

THE ALLIGATOR STORY

Once upon a time, there was a beautiful village girl called Abigail. She lived in a peaceful village where life was simple and decision making was very easy. The only problem she had to face daily was that of not venturing too close to the rivers. The rivers contained an overabundant supply of alligators (which could pose a threat to her very existence)! Abigail loved Will, who was a handsome trader of the village.

One day, Will decided to go to a neighboring island to hunt. A monsoon swept the islands and caused flooding on the small island. All the boats in the village were swept away except for two. Abigail was worried about Will. She feared for his life as he was stranded on the island. She had to find out if he was alright. She approached Ivan, the owner of one of the boats that was saved. She told Ivan of her dilemma and asked him if he could take her to the island to see if Will was okay. Ivan told Abigail that he did not want to become involved in such affairs. Abigail walked away discouraged.

Sinbad was her only hope and the only one left to help her. She once again told her story and asked if he would take her to the island to see Will. Sinbad told her he would on one condition--she had to spend the night with him. Abigail was horrified to think that he would suggest such a thing. She would betray her true love--Will. She walked away, depressed that she could not help her true love. Several days went by and the condition of Will was still not certain. She grew desperate as the days passed.

Abigail decided to yield to the proposal of Sinbad in the interest of Will. Abigail spent the night with Sinbad. The next day, Sinbad took Abigail to the island. She found Will safe and ran into his waiting arms.

Will and Abigail had no secrets between them so she told him what she had to do in order to rescue him from the island. Will was horrified and shocked that she would resort to such a thing. He ordered her out of his sight. He never wanted to see her again.

Abigail was devastated. She could not believe what was happening. When she arrived back at the village, she told her friend, Slug, what had happened. He got so angry that he and Sinbad took Abigail back to the island. When Slug saw Will, he beat the tar out of him. The last thing Will saw before he passed out was Abigail laughing violently at him.

Name _____ Period _____ Date _____

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Directions: After listening to the story, break into five or six groups. Your task is to rank each individual from bad (1) to worst (5). Use the chart below to record the group rankings.

- _____ ABIGAIL: revenge, sleeping with someone
- _____ WILL: unforgiving
- _____ IVAN: did not get involved
- _____ SINBAD: offered an immoral proposal
- _____ SLUG: assault

Groups:	1	2	3	4	5	6
ABIGAIL						
WILL						
IVAN						
SINBAD						
SLUG						