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The Elevator by William Sleator

Study Questions

1. How old is Martin?
2. List the reasons Martin gives for being nervous about his buildings elevator?
3. Why were the stairs just as bad as the elevator?
4. Why do you think Martin forced himself to take the elevator after being asked about it by his father?
5. What was Martin's biggest fear about riding the elevator?
6. On what floor did the fat lady enter the elevator?
7. Describe the fat lady. Why do you think she made Martin uncomfortable?
8. What is Martin like, and what is his relationship with his father like?
9. How did Martin fracture his leg?
10. Do you believe Martin's father left him on the elevator alone on purpose?
Why or why not?
11. Why do you think the author chose to end the story the way he did?
12. Think about a time when you may have been in a similar situation or felt the same way Martin did about the "strange, fat lady." How did you act? Were you afraid? Describe the scenario and what you did.