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Like *Stories to Solve* (1985), a collection of very brief riddle-stories, each with its solution given after a page turn. Like the Irish story about a lawyer who gets the devil to agree that his father will live as long as a candle stub ``lasts'' and then blows the candle out, most depend on trickery plus the clever use of logic. Practiced storytellers may enjoy embroidering Shannon's bare-bones versions; on the other hand, Sis provides elaborate settings, his quietly comical crosshatched drawings handsomely framing the text. An excellent addition to any collection. Notes on sources. (Folklore. 5-12) -- *Copyright ©1991, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.*

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