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Torts Quiz

While canoeing up a river Ale's canoe capsized. Ale easily swam to a nearby island owned by Bottle. Ale went to Bottle and requested the loan of a rowboat to get across to the mainland, a half mile away. Upon Bottle's refusal, Ale jumped into Bottle's rowboat, but before he could cast off Bottle grabbed him and pulled him out of the boat. Ale landed a severe blow on Bottle's jaw, knocking him unconscious. Cork, Bottle's son, intervened at this point with a shotgun and began firing at Ale who took flight and swam across to the mainland. What tort or torts, if any, have been committed? By whom? Against whom? Why? Why not?

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