

Wanted... Mud Blossom

Betsy Byars

Characters:

Mud Blossom- Pop's big golden dog.

Junior Blossom- youngest son of Vicki Blossom, brings Scooty home from school.

Dump- Junior's dog.

Vicki Blossom- mother of Junior, Vern, and Maggie.

Pop- Grandpa of Junior, Vern, and Maggie.

Vern Blossom- older son of Vicki Blossom, hides Scooty from Junior.

Sandy Boy- Vicki's horse.

Michael- Vern's best friend, helps him hide Scooty from Junior .

Mary Cantrell- older woman, friend of Blossoms, lives in a cave.

Ralphie- Maggie's friend who has a crush on her.

Maggie Blossom- daughter of Vicki , friend of Ralphie.

Rooney- Vicki's boyfriend-horse detective.

Scooty- class hamster who Junior takes home for the weekend.

Questions:

1. What is Junior doing that his mom told him never to do? Digging a hole.
2. Who do Vern and Michael think wants to kill them? Mad Mary.
3. What does Maggie make Ralphie stop for while they were riding on his bike? Turtles.
4. Why do Maggie and Ralphie think something terrible has happened to Mad Mary? They find her bag with a dead possum.
5. Why is Junior afraid to tell Pop his secret? Pop had a heart attack before so he doesn't want to excite him.
6. What caused Mud Blossom to run through the woods leaving Junior and Pop? The smell of Mad Mary's bag with a dead possum.
7. What did Pop and Maggie find in the grass that made them worry about Mad Mary? They found the cane that she used all the time.
8. Why do Vern and Michael think that Mad Mary left her bag and cane on purpose? So that they would think she's been kidnapped and they would return to the cave and she could kill them.
9. Why did Mud get put in the basement when Pop was going to Mary's cave? Mud and Mary did not get along.

10. What was Junior waiting for all week that happened on Friday? He was chosen to take home Scooty, the class hamster, for the weekend.
11. Where did Junior put Scooty when he came home from school? In the tunnel which he dug with different rooms.
12. What did Pop find when he went to Mary's cave? Mary was not there but he found Vern and Michael's backpacks.
13. What image did Mary see in her mind? A shape of the Angel of Death.
14. What did Mud discover in the backyard? The tunnel that Junior dug.
15. Why does Pop call the police? To find out if they know anything about Mad Mary.
16. Who did Junior suspect when he found his tunnel disrupted and Scooty missing and why? Mud, because he saw dog paw prints to match his size.
17. Who does Junior call "dirty rotten murderer"? Mudd
18. What did Ralphie do that caused his mother to get angry? He helped his brothers go downhill inside a Maytag box.
19. What did Junior tell Mary was the "scariest thing in the world"? Waking up and not knowing where you are.
20. What did Junior claim he could do with his eyes shut? See through his eyelids.
21. What did Junior want to do to prove that Mud ate Scooty? Cut him open with a butcher knife.
22. What was Maggie's solution to the problem of whether Mud is guilty or not? Put him on trial.
23. What did Ralphie get caught doing? Sneaking into Maggie's bedroom and looking through her barrettes and bows.
24. How did Ralphie's luck run out on him? He got caught by Maggie in her room.
25. Where had Mary not been in 12 years? In a bed- she slept in a cave on a ledge.
26. What information was the hospital trying to get from Mary when she woke up? Where she lived- her address.
27. What color eyes did Maggie have? Green.
28. What did Maggie put under her pillow? The flower that Ralphie had given her.
29. Who were the defender and prosecutor in Mud's trial? Defender is Ralphie and prosecutor is Maggie.
30. Who did Ralphie say was responsible for Scooty being harmed? Junior, because he built a poorly-made tunnel.
31. Who did Mary name as her closest friend in case of emergency? Alex Blossom.

32. How did Ralphie prove that Mud was innocent? He found him in Verns' room in his cage.
33. What did Pop give Junior permission to do? Beat up on Vern for hiding Scooty.
34. Who did Ralphie say "I love you" to on the phone? Mrs. Blossom.
35. Why did Maggie say that she was calling Ralphie? To tell him that Mary was in the hospital and to ask him to help her find Mary's cane.
36. Why did Maggie really call Ralphie? Because she knew he would never call her back on his own so she needed an excuse to call him.
37. Why did Mary pass out beside the road? From malnutrition and worms.
38. Where did Junior want Mary to sleep when she came back from the hospital? In his room-in his bed and he would sleep on the floor.
39. Why was Junior nervous when he saw Mary Cantrell? She looked and smelled different-she was all cleaned up.
40. Who did Junior say was his best friend in the world? Mary Cantrell.
41. How did Maggie know when Ralphie wanted to kiss her? His eyes turned dark and murky.
42. What lesson did Junior learn in taking Scooty home? Responsibility.
43. Who sat next to Junior on the bus the morning he was taking Scooty back to school? Rebecca.

In What Book...

Does Junior tell his mom that he's "not digging a hole" but instead is "making a surprise"?

Does Junior and Maggie's mom date a horse detective?

Is Ralphie in love with Maggie and tells her that she is "using him"?

Does Junior take Scooty, the class hamster, home for the weekend?

Is Mud suspected by Junior of murdering Scooty?

Does Mad Mary experience "the scariest thing in the world"?

Do Maggie and Ralphie put Mud on trial?

Do Vern and Michael hide Scooty to scare Junior?