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Solution to **BLOODY HORRIBLE** :

Edward Gorey's *The Gashlycrumb Tinies* is an alphabet book wherein each letter stands for a child's name and his or her manner of death. The words in the puzzle come from the referenced implements of death. For instance, the word "sleigh" comes from the line "D is for Desmond thrown out of a sleigh."

A web search on the 6 words from the puzzle quickly leads to that book.

Mapping each word to its associated letter, then, gives the final 6 letter answer, **DOTING**. Congratulations to Amy Lu, our first reader to submit the correct answer.

As a corollary, search is not the only tool on the internet -- there are plenty of other resources that may come in handy. Some of these are linked on our website.

The previous puzzle's title was formed by synonyms of "gory," referencing the author Edward Gorey, and the flavortext contained "tiny" and "deadly," referencing the title and content of his book. Also, the flavortext contained "caring," a synonym of the final answer.

This brings us to our next tip. **Rule 2:**

**Search the title and flavortext for clues.**

Starting on a solution is not easy -- see if anything can suggest what to attempt first or identify when you're on the right track. Of course, some clues may not be apparent until after you've solved the puzzle, at which point they serve as confirmation that you have arrived at the answer.

This leads to our second puzzle. If you think you have the answer, submit it on our website below.

Are you interested in more puzzling? Find out about our upcoming puzzle competition, the Berkeley Mystery Hunt, and fill out our scheduling survey on our website.

### **STRANGE RECORDS**

*With some new sounds, these songs became the start of something revolutionary.*

American Pie

Bad

Like a Virgin

Money for Nothing

Gangsta's Paradise

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