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“The House”- Pichert & Anderson (1977)

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There were three upstairs bedrooms. Mark showed Pete his mother’s closet which was filled with furs and the locked box which held her jewels. His sisters’ room was uninteresting except for the color TV which Mark carried to his room. Mark bragged that the bathroom in the hall was his since one had been added to his sisters’ room for their use. The big highlight in his room, though, was a leak in the ceiling where the old roof had finally rotted.

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Questions

1. How many boys were in this story?
2. Why were they going to the house?
3. When is “Mom” never home?
4. What hid the house from the road?
5. What was the landscaping like?
6. What feature(s) did “Dad” add to the house?
7. How many doors to the house were there?
8. What was in the garage?
9. Which door did the boys go in?
10. Why did they go in that door?
11. Who else lives at Mark’s house besides his mom and dad?
12. What update had been done to the living room and the rest of the house?
13. What “noise worried Pete?
14. Where is the nearest neighbor?
15. Describe the yard?
16. In 5 words or less, describe the dining room?
17. What did the boys eat?
18. Why didn’t the boys go in the basement?
19. What was kept in the den?
20. What did Mark brag about?
21. How many bedrooms are in the house?
22. What was in the closet?
23. What did Mark carry to his room?
24. How many bathrooms are mentioned?
25. What was the major problem with Mark’s room?