

THE VIEW FROM THE CHERRY TREE

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Setting: Saraday Street

Characters

- *Rob Mallory - 11, Robbie, favorite pasttime is sitting in a cherry tree, always getting into trouble
- *Mrs. Calloway - neighbor, old, hated cats, Aunt Bea, Derek's great aunt, used only 40 watt bulbs in her house, messy
- *S.O.B.- Rob's cat, mean 22 pounds
- *Mother - Marge
- *Darcy - older sister, getting married, dark hair, blue eyes
- *Steve - marrying Darcy, Had been a medic in the Marines
- *Teddi - 17, six years older than Rob
- *Dad - Walt Mallory, 200 lbs
- *Max- 21, has to repay Mrs. Calloway \$15 for a ruined hose that his car ran over
- *Mr. Felton - playing music at Darcy's wedding
- *Derek Calloway - had been engaged to Darcy, size twelve shoes, responsible for pushing Mrs. Calloway out her window
- *Uncle Nick, Aunt Sylvia, Sylvester, Aunt Grace, Elsie, Richie, Little Nelly, Anabel - family who descended on the Mallory's home that weekend for the wedding
- *Uncle Ray - took money from work (\$1200)
- *French- bookkeeper who Uncle Ray had to tell his story to
- *Randolph - dead mouse in Rob's room
- *Riley- police officer
- *Fritz - police officer
- *Mr. Wentworth, Mrs. Bond, Mr. Dunbarton - neighbors of the Mallorys
- *Doc Hanson- vet who treated Siamese cat who was almost poisoned

QUESTIONS

- *...did the kids in the neighborhood tell stories about a neighbors saying that she caught kids and ate them, like the witch in Hansel and Gretel?
- *...did a mother have a phrase that someone was always "having fits"?
- *...did an old lady always want to take a nap when someone wanted to use their power mowers or play their stereos?
- *...does a character park on a neighbor's garden hose and ruin it?
- *... did a boy keep spiders in a jar?
- *...was the only thing a character liked about a neighbor's house was "the tower"?
- *...did a lady watch the activities of a neighborhood with her binoculars?
- *...did a boy put catsup all over his face and shirt, intending to scare the neighbor?
- *...did a girl's bridesmaid contract measles the day before the wedding?
- *...did a character see a man's hand push an old lady out her window?
- *...was there a mix up on a wedding cake, where the bakery had the wrong Saturday?
- *...did a character find a dead mouse in his room that had climbed behind the bookcase?
- *...did a character get shot at by a .22, and also a flower pot was pushed out a second floor window... crashing to the ground and almost crashing on him?

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- *...was a cat almost poisoned by a chicken leg?
- *...did Nelly break apart the "Constitution" into bits?
- **How far off the ground was the window that Mrs. Calloway fell from? 6 feet
- *...did a boy hide poisoned chicken leg remains in his sister's room?
- *How many people were coming to the wedding? 250
- *What did Mrs. Calloway keep plenty of in the house? old newspapers
- *...did a person who committed a crime have red scratch marks on their arm from? SOB's claws
- *...did a character try to escape to a neighbor's "tower", which was three stories high? (Circular, 15ft)
- *...did a character hide bags of drugs in his aunt's house under the porch?
- *...was a character extremely fearful of spiders? Derek...Rob said they were black widows

QUOTE

"He killed her. He pushed her out the window because she found some drugs he had and wouldn't give them back."

QUOTE

There are only 2 categories things fall into around here. Things that have to be done before the wedding, and things that can't possibly be squeezed in until afterward?