

# HOLMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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Four of the monsters in the haunted house's windows have an identical twin. Help Slylock Fox determine which two monsters are similar but not identical.

Solution - The two monsters notice their eyes are different. call. If you look closely, you will find that they are not identical. The two monsters are very similar, but their tongues out are very different.



## Trick or treat safety tips

- 1) Carry a flashlight.
- 2) Don't walk alone.
- 3) Never wear a mask that blocks your vision.
- 4) Don't walk in the street. Stay on the sidewalk.
- 5) Ask your parents to examine the candy before you eat it.

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# FOR THE YOUNG MYSTERY FAN

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# BILLY'S PAGE



Some sneaky spook has played a trick on us this Halloween. He has made a change on one of our covers (front or back). Can you discover the mistake? (answer pg 27)



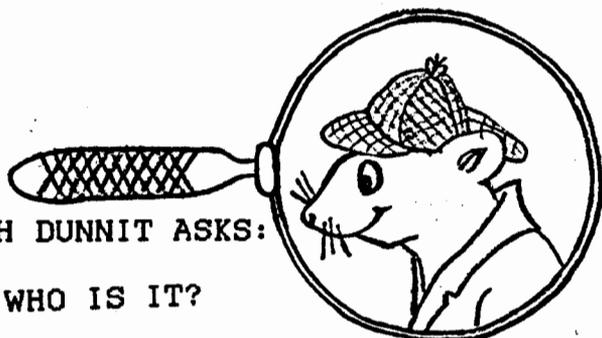
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HUGH DUNNIT ASKS:

WHO IS IT?

Hugh Durnnit, our mysterious mouse detective has listed eight clues to the above question. Using your best detective skills, and a little luck, read one clue at a time (in any order) and see how many clues it takes you to solve the mystery of Who Is It?

- 1) I get wrapped up in my work.
- 2) Sometimes I should tell rude people to "get off my case!"
- 3) I have first cousins that are over 3000 years old.
- 4) Sir Arthur Conan Doyle wrote some short stories about my friends.
- 5) Although I'm very ancient, my most famous friend was just discovered in 1922.
- 6) You can find my friends and their treasures in many major museums.
- 7) I've been found in Egypt, the Canary Islands, and South America.
- 8) Boris Karloff was the first to portray me in a 1931 movie for Universal.

CAN YOU FIND SHERLOCK HOLMES ON THIS COLORLESS PAGE OF A  
**HALLOWEEN WHO'S-WHO?**



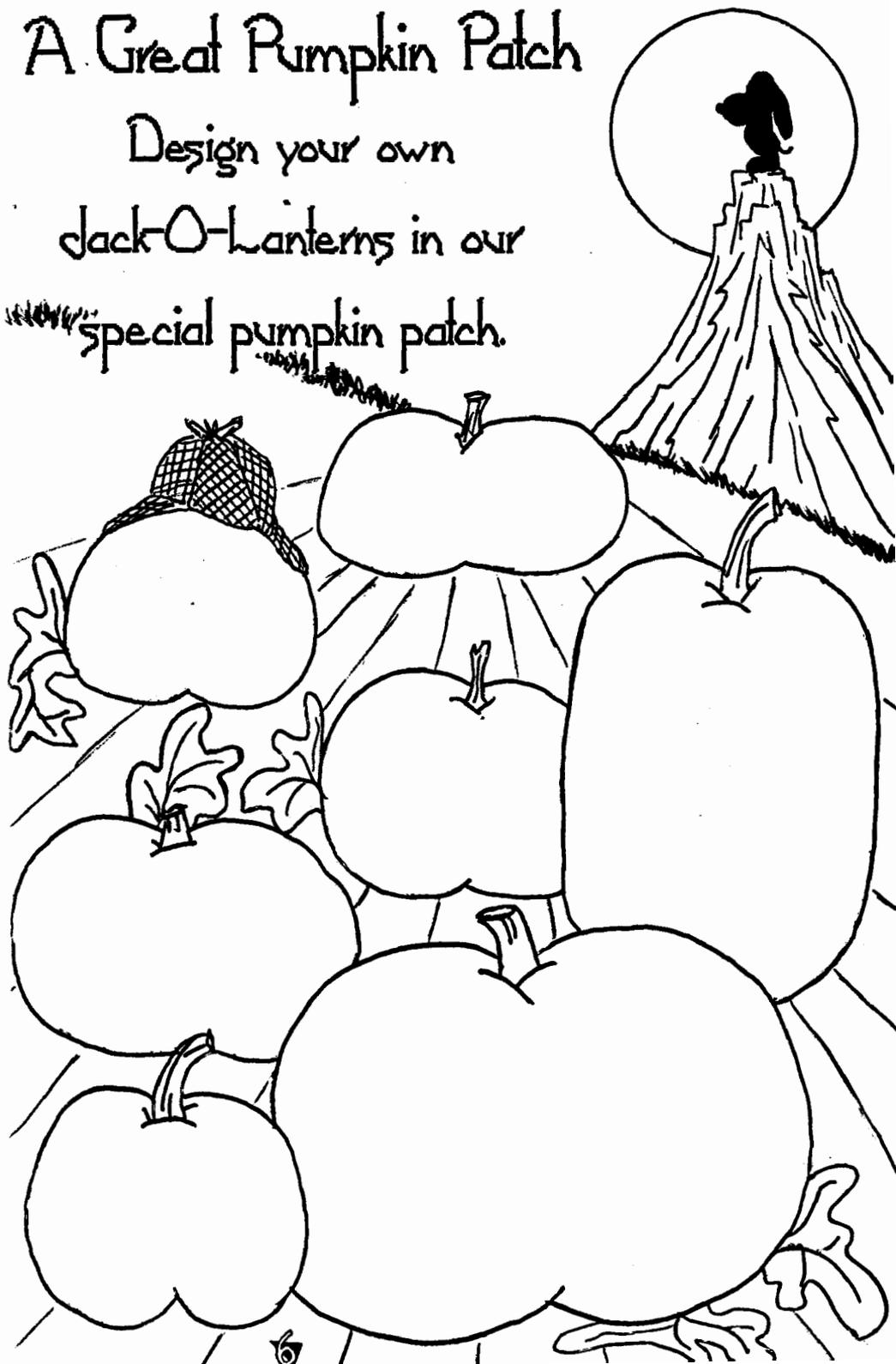
J. Decker

# A Great Pumpkin Patch

Design your own

Jack-O-Lanterns in our

special pumpkin patch.



# From Sherlock's Shelf"



Reviews by  
Kathy Belcher



Happy Halloween! We've delved into a dozen Disney books and found some dynamite mystery stories for you young readers and listeners out there.

In the first book, The Mystery of the Missing Peanuts, Detective Donald and Mickey are at the zoo. Peanuts continue to disappear and Donald must find out why.

Larger items are missing in the next three stories. Jewel thieves have pinched some important gems in Pluto the Detective. Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks.

The Aristocats and the Missing Necklace involves the cute characters, Tutu, Marie, Berly, Duchess, and Roquefort. They all work together to recover their mistress's necklace.

Remember Basil and Dr. David Q. Dawson? They are back helping to defeat those evil scoundrels Ratigan and Fidget. We can catch them in two fine Sherlock Holmes style stories, The Great Mouse Detective and Million Dollar Dolls (Disney's Year Book 1991).

Make this Howloween a howling success. Read and dress up as one of these Disney detectives.

# MATHEMATICS AND MORIARTY

by Richard L. Kellogg

Professor James Moriarty, the Napoleon of crime, once taught mathematics at a small English university. He became the most famous criminal in England and the chief opponent of the great detective, Sherlock Holmes. Moriarty and Holmes had their final confrontation at Reichenbach Falls in central Switzerland.

Moriarty was known for giving tricky and confusing tests to the students in his mathematics classes. Following are some of his fiendish problems that confounded his best students:

1. Billy has  $2 \frac{1}{2}$  sandpiles in one place and  $3 \frac{1}{2}$  sandpiles in another area. How many sandpiles will he have if he puts them all together?
2. A dog named Toby is running through the woods. The wooded area is 6 miles in length. How far can Toby run into the woods?
3. Would you rather have a box full of nickles or the same box half-full of dimes?
4. The amount of water flowing into a swimming pool doubles every minute. The pool is completely full in 10 minutes. When was the pool half-full of water.



Answers on page 27





# "I've Created A Monster!"



Below we've listed 6 famous monsters' creators. These are not mad scientists, but authors. Match each scary subject illustrated with the writer that brought it to life.

(answers pg 27)

## Monsterific Authors

- |                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Washington Irving      | 4. Mary W. Shelley |
| 2. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle | 5. H. G. Wells     |
| 3. Robert Louis Stevenson | 6. Bram Stoker     |



Frankenstein



Dracula



Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde



Invisible Man



Hound of the Baskervilles



Headless Horseman

## THE MYSTERY OF MAGIC

### A Sherlockian Card Trick You Can Do!

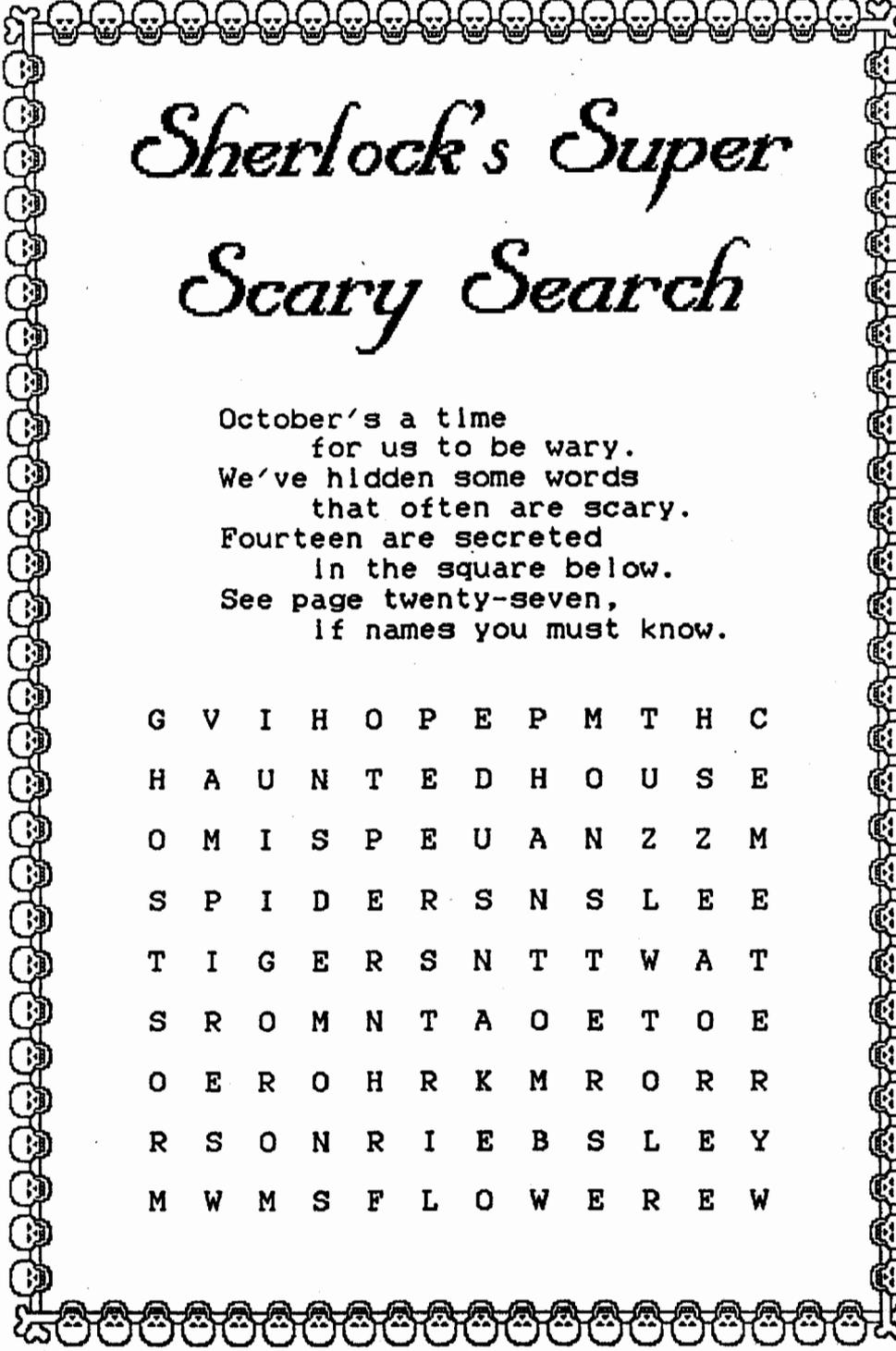
**How The Trick Looks:** Hold up four Jacks which represent four robbers. Tell the audience that the Jacks have decided to rob a house, represented by the deck of cards. You will place the robbers in different places in the house, but Sherlock Holmes, the ACE (of spades) detective will find all four and their loot.

**How The Trick Works:** Before you start, place the Ace of Spades on the bottom of the deck, and all of the Diamonds (except the Jack) on the top of the deck. Then place any four cards behind the Jacks before you fan them out to show them. Fan out only the Jacks, and keep the four extra cards hidden behind.

Now start the trick by saying, "Here are four robbers named Jack, who decided to rob a house. We'll let the deck of cards represent the house." Place the Jacks, and the extra cards hidden behind them, on top of the deck, facedown. Then continue, "The first robber entered the house through a window in the cellar." Take the top card from the deck (which everyone supposes to be a Jack) and push it into the deck near the bottom. Don't let anyone see its face. Push it all the way in, so that it is lost.

Then say, "The second robber entered the house through the front door." Take the top card from the deck (another one of the "extra" cards) and push it into the deck near the center. "The third robber entered the house by the back door." Take the top card and place it in

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# *Sherlock's Super Scary Search*

October's a time  
for us to be wary.  
We've hidden some words  
that often are scary.  
Fourteen are secreted  
in the square below.  
See page twenty-seven,  
if names you must know.

G	V	I	H	O	P	E	P	M	T	H	C
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S	R	O	M	N	T	A	O	E	T	O	E
O	E	R	O	H	R	K	M	R	O	R	R
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"The First Annual Great Brew Cook-Off," Icky read outloud from the Oak Village Gazette, "will be held on October 31st. First Prize: Hawaiian Beach Vacation".

Icky squealed with delight! "How wonderful! A contest to see who can make the best witch's brew. Since I am the oldest witch of the parents, Olga and Heamin, I should have the most experience and surely can make the best brew."

Picky, who was within hearing distance, walked into the kitchen and peaked over her sister's shoulder, "Sounds like a great contest to me. One that I can easily win, because I know only the finest spells and use only the finest ingredients."

As the two witches were pouring over the contest article, their baby

sister, Poo, flew into the room. She hurried over to see what all the excitement was about.

"A contest," Poo began.

"Not a contest for you, Poo," Icky and Picky retorted. "They want true Halloween witches. You know, the kind that turn frogs into princes."

Icky announced, "I'd better get started. Lots of work, lots of skill needed to win this contest."

As she hurried out of the room, Icky threw the newspaper at Picky.

Picky said, "I can't let Icky win. I've got to go out and dig up some of the finest gourmet ingredients in the world."

As she ran out the back door to find a shovel, Picky threw the newspaper at Poo.

Now Poo, who always admired her sisters, was wondering who really would win the contest.

Icky was the oldest and the most skilled at stirring up brews, and really lived up to her name, for she always used traditional witch's ingredients in her brews--eye of newt, slimy worms, crushed bat wings. She could make love potions, wart removers, hair restorers and really could turn frogs into princes. But would it be enough to win the contest?

The middle sister, Picky, was a particular witch, a "Yuppy Witch". Her name suited her well. The right designer labels could be found on everything she wore, for Picky left them on for everyone to see. The heels on her pointed (but not too pointed) shoes had to be exactly 1 and 1/4 of an inch high. Picky could always tell when they

weren't and threatened the shoe salesperson with warts and flat tires.

She considered her brews to be for the elite and used only the rarest of ingredients--Aged toenails, Imported seaweed, wine made from grapes that were stomped only by the feet of ugly trolls. With her potions she could turn a frumpy dress into a fashion statement, or change toadstools in a canoe into stuffed mushrooms being served on a yacht. But would it be enough to win the contest?

And then there was Poo. Olga and Heamin had named their third daughter Boo. A very befitting name for a tiny little witch. But the "B" typewriter key was chipped and broken, so her birth certificate reads "Poo" instead of "Boo". Icky and Picky loved the new name.



Even as a baby, it became evident that the little witch was much more like a Poo than Boo. She would wrinkle up her nose and go "poo" at all the disgusting things witches put in their brews. So when it became her turn to stir up a potion, it came as no surprise when Poo refused to handle slimy worms or aged toenails. Instead she would reach for a jar of peanut butter or a hunk of chocolate. Her brews couldn't

relieve itching or take away seven years bad luck, but she could conjure up wonderful hot fudge sundaes and triple-decker creamfilled cookies.

What made Poo so different?

Her mother, Olga, was in a state of shock the day she found out that little Poo had genetically acquired a "sweet tooth"! Their dentist, Dr. Floss N. Brush set Olga in a great big stuffed leather chair and told her the terrible news. One of Poo's front teeth was the "sweet tooth". Olga was upset but at least she now understood her daughter's unusual habits at home. To make herself feel better, Olga told all the neighbors and relatives that the unusual tooth and behavior came from her husband's side of the family.

Now Poo stared at the newspaper before her. As he reread the article, Poo studied "The Great Brew Cook-Off Contest Rules", and the many lines of teeny tiny fine print.

In Oak Village, someone else was studying the newspaper article too. It was the village's leader, Mayor Sherman. In fact, the contest was all his idea.

"Yep, yep, my 'Brew Cook-Off Contest' is a wonderful idea--What a Hallo-



ween promotion! All the villagers can set up their big shiny pots downtown in the park, in the middle of the business district. I guess everyone will come in costume that day saying magic words to make "Bat Chili", "Goblin Chili", or Ghastly Chili". Best of all, tourists will come and shop at the stores. The businesses will make lots of money, and I'll be a hero."

There is one thing the mayor didn't know--That there are real witches living across from Oak Village, beyond the Holly-Wolly River in the Kanosebleed Mountains.

And there is one thing the villagers didn't know--That the beach front vacation prize in Hawaii did not come with transportation or hotel accommodations. Oh, there was a beach all right; near an active volcano. It was a piece of property that Mayor Sherman acquired when he traded some swampland in Florida.

And there is also one thing the witches did not know--the contest was for humans, just a silly Halloween promotional gimmick. The witches were taking the contest very seriously, practicing day and night and looking forward to their vacation in Hawaii.

The morning of October 31 arrived, and everyone in the Oak Village could smell chili lingering in the autumn air. The park was crawling with village witches: tall ones, short ones, green-haired and wart-nosed ones. It was truly to be a day of surprises.

Icky was the first of the three witches to arrive. She made a grand entrance on her broom. Her tall black hat and billowing black dress loomed ominously in the sky. She made the

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The villagers just stared at Mayor Sherman in awe and wondered why they had elected him.

"What else is there to do," mumbled the village leader, "I don't want to end up a toad. But I just didn't know we had any real witches around Oak Village...any real witches...any real witches."

The contest judges scurried from contestant to contestant. Sure enough there were lots of "Bat Chili", Goblin Chili', and "Ghastly Chili'. The villagers did themselves proud with their favorable recipes, but no one was shopping at the stores. People were staying in one spot with eyes fixed on the tree witches. Now it was Icky's turn.



Her cauldron was black cast iron with layers of gunk cooked on it. She cackled and performed like a seasoned pro. Icky's complexion took on a green cast, her stringy hair blew in the wind, and her long bony fingers picked up each brew ingredient and waved it at her captured audience. In dropped the lizard eggs, the rotten heart of artichoke, and the tail of a dragon.

"Now for something really scary," Icky bellowed. And in dropped a math test.

Each item was followed by magic words, cauldron smoke, and bubbles. More nasty ingredients, more magic words. Then Icky pointed at the judges, who were shaking in their shoes, and cackled so hard and loud that it echoed through the Kanosebleed Mountains.

Icky knew the brew spell that would impress these humans the most. She slowly opened a burlap sack and pulled out a frog. Holding it by its hind leg, she plunged the frog in the bubbling mixture. A loud "bang" followed, and smoke filled the air everywhere. When the smoke cleared and coughing stopped, one could see a human-sized prince sitting in the cauldron. The prince got up, looked very dazed and hopped through the crowd chasing flies.

Icky was very pleased with herself for she had really scared the Judges.

Picky knew the judges would not settle for scary or cheap. She plucked four stringed instruments out of the air, and at her command the quartet played classical music. She had great confidence in herself because her two-inch nails (not a chip in the polish) were flawless. Also, Picky's one-of-a-kind ingredients came out of an Italian Gucci bag.

In her shiny Neman-Marcus pot went the wisdom tooth of King Henry the Eighth (and everyone thought Henry had no wisdom). Next came a slender piece of straw from Noah's Ark and finally, a lock of Madonna's hair. Picky stirred her brew, and twirled around, each time appearing in a new designer outfit.

High above the crowd, she held in her hands, ten pieces of coal. Saying the magic words (which resembled Polo, Calvin Klein and Rolex), she let the coal tumble into the pot.

"Ooooooh," Picky responded, and slipped her gloved hand into the brew and pulled out the most extravagant diamond necklace on the face of the earth. It sparkled in the sunlight and its brilliance could be seen from miles away.

Picky was very pleased with herself for she had really impressed the Judges, who were by this time speechless.

Poo sort of shuffled up to her huge white enamel saucepan with the two little handles on each side. She was terribly excited and got a bad case of the giggles. Well it wasn't long before she had the villagers laughing too. Poo started clapping, and soon she was swaying back and forth to rock music that seemed to be coming out of her pan. The crowd joined in.

The littlest witch grabbed her worn book-bag and fished around inside for the tastiest of treats: fresh strawberries, butterscotch sauce, and pints and pints of whipped cream. The crowd went



wild. In went the cherries, in went the sugar, in went the French Vanilla ice cream.



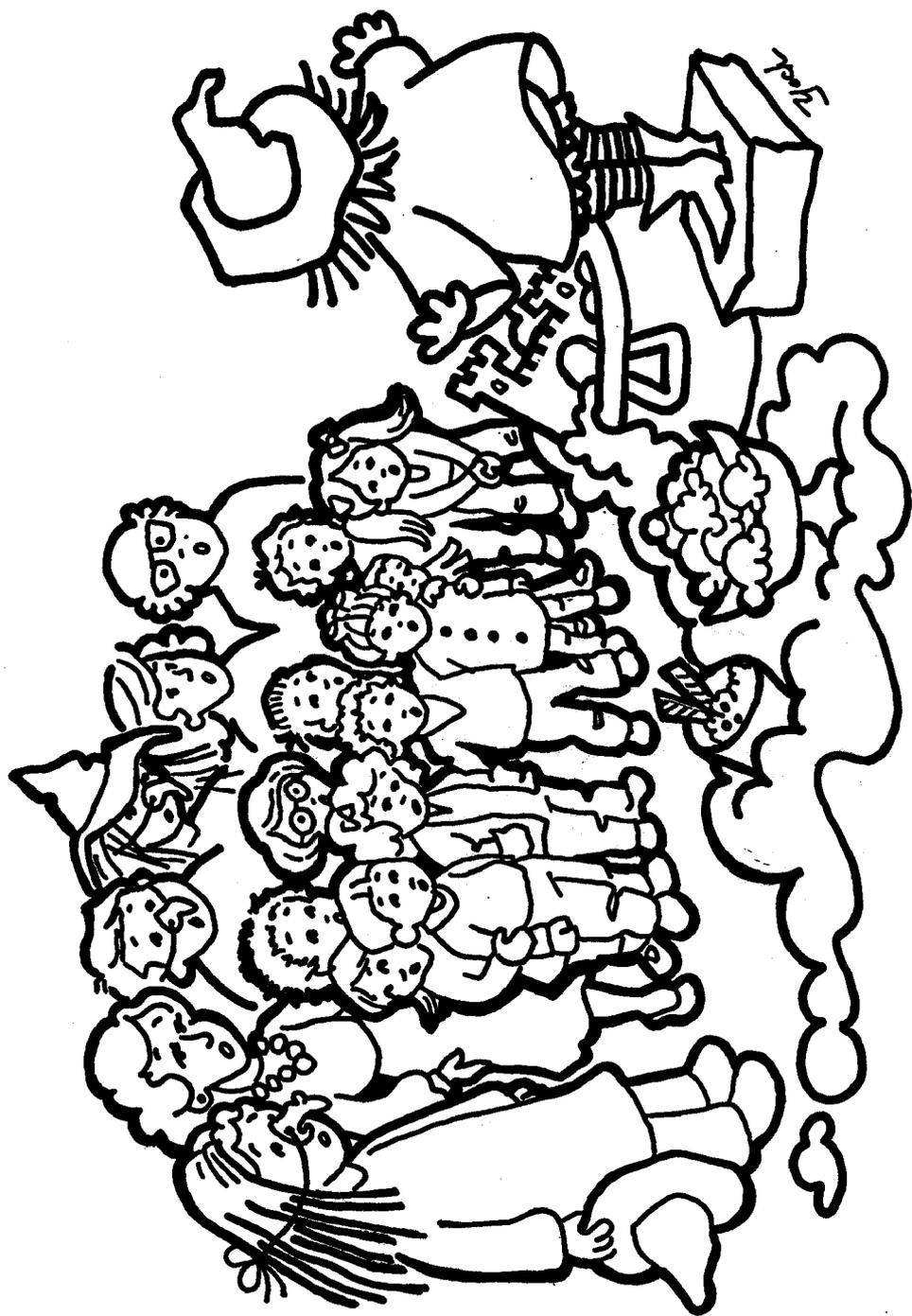
Poo's magic words took on the sound of rap music. She was in a real frenzy as she threw her hands to the sky. Poo was startled to see fireworks in a multitude of colors before her. Suddenly her saucepan began to shake, bubbles resembling that of a frothy milk shake began to rise and overflow. There,

coming out of that saucepan, was one absolutely delicious dessert after another. Banana splits with ten different kinds of ice cream, mile-high meringue pies in all flavors, gingerbread houses in the shape of castles with hundreds of rooms, and gallons of peppermint malts.

Poo didn't know what to think of herself--And Mayor Sherman just wanted the contest to be over. "Judges, pick the winning brew."

Which witch do you think won "The First Annual Brew Cook-Off"? Why?

(Answer on page 24)



Poo knew at the very beginning of the contest that she could be the winner. She knew, or rather read, something that Icky and Picky didn't read. And that was the name of the judges. Icky and Picky were in too big of a hurry when they read the contest article in the Oak Village Gazette. But Poo took the time to read all the rules, including the teeny tiny print which stated that the judges were going to be: Mrs. Mulligan and her Fourth Grade Class from Oak Village Elementary School.

And sure enough, Mrs. Mulligan and her class were at the Park on October 31 to judge "The Great Brew Cook-Off Contest". They tasted all the chili that they ever cared to taste. And Icky scared the socks off them, and Picky bored them to tears. But Poo was super great, and everyone of the judges and everyone in the village had three desserts all to themselves!

Poo was announced the winner. She told the quaking Mayor Sherman that it was all right that his vacation prize did not include transportation or hotel accommodations, and that she had the power to quiet an active volcano. But I am going to take some very special people with me!

She giggled and hiccupped through some magic words, and in a puff of smoke, her broom extended to school bus size. I'll take care of making a gingerbread hotel when we get there.

So later in the day, Mrs. Mulligan and her Fourth Grade Class (with swimming suits in hand) climbed aboard Poo's broom, yelled "aloha", and flew to their Hawaiian vacation paradise.



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ICKY AND HE

Dear Praty,  
I'm glad you  
were here!  
I'm glad you  
were here!  
I'm glad you  
were here!

Chocolate  
Pop

paper

# Which Witch Is Which?

Icky is in big trouble! Not only did she fail to win the Brew Cook-Off, but her special spell backfired creating 7 more Ickys! Can you spot the real Icky? Color her in and you'll break the spell.



by DoeYoch

(She's the one witch that's different from the rest.)  
Answer pg 27

IT'S ELEMENTARY  
-Our Answer Page-

Billy's Page Query (page 3)

Our sneaky spook changed this issue's numbers on the front cover from Vol. 3 No. 1 to Vol 2 No. 6. All Holmes For The Holiday-ers know that there are only 5 issues per year.

Hugh Dunitz Asks: "Who Is It?" (page 4)

Our ancient mystery subject is a mummy. The most famous cloth covered corpse is King Tut, whose tomb was discovered in 1922. It only took Sherlock Holmes clue number 8 to solve this puzzle. Dr. Watson took three clues (#5, #6, & #7) and Inspector Lestrade guessed it was his daddy instead!

Mathematics and Moriarty (page 8)

- 1) One big sandpile
- 2) Only 3 miles - after that Toby would be running out of the woods.
- 3) A box half-full of dimes is worth more, since a dime is twice the value of a nickle, and is smaller in size.
- 4) The pool was half-full of water after 9 minutes.

"I've Created A Monster" (page 9)

- 1) Headless Horseman of Sleepy Hollow (1819)
- 2) Hound Of The Baskervilles (1901)
- 3) Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (1886)
- 4) Frankenstein (1818)
- 5) Invisible Man (1897)
- 6) Dracula (1897)

Sherlock's Super Scary Search (page 12)

Find these words

Ghost, Haunted House, Monsters, Igor, Phantom, Spiders, A Test, Vampires, Tigers, Demons, Rats, Snake, Cemetery, Werewolf

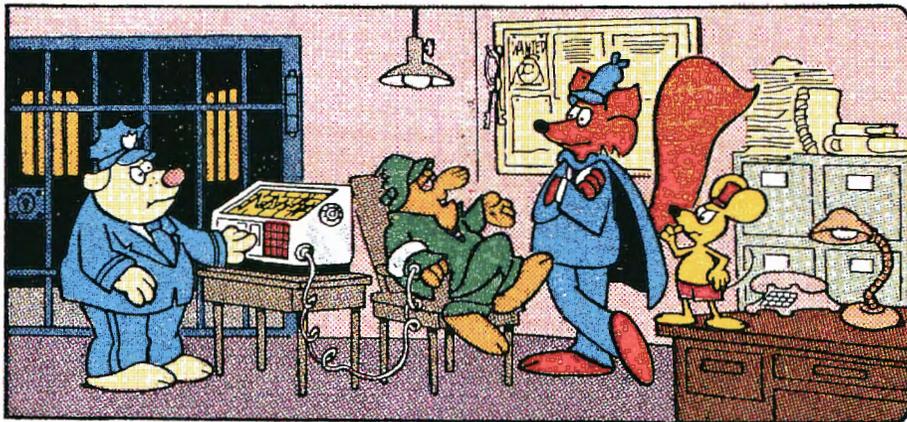
Which Witch Is Which? (page 26)

Icky is witch number 6.

## Slylock fox

A forest animal was hit by a water balloon as he walked past Shady Shrew's house yesterday afternoon. Chief Mutt asked Shady Shrew where he was when the assault occurred. Shady replied that he was at his uncle's only brother's son's house. According to the lie detector machine, Shady was telling the truth. But Slylock Fox suspects Shady is guilty of throwing the water balloon. Why?

Solution - When Shady said he was at his uncle's brother's son's house, he was actually admitting he was at his own house. This was the truth, but it confused Chief Mutt. Slylock exposed Shady's double talk and Shady confessed to throwing the water balloon.



## Slylock fox

Dr. Weirdly has used a molecular mixer machine to change his physical appearance. Slylock Fox discovered Weirdly's makeover, but was soon captured. There is a key to unlock Slylock's chain somewhere in the laboratory. Help Max Mouse find it and rescue Slylock.

