

Tales of Horror by Bram Stoker**THE JUDGE'S HOUSE**

1 He wanted to be alone to study for his final examinations. 2 (a) The lawyer said that the house had been empty for many years. He said that people said strange things about the house, and no one wanted to live there. (b) He was not worried about stories. He liked the house and he wanted to live there. 3 She said that a famous judge lived there once. He was a very cruel man. He ordered many criminals to be hanged. 4 (a) The dining-room. (b) He put his books on the big table in the centre of the room. 5 In an old wooden chair beside the fire. 6 Rats. 7 A rope. It was hanging from the ceiling. 8 An enormous rat. 9 Into the fields. 10 He worked at his books while the rats ran all over the room. Then there was silence. The noise of the rats stopped completely. The enormous rat sat in the chair beside the fire. It looked at Malcolm with its evil eyes. Malcolm picked up a book and threw it at the rat. He missed it. When he moved towards the rat, it ran up the rope and disappeared. Then the other rats started to squeak and scratch. Malcolm looked at his watch. The time was midnight. 11 It was strong, but it also felt soft and smooth. 12 To clean the painting with the hole in the corner. 13 He said that it was the rope that the hangman used. 14 (a) It was a judge in his robes. (b) He was sitting in a wooden, high-backed chair, beside a fireplace. (c) A rope. (d) That it was a painting of the room in which he was standing. 15 It was holding on to the rope. And it was biting through the rope. 16 (a) The judge had disappeared from the painting. (b) The judge. 17 They were coming out of a hole in the ceiling and they were climbing down the rope. They were trying to make the alarm bell ring. 18 They found Malcolm's body hanging from the end of the alarm bell rope. When they looked at the painting, there was an evil smile on the face of the judge.

THE IRON MAIDEN

1 (a) Nürnberg. (b) Elias. 2 A moat. 3 (a) He wanted to join the cats' game. He said the stone would fall near the kitten. It would puzzle the cats. (b) It hit the kitten. The kitten died immediately. 4 The cat followed them. She walked round the bottom of the wall. 5 The Torture Tower. 6 He was killed. There were spikes on the inside of the door. When the door closed, some of them went through the man's eyes. Some went through his heart and stomach. 7 (a) He wanted to see what it felt like to stand inside. (b) He asked the guide to tie his hands together and then his feet. 8 The black cat jumped at him. She scratched his face. He screamed and let go of the rope. 9 (a) He took a big sword from one of the walls and killed the cat with it. (b) Student's own answer.

THE RETURN OF ABEL BEHENA

1 (a) Enormous rocks. (b) The wind blew the fishermen's boats against the rocks. 2 The two boys had gone out fishing in a small boat. The weather was fine, but it changed later. When they tried to sail their boat back to harbour, the wind blew the boat against a big rock. Abel jumped out onto the rock with a strong rope. Eric was in the water. He tried to swim to the shore but the wind was blowing him out to sea. Abel threw the rope to him and pulled him to safety. 3 They fell in love with the same girl. They both wanted to marry her. 4 (a) She had to choose between Eric or Abel. She had to say which of them she was going to marry. (b) On 11th April. 5 (a) That Sarah loved them both, and could not decide between them. But she said they were both poor. Neither of them had enough money to get married. (b) They had to agree to put their money together and toss a coin for Sarah. The winner would take all the money. He must then buy goods and sell them in foreign countries.

When he was rich, he would return and marry Sarah.

6 (a) Because Abel had won. Eric did not want to be his friend any more. (b) Eric will marry Sarah. (c) No. 7 (a) She thought that he had forgotten her. She thought that he would never come back. (b) One morning in August. (c) One. 8 On 11th April. But only if Abel did not return. 9 (a) It crashed against a rock and sank quickly into the sea. (b) He ran to the big rock. (c) Abel. (d) He let go of the rope. 10 They saw something strange floating in the water. They said it was a big fish with a long tail. 11 That the tide was going out. 12 (a) A body lying on the shore. (b) A rope. (c) Abel Behena. 13 'The Devil helped you. The Devil took you. And the Devil brought you back.'