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Characters, page 1

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	Mrs. Sleet	Steady Eddie	Miss Thomas	Herman
What does this character do in the story?				
How does this character help Bud?				
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	Bugs	Deza Malone	Lefty Lewis	Mr. Jimmy
What does this character do in the story?				
How does this character help Bud?				
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Comprehension, part 1

Answer each question carefully in complete sentences and with details.

1. Where did Bud's name come from?

2. Who were the Amoses?

3. How did Bud know the Amoses went through his things?

4. Why was Bud locked in the shed?

5. Why did Bud hit the hornet's nest with a rake?

6. Why did Bud go to the library?

7. Why did Bugs jump on Bud while he slept?

8. Who was Hooverville named after? Why?

9. Bud worried that Deza's father wouldn't be able to find her after what event?

10. What made Bud think Mr. Lewis was a vampire?

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Comprehension, part 2

11. Why was it not safe for Bud to be out in Owosso, Michigan?

12. What did Bud do after deciding Lefty Lewis was a vampire?

13. Why did the police stop Lefty Lewis's car?

14. Why did Herman saying "enough is enough" make Bud think Herman was his father?

15. Why did Herman lock the closets in the "little dead girl's" room?

16. How did the band come up with Bud's nickname?

17. What convinced Mr. Jimmy that Herman was Bud's grandfather?

18. Who was the "little dead girl"?

19. Why did the band have to have at least one white member?

20. Why did Herman pick up stones?

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Answer Key

1. Bud was named by his mother for a flower in waiting.
2. The Amos family was the family paid to care for Bud in the beginning of the story.
3. Bud knew the Amoses had been through his suitcase because the twine was tied differently.
4. Bud was locked in the shed because Mrs. Amos believed he attacked Todd.
5. Bud thought the hornet's nest was a vampire bat.
6. Bud went to the library to find Miss Hill to help him.
7. Bugs jumped on him because he knew he slept with an open knife.
8. Hooverville was named after President Hoover because Americans blamed him for problems during the Great Depression.
9. He was worried Deza wouldn't be able to find her father after the Flint police burned down Hooverville.
10. Bud thought Mr. Lewis was a vampire because he was carrying blood.
11. Owosso wasn't safe for African Americans because apparently the town had racist problems, as evidenced by the sign Mr. Lewis remembered.
12. Bud locked him out of the car and tried to drive off.
13. The police stopped Lefty Lewis to check for labor organizers and materials supporting unions.
14. That phrase convinced Bud because they both had the exact same thought in the same way.
15. Herman locked the closets to keep Bud from stealing anything.
16. The band gave him the name "Sleepy" for how long he slept and "LaBone" to recognize how skinny Bud was.
17. Mr. Jimmy was convinced when Bud showed him the picture of his mother.
18. The little dead girl was Bud's mother.
19. The band had to keep at least one white member because it was illegal for African Americans to own property where the club was at.
20. Herman picked up stones because his daughter had asked for one as a souvenir when she was a little girl.