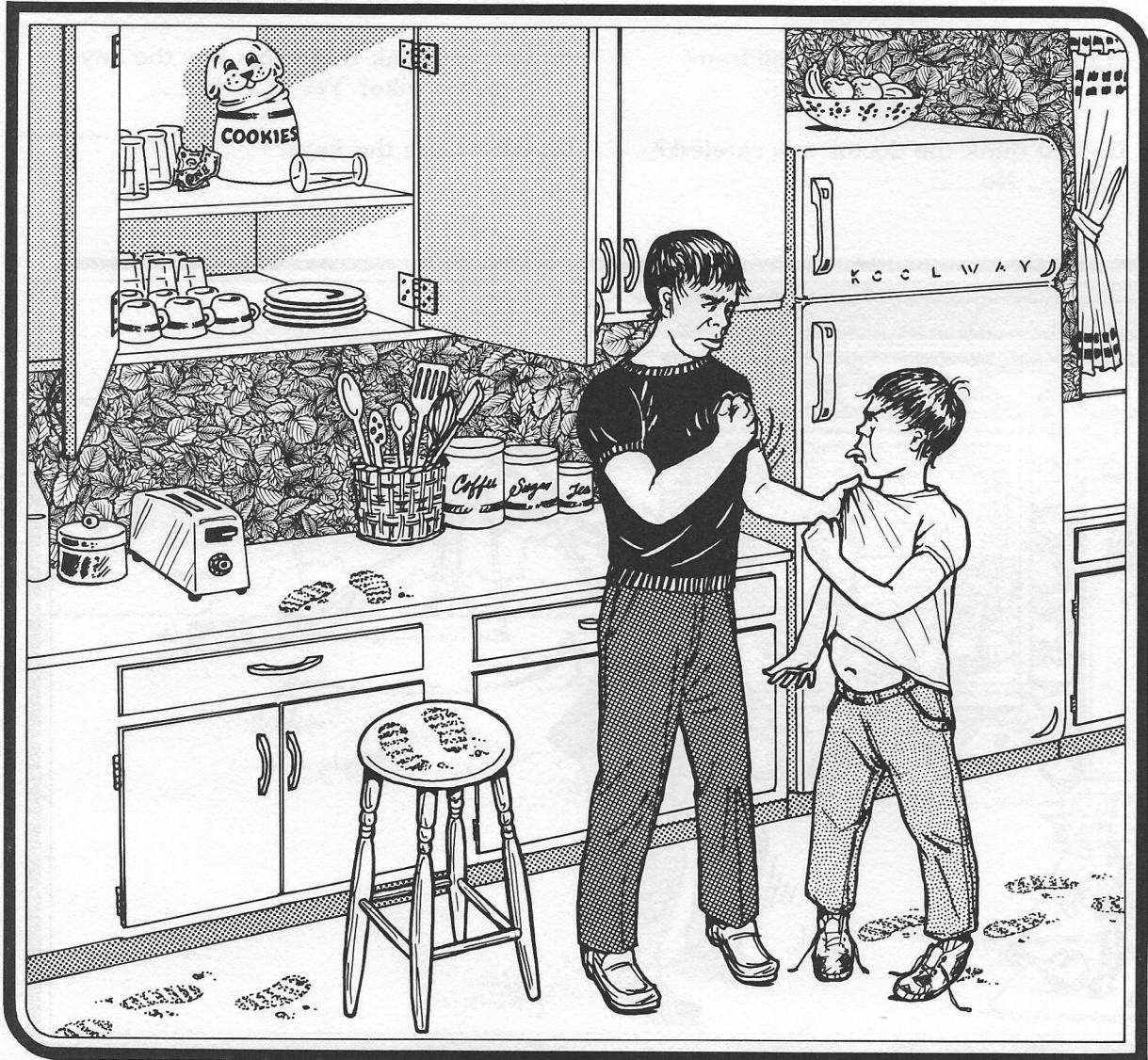


# COOKIE JAR



**T**he Bicker boys never got along with each other. Bonehead, who was sixteen years old, bullied Thickhead, his ten-year-old brother. They delighted in snitching on each other, with the result that their parents believed neither of them. Very often Mr. and Mrs. Bicker never did find out which one of their sons had lied, so they usually punished both of them, hoping that that would cure the boys of lying, but the practice didn't work.

When Mrs. Bicker found that \$38.14 in cash was missing from the cookie jar where she'd kept it, she thought she knew who had taken it. When Bonehead accused Thickhead and pointed out the evidence, she was more certain than ever, but Mr. Bicker, who was a detective, wasn't sure. "Let's examine the evidence," he said, and they did.

Whom do you think they then accused of stealing the \$38.14?

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## Questions

1. Bearing in mind the fact that the average kitchen counter is about three feet high, about how tall was each of the brothers? Bonehead is \_\_\_\_\_ Thickhead is \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are there any muddy footsteps other than those leading to the kitchen cabinet? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
3. Whose footsteps are they, judging by their size? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Whichever one it was, does it look as if he climbed onto the counter?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
5. Could Bonehead reach the upper shelf by standing on the floor and stretching? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
6. Would Thickhead have to climb onto the counter in order to reach the upper shelf? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you think that the footprints were deliberately planted in order to frame one of the brothers? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
8. Who could have planted them? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Why do you think some bills were left on the upper shelf?
10. Who stole the \$38.14?

*Solution on page 68*