



# The Curse

Each italicized word or phrase is an anagram of the missing word with an extra letter.

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**John  
"Stumpy"  
Pepys**

Died while MOWING for Ms. Wingo.

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**Scott  
"Skippy"  
Scuffleton**

POISON GAS released by *Gonatopsis*.

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**Mick  
Shrimpton**

He was *robust*, but a BURST got him in the end.

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**Peter  
"James"  
Bond**

We can *infer* that he died in a FIRE.

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**Richard  
"Ric"  
Shrimpton**

Died of a kidney STONE not *seen to* in time.

**Joe  
"Mama"  
Besser**

BEAT to death in a Jazz club for refusing to *bathe*.

**Sammy  
"Stumpy"  
Bateman**

A mover and *shaker*, but no match for that SHARK.

**Eric  
"Stumpy  
Joe" Childs**

CHOKED on the vomit of *Don Heck*.

**Chris  
"Poppa"  
Cadeau**

EATEN by a *Tangee python*.

**Viv  
Savage**

HAUNTED to death at a grave in *Eden, Utah*.

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*Puzzle by Ana*

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