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Case File #2

Noises From Above

First, read the four paragraphs. Next, answer the question connected to each clue. Then, try to find who was committed the crime.



Noises From Above

Holly and Brett heard the scratching again. How did their parents expect them to go to sleep when something was scratching through the ceiling in their bedroom?

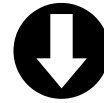
“Mooooommm!” yelled Holly. “The monster is back!” screamed Brett. In just a few moments, Mom and Dad came back to the bedroom. “It’s not a monster, you guys,” said Dad. Holly and Brett weren’t buying it. The scratching noises only happened at nighttime, when monsters were just waking up to scare little children in their bedrooms.



CLUE #1

When did the children hear the noise?

Your answer for clue #1



They heard the noise at

CLUE #2

Where was the noise coming from?

Your answer for clue #2



It was coming from

The scratching noise from the ceiling started a few weeks ago. Holly and Brett noticed it first, and Mom and Dad finally heard it last night for the first time. Even though their parents weren’t convinced it was a monster, Holly and Brett were still worried.

After Mom and Dad did a check of the bedroom, they left Holly and Brett to fall asleep. The scratching lasted for a few more minutes and then stopped. Then, after a few moments of silence, another noise came from above the ceiling.



It sounded like a “whooooo”, but Holly and Brett weren’t going to wait to find out what came next. They ran out of their bedroom, tearing down the hallway in their pajamas. When Holly and Brett finally calmed down, everyone went back into the bedroom. All four of them sat quietly in the dark room, listening to the scratching and the strange “whoooo” sounds coming from above the ceiling. Finally, a large swooshing noise near the window caught everyone by surprise.



CLUE #3

What did the kids hear by the window ?

Your answer for clue #3



They heard

Needless to say, Holly and Brett were really scared after that. Their parents promised to check out the attic in the morning. The following morning, their parents told them they had found what was making the noise. A little after breakfast, there was a man from a place called “Animal Control” at the home, climbing up a ladder and into the attic space above Holly and Brett’s bedroom. He carried a large, covered cage back to his truck and there were never any scratching noises again.



CLUE #4

What did the children see coming from the attic?

Your answer for clue #4



They saw

What was making the noises?

Why do you say this? Explain your answer.