

THE LOVELAND FROG

Way back in 1972, two policemen saw a spooky sight in the middle of the night. In March, Officer Ray Shockey was driving toward Loveland, Ohio, when he saw what he thought was a dog on the side of the road. The animal ran in front of the car, and he saw it was no dog, but something he'd never seen before. It was 3 or 4 feet tall, with leathery skin and a lizard-like face.

Days later, on St. Patrick's Day of that year, Officer Mark Matthews was driving around the same neighborhood. When he saw what looked like a hurt animal lying in the road, he got out of his car to help it. His door squeaked loudly as he opened it, and the animal stirred. As it rose into a crouched position, Officer Matthews saw that this wasn't your ordinary cat or dog—it was a weird creature; half-frog and half-human. Matthews stayed quiet as the being walked, almost like a person, over to the guard rail and raised one leg over, staring at Matthews the whole time.



Though the two officers saw the creature on two different nights, their descriptions matched perfectly: a monster about the size of a child, with wrinkled, rough skin and a slimy face, with big, black eyes, and thin arms and legs.

What did both of the policemen think the Loveland Frog was at first?

Based on the text, what do you think the word stirred means?

- A. Moved.
- B. Danced.
- C. Slept.

What did the two men say the Loveland Frog looked like?
