

A Woman and Her Husband

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Pre-reading questions:

- What makes you feel upset?
- What makes you feel better after being upset?

Once upon a time, a woman lived with her husband and two children. One child was named Viviana and the other one was named Clemence. Viviana was hated by her parents.



One day, the parents sent the children to do different **tasks**. Viviana was sent to fetch water and Clemence was sent to the market. They told them that whoever came back first would get a reward.

Their mother dug a huge pit and placed a big **barrel** inside of it. She filled the barrel with water and put a **mat** on top of it. Viviana came back first from her task. Her mother made her sit on the mat over the **pit**. Viviana fell in and sank into the water.



Clemence came and asked her mother where Viviana was and she responded, “She fell down into the pit.”

Clemence’s mother gave her bread and milk, but she said, “I will not eat food until I see Viviana!”

Viviana said, “Clemence! Eat the food! It is your mother who tried to me.”

Clemence went to find her father and said to him,
“Come and listen! I will not eat until I see Viviana!”

Viviana repeated, “Clemence! Eat! It is your
mother who tried me!”

Then they took Viviana from the pit.

They asked Clemence’s mother, “Who put this
child in the pit?”

Eventually, they discovered the truth and punished
the woman, and the children were able to live well.

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