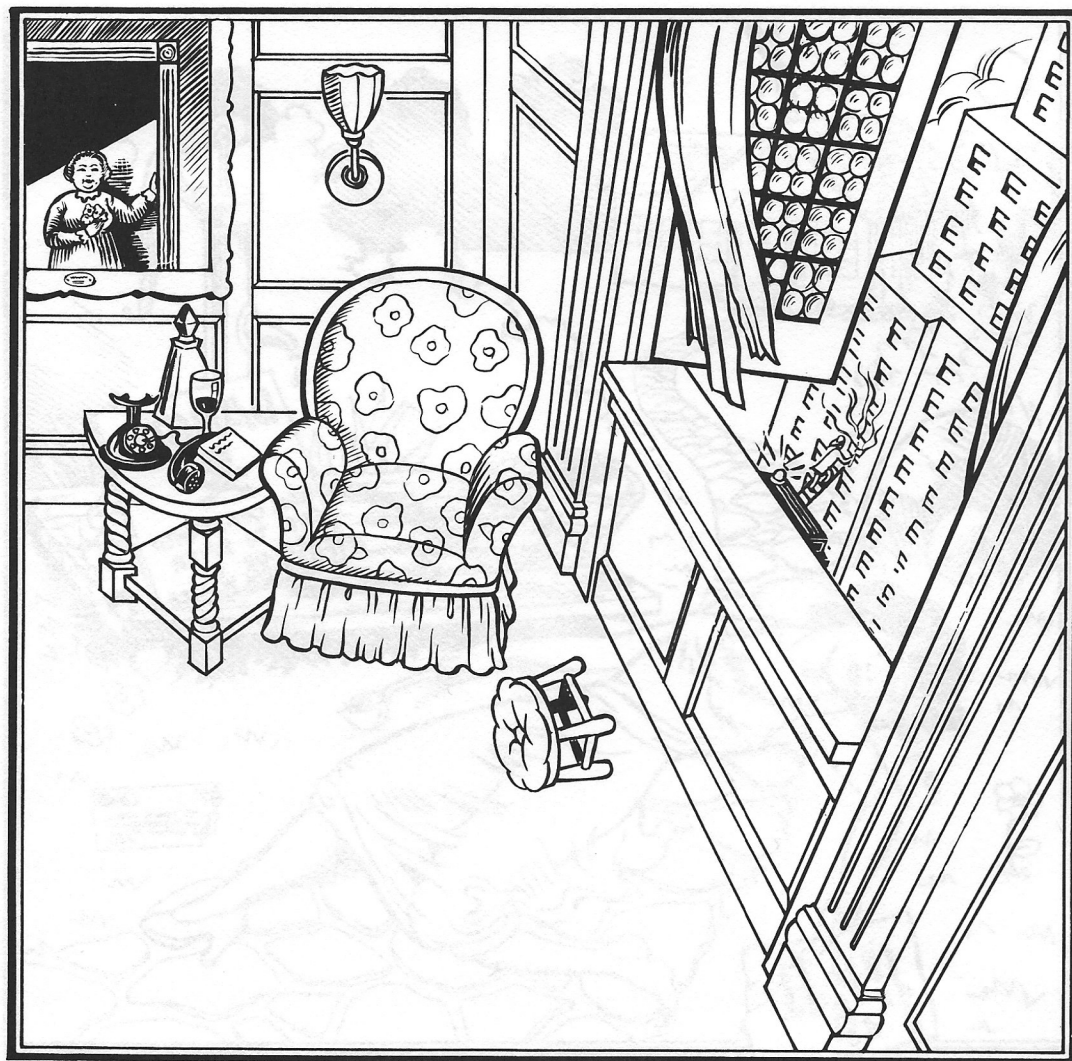


# DROPOUT



As the clock struck five, ninety-year-old Mrs. Mirabel Fallwell dropped out of the window of her spacious twelfth-floor apartment. On the fourth stroke she struck.

Detective Amos Shrewd investigated shortly afterwards and found the room as you see it. Jerry Jarvis, Mrs. Fallwell's nephew and heir, said that the portrait on the wall of his beloved aunt was one that he himself had painted. Under questioning, he claimed that he had been at the far end of the apartment at the time of the tragedy and that he knew nothing about it until informed by the police.

If you were Shrewd, would you charge Jarvis with homicide?

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## Questions

1. Is there a reason why Mirabel interrupted her phone call and went to the window? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
2. Did Mirabel rush to the window? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
3. Is it likely that she brought a footstool to the window? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
4. Is it reasonable to suppose that Mirabel had a dizzy spell while at the window? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
5. Did she try to keep herself from falling out of the window? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you think she committed suicide? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
7. What do you think was the cause of death? Accident \_\_\_\_\_ Murder \_\_\_\_\_

*Solution on page 61*