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# Shifty M<sup>c</sup>Gifty AND SLIPPERY SAM



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In the dead of night,  
when the moon yawned down,  
two gloomy robber dogs  
plodded through town.



They got to their house and they flopped down inside.

“We’re no good at robbing at all,” Shifty sighed.

He tipped out their swag bag,

but nothing was there . . .

except for a spider  
who gave them a scare!



“You’re right,” nodded Sam. “We are **bad** at this job!

And think of the places we just couldn’t rob . . .

the bank and the butcher’s, the paper shop too.

The bookshop, the bike shop . . .



