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WHO TOOK THE GOLD?

Directions: Let's use context clues and critical thinking! Read the story carefully, and then answer the questions below.

Liam the Leprechaun had hidden a pot full of gold at the end of a rainbow. He was very excited for St. Patrick's Day when he could show his friends his treasure. But, when he went to check on his gold, it was gone! Who could have taken it?

Liam looked around and saw three sets of footprints in the soft green grass. He decided to follow the clues.



Clue #1: A few white feathers were near the pot of gold.



Clue #2: There was a muddy horseshoe print near the rainbow.



Clue #3: Someone left a chewed-up carrot next to the footprints.

Liam found three suspects:



1. Finnegan Fox - He is quick and sneaky but loves meat, not carrots.



2. Bridget Bird - She has soft blue feathers and flies near the rainbow.



3. Patrick Pony - He wears horseshoes and loves to eat carrots.

1. Who do you think took the gold?

2. What clue helped you figure it out?

3. Where was the gold last seen?

4. How do you think Liam felt when he saw his gold was missing?