

Clive and the Missing Finger

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I looked through the crack in the fence. What I saw made my hair stand on end. A pack of dogs were throwing themselves at the fence. They were barking and snarling so much, spit came through the crack.

Don't you go disturbing them dogs! shouted someone from behind the fence.

That will be Mr. Tibbald, our neighbour, said Dad.

Mr. Tibbald stood on a log and looked over the fence. His face was red and twisted in anger. He lifted his fist and shook it at us. That was when I saw it. One of Mr. Tibbald's fingers was missing.

Yes, I see you staring. It was Rex who bit it off. He thought it was a lump of meat, shouted Mr. Tibbald. If you goes near them dogs you'll get what you deserves!

Now answer these questions using full sentences.

1. What were the dogs doing?
2. How do you think Clive felt?
3. What came through the crack in the fence?
4. Who is Mr. Tibbald?
5. What did Mr. Tibbald stand on to look over the fence?
6. What kind of mood was Mr. Tibbald in?
7. Who bit off Mr. Tibbald's finger?
8. Who do you think Rex is?

