

The Bridge

This happened in America during the Civil War (1861 – 1865). People have talked about it ever since.

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A woman lived with her husband in a town beside a river. One day her husband went away for three months.



While her husband was away, the woman took a lover, who lived across the bridge on the other side of the river.

One day, while she was with her lover, the woman heard that her husband was coming home. She left her lover and tried to cross the bridge. But now there was a soldier on the bridge. The soldier said, 'Stop. I have orders that no one must cross the bridge. If you try to cross the bridge, I will shoot you.'

Near the bridge was a boat. The woman told the boatman she needed to cross the river. The boatman said he would take her across the river if she paid him \$100.

The woman didn't have \$100, so she asked her lover to give her the money, but he refused.

The woman tried to cross the bridge.

The soldier shot her dead.

There are five people in the story.

Who do you think was most to blame for the woman's death?

Who was least to blame?