

# 1<sup>st</sup> discussion

## MALIN KUNDANG (Sequence of a story)

Long time ago, in a small village near the beach in West Sumatera, lived a woman and her son, Malin Kundang. Malin Kundang's father had passed away when he was a baby, and he had to live hard with his mother.

Malin Kundang was a healthy, diligent, and strong child. He usually went to the sea to catch fish, and brought it to his mother, or sold it in the town.

*The character's name is **Malin Kundang**, he lives in West Sumatra with his mother.*

*His father had passed away.*

*He is a healthy, diligent and strong child, and usually goes to the sea for catching the fish, and sells them to the market*

One day, when Malin Kundang was sailing as usual, he saw a merchant's ship which was being raided by a small band of pirates. With his brave and power, Malin Kundang defeated the pirates. The merchant was so happy and asked Malin Kundang to sail with him. Malin Kundang agreed.

***Malin Kundang** met pirates / merchants and they asked him to go sailing with them.*

***Malin Kundang** follows the ask.*

Many years later, Malin Kundang became a wealthy merchant, with a huge ship, loads of trading goods, many ship crews, and a beautiful wife. In his journey, his ship landed on a beach. The villagers recognized him, and the news ran fast in the town: Malin Kundang became a rich man and now he is here. His mother, in deep-felt sadness after years of loneliness, ran to the beach to meet her beloved son again.

***Malin Kundang** is a wealthy merchant, he has a huge ship, loads of trading goods.*

*He married with a beautiful woman.*

*His ship landed on a beach where he and his mother lived together in the past.*

*His mother recognized him*

When the mother came, Malin Kundang, in front of his well dressed wife, his crews and his own gloriness, denied to meet that old, poor and dirty woman. For three times she begged Malin Kundang and for three times yelled at him. At last Malin Kundang said to her "Enough, old woman! I have never had a mother like you, a dirty and ugly peasant!" Then he ordered his crews to set sail.

*Malin Kundang denied his mother who is old, poor and dirty woman, and ordered his crews to set the sail*

Enraged, she cursed Malin Kundang that he would turn into a stone if he didn't apologize. Malin Kundang just laughed and set sail.

In the quiet sea, suddenly a thunderstorm came. His huge ship was wrecked and it was too late for Malin Kundang to apologize. He was thrown by the wave out of his ship, fell on a small island, and suddenly turned into stone.

*She cursed **Malin Kundang** that he will turn into a stone, and it works.*

***Malin Kundang** becomes a stone which is thrown by the wave of the sea*

The main character is Malin Kundang

## 2<sup>nd</sup> discussion

### **A Foolish Man Buys Shoes**

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#### **A Chinese fable story**

In the past there lived a foolish man in a small kingdom called Zheng. One day he wanted to buy himself a pair of new shoes. He measured his feet with a ruler first and wrote down his size. But he was in such a hurry to set out that he left it at home.

*The name of the character of this story is Zheng* \_\_\_\_\_  
*The story is telling about a foolish man namely Zheng* \_\_\_\_\_ Exposition/Introduction

*Zheng wants to buy a shoes for himself,* \_\_\_\_\_  
*then he measured his foot and writes down his own size.* \_\_\_\_\_ Middle/Rising  
*Because of being hurry, he left it home.* \_\_\_\_\_

When he arrived at a shoe shop, he felt in the pocket only to find that it was not there. So he said apologetically, 'I have left the measurement at home and don't know the size. I'll fetch it in one minute.' With these words he hurried off as fast as his legs could carry him.

He ran back home, found it and then to the shop again. But still it took him quite a while and the shop was already closed then. He had gone to all this trouble for nothing and did not get his shoes.

*He tries to take the measurement, unfortunately the shop is closed* \_\_\_\_\_  
*He has a trouble for not having the shoes then.* \_\_\_\_\_ Middle/Climax

Then someone asked him, 'Did you buy the shoes for yourself or someone else?' 'For myself, of course.' he answered. 'Then why don't you try the shoes on by yourself?'

*Someone realizes him about his trouble.* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Zheng is a foolish man* \_\_\_\_\_ Resolution/Ending

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## Sequence of The Story

### **CAT IN THE RAIN** by Ernest Hemmingway

Sequence :

1. There are two Americans, **wife** and husband stopping at the hotel.
2. **They** pass the stairs and no one is known.
3. Their room is located on the second floor facing the sea, war monument and the public garden which has big palm sand green benches.
4. Its raining.

#### **No 1-4 → Exposition / Introduction**

5. **The American wife** stands at the window looking out.
6. **The American wife** sees a cat which is trying to get dry under the table.
7. There's a conversation between **the American wife** and her husband about the way of taking the cat from the rain.
8. **The American wife** will go down and take the cat.
9. The husband offers from the bad to take the cat; nevertheless, **the American wife** denies it.
10. The husband is reading now.
11. **The American wife** goes down the stairs.
12. **The American wife** meets an old and tall hotel keeper.
13. **The American wife** and the hotel-keeper greet each other.
14. **The American wife** likes the hotel-keeper's personality and his appearance.

#### **No. 5 – 14 → Raising Action/Complication**

15. The rain is getting harder.
16. **The American wife** stands in the doorway; she meets a maid who looks after her room.
17. The maid gives an umbrella to the American wife.
18. **The American wife** keeps on looking for the cat, then she gets the table; nevertheless, the cat isn't there.
19. **The American wife** feels disappointed.

#### **No. 15 – 19 → Climax**

20. There's a conversation between the maid and **the American wife** about what happens.
21. The maid asks what happens.
22. **The American wife** tells about the cat in the rain.
23. The maid laughs such as hearing an impossible thing; **the American wife** tells her again about the cat.
24. The maid asks her for going back to the room.
25. **The American wife** feels a terrible feeling.
26. **The American wife** is in her room.
27. George is reading on the bed.

28. There's a conversation between George and **the American wife**.
29. George asks his wife about the cat.
30. **The American wife** tells him that the cat is gone; besides, she really wants that poor kitty.
31. George continues on his reading with saying nothing.
32. **The American wife** reflects her picture on the mirror and studies her appearance.
33. **The American wife** wants a new hair style with growing her hair up.
34. George assures his wife that she's pretty without growing her hair up.
35. **The American wife** still wants a new hair style; however, her husband ignores it and carries on his reading.
36. **The American wife** gives an option about new hair style or the poor kitty.
37. Her husband still doesn't care and put big attention on his book.
38. Someone knocks the door.
39. The maid brings a big tortoise-shell of cat.

**NO.28-39 → Falling action**

40. **The American wife** gets the cat from the maid.

**No. 40 → Resolution**

## PLOT

### **Exposition :**

Two Americans wife and husband are staying on the second floor of a luxurious Italian Hotel; moreover, the rain is falling at the time.

### **Rising Action :**

The American wife goes down the stairs to get a cat after she sees the cat which is trying to get dry under the table; moreover, she meets the owner of the hotel and the maid who looks after her room, then the American wife is helped by the maid to get the cat.

### **Climax :**

The cat is gone; furthermore, the American wife is disappointed because of that.

### **Falling Action :**

The American wife goes back to her room and look at her picture on the mirror while saying her expectation about her hair and the cat to her husband; however, her husband ignores her words

### **Resolution :**

The American wife gets the cat from the man