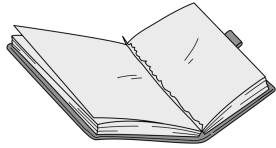


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One of the biggest revelations in Chapters 13-15 is learning about Abigail's father. Until now, we thought Abigail's mother was a Balfin woman named Penelope, but Jasper reveals the shocking truth:

- Abigail's mother was Lissandra, a Tarkana witch
- Abigail's father was not a Balfin - he was a sailor with powerful magic
- Abigail's blue witchfire came from her father, not her mother

But many questions remain: Who was this mysterious sailor? What kind of magic did he have? Where did he come from? What happened to him?



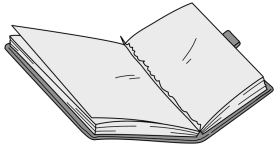
YOUR MISSION:

You are a detective investigating the mystery of Abigail's father. You will:

- Gather facts from the story (things directly stated)
- Make inferences (educated guesses based on evidence)
- Develop a theory about who he might be
- Compare him to Lissandra to find patterns

Use evidence from Chapters 13-15 (especially where Jasper reveals information).





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ACTIVITY 1: WHAT WE KNOW (Facts from the story)

Directions: Find at least **three** facts about Abigail's father in the story. Write the quote or paraphrase the information, include the chapter and explain what this fact tells us.

Remember: A fact is something directly stated in the story, not something you're guessing!

FINDING FACTS TIP:

WHERE TO LOOK FOR FACTS:

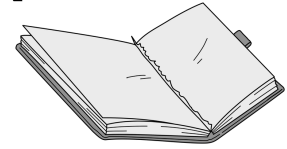
- Chapter 14: Jasper's conversation with Hugo and Abigail
- Look for sentences that tell us directly about the sailor
- Facts often start with: "He was...", "The sailor...", "Jasper said..."

SENTENCE STARTERS FOR "WHAT THIS TELLS US":

- This means that Abigail's father...
- This is important because...
- This reveals that...



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FACT 1:

Quote or paraphrase: " _____
_____ "

Chapter ____

What this tells us: _____



FACT 2:

Quote or paraphrase: " _____
_____ "

Chapter ____

What this tells us: _____



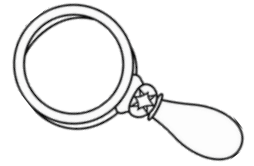
FACT 3:

Quote or paraphrase: " _____
_____ "

Chapter ____

What this tells us: _____

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ACTIVITY 2: WHAT WE CAN INFER

Directions: An inference is an educated guess based on evidence. Use the facts you gathered to make logical inferences about Abigail's father. Support each inference with evidence from the story.

INFERENCE STRATEGY

1. Look at your facts from Activity 1
2. Ask yourself: "What could this mean?"
3. Connect clues together to make an educated guess
4. Make sure your inference makes sense with the story

1. What kind of magic might Abigail's father have?

Thinking Prompts:

- Abigail's magic is blue, not green like witch magic. What does this tell you?
- Jasper says the sailor had "powerful magic." What kind of magic is powerful?
- Think about where he might have come from (land? sea? sky?)

My inference: _____

Evidence that supports this inference: _____

2. Where might her father have come from?

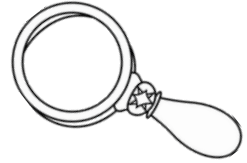
Thinking Prompts:

- He "washed up on shore" - what does this suggest?
- He had "no memory" - why might that be?
- The witches had never seen magic like his before - what does this mean?

My inference: _____

Evidence that supports this inference: _____

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3. What happened to him?

Thinking Prompts:

- Think about what happened to Lissandra when the witches found out
- Why isn't Abigail's father in the story now?
- What might the Tarkana witches have done to him?

My inference: _____

Evidence that supports this inference: _____



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ACTIVITY 3: MY THEORY

Directions: Based on all the evidence you've gathered (facts + inferences), develop a theory about who Abigail's father is. Your theory should be supported by at least two pieces of evidence from the story.

Some possibilities to consider:

- Is he a god or magical being?
- Is he from another realm or world?
- Why did he wash ashore with no memory?
- Is he still alive?
- Will Abigail meet him?



Based on all the evidence, who is Abigail's father?

My theory: _____

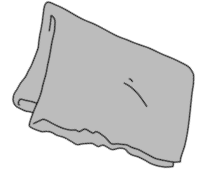
Two pieces of evidence that support my theory:

1. _____

2. _____

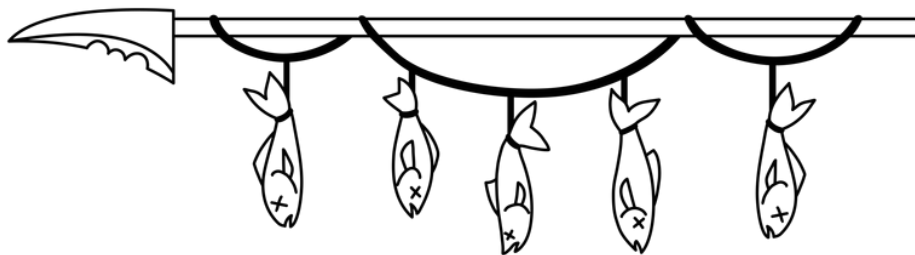
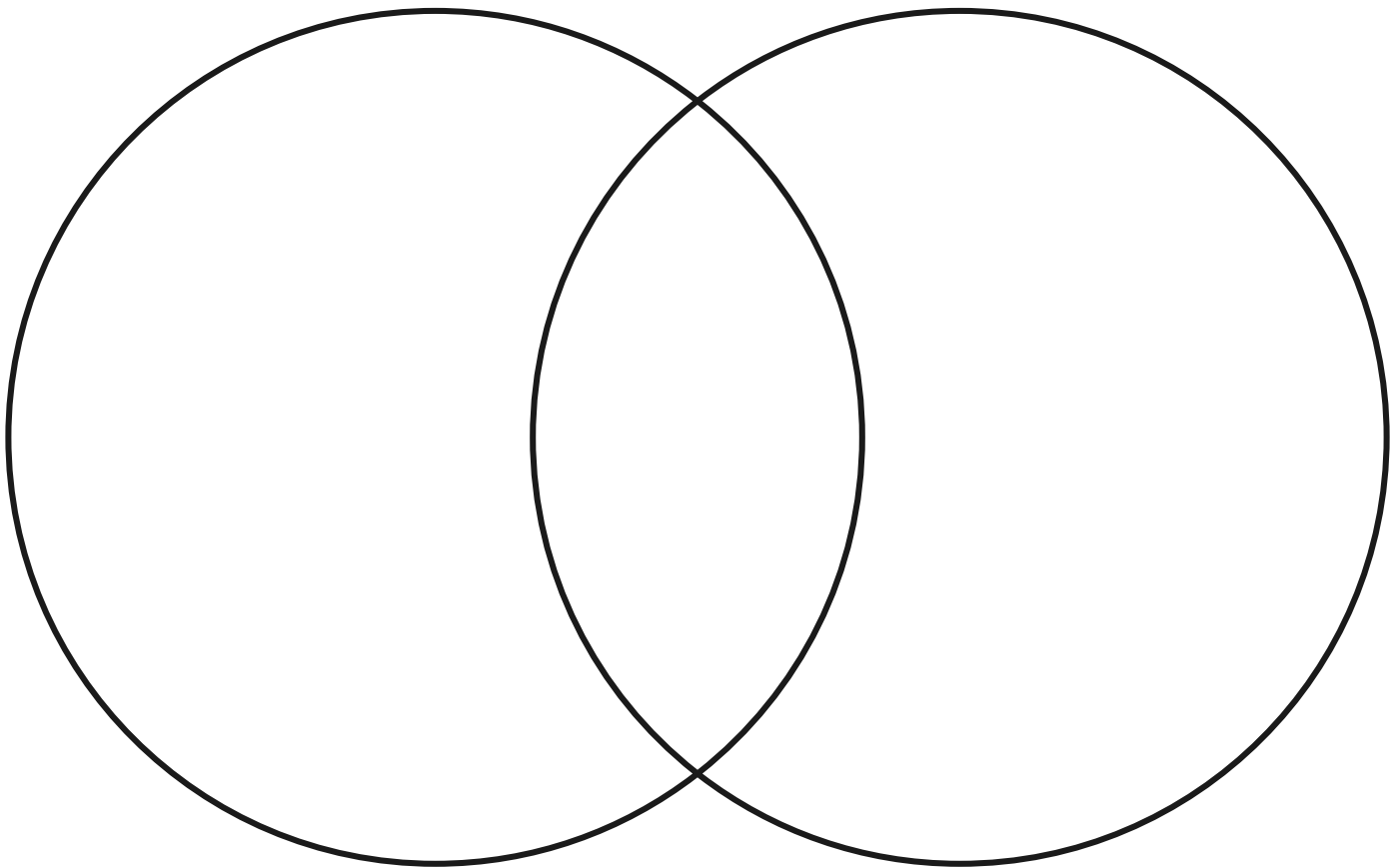
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ACTIVITY 4: COMPARE TO LISSANDRA

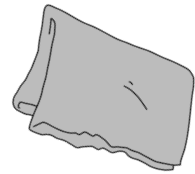


Directions: Use the Venn diagram to compare Abigail's mother (Lissandra) and her father. Think about their magic, their character traits, their relationship to the Tarkana witches, and what happened to them. Write at least three pieces of information in each circle and at least one in the middle.

Label one circle "**LISSANDRA**" and the other circle "**FATHER**". Where they overlap, write "**BOTH**".



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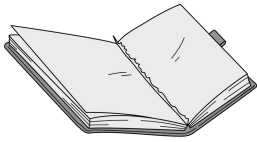
ACTIVITY 5: THE MYSTERY DEEPENS

Directions: Good detectives always have more questions! List questions you still have about Abigail's father and mother that the story hasn't answered yet.

1. _____ ?
2. _____ ?
3. _____ ?
4. _____ ?
5. _____ ?

Which question do you most want answered? Why?





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ACTIVITY 6: PREDICTIONS

Directions: Use your detective skills to make predictions about what will happen with Abigail's father in the rest of the book.

Do you think Abigaill will meet her father? If so, when?

- ☐ In the next few chapters
- ☐ Near the end of the book
- ☐ In a future book in the series
- ☐ Never (he's dead or gone forever)

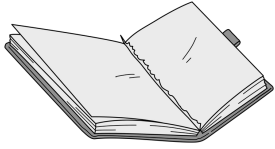


Explain your prediction using evidence from the story:

What do you think will happen when/if they meet?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. How does learning about her father change what we know about Abigail?



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2. Why do you think Jasper wouldn't tell Hugo and Abigail everything he knows?

3. Which is more important to Abigail's identity - her mother or her father? Why?

DETECTIVE'S SUMMARY:

In 2-3 sentences, summarize the most important thing you learned about Abigail's father and/or mother from your investigation:

