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Big Brother is a game show in which a bunch of pathetic characters are made to spend weeks living together while constantly being watched by cameras. Tom Kemp has realized that family life is very much like Big Brother, only without the cameras. The part that appealed to him the most was the possibility of getting rid of those you don't find interesting enough or those that you find extremely annoying. He suggested to his family that they should do a little experiment to see which one of them would get kicked out. It turned out he should have kept the idea to himself.

When the television **series disappeared** from our TV screens, I didn't really **miss** it much. But I **wondered if** we could play our own version of Big Brother in our **household**. I **was going to make** a big mistake but had no idea **at the time**.

The similarities between the **game show** and our family life were **too obvious to ignore**: six people who are **stuck** in a horrible house in **the suburbs** of London, **with no privacy** and no hope **of** escape, forced to **get along with** each other **despite** all their differences and **the fact that** they will soon begin to **drive each other crazy**.

Our house **has always been** almost exactly like the Big Brother house: the **dull** conversation, the **pointless** games, the **irritating** tasks that are **constantly being set** for those **involved**. The big difference, **obviously**, was that in the television series, the **contestants were allowed to** choose one person who **they thought** should **be kicked out**. I thought that was a great idea. If they **could do it**, then why not us? If they could **get rid of** those no one liked, **so could** we.

So I **gathered** my wife and the boys together in the kitchen and **asked** them **each** to nominate two members of the family. **Since** it was my idea, I **felt** that I should not be **included** in the nomination. But **everyone else** disagreed.