

# WATER BED



**B**ig-Lip Mosely hated dogs, children, and everybody else who didn't help him make money. And of all the children he'd ever seen, he hated the LeGrands the most, probably because they kept using a shortcut that crossed a piece of land he owned. After he'd chased them with a stick a couple of times, threatened to shoot them, and tried to get the police to arrest them, the three LeGrands (Sandra, Mickey, and Tim) decided to take appropriate counter-action.

The counter-action consisted of shinnying up a drainpipe to the porch roof, opening a window that was unlocked, and climbing into Mosely's apartment with intent to commit mischief. They separated while they looked around and did nothing worse than upsetting a few ashtrays and scrawling signs that read, "Woe unto Big-Lip!" After that they would have sneaked down the stairs to the front door, tiptoed out, and gone happily home, but one of the trio discovered the water bed. And that was irresistible.

Even so, they might have gotten away with slashing the water bed, except that the water leaked down into the apartment below, where it dripped onto the back of Mrs. Enslow's neck. After the tenth drop she called the plumber and then stood outside and waited for him. Escape for the LeGrands was thus impossible, and the plumber caught them red-handed, as you see them. Shamefacedly they had to walk downstairs where Mrs. Enslow raged and ranted and said she'd punish whoever had done the actual slashing, but luckily she wasn't smart enough to figure out who had, and they escaped before Big-Lip got home.

Can you decide who slashed the water bed?

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## Questions

1. Was Mosely self-important?  
Yes  No
2. Was he vain? Yes  No
3. Was he short and fat? Yes  No
4. Was he a dangerous man?  
Yes  No
5. Was he well off financially?  
Yes  No
6. Do you think that the water bed was punctured on purpose?  
Yes  No
7. Do you think that the water rushed out suddenly? Yes  No
8. Do you think that one of the LeGrands got soaking wet when the water bed was punctured? Yes  No
9. Who has wet clothes? Sandra  Mickey  Tim  Nobody
10. Who slashed the water bed?

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