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The Bird of Happiness and Other Wise Tales *Tim Herdon*

Chapter 3: The Alchemist

A tale from Burma

I. VOCABULARY:

A. Fill in the blanks using the vocabulary words. There is an extra word.6 Points.

powder – father in law – son in law – alchemist – grow – seed – enough

The father of my wife is my _____ and I am his _____ . He is a hardworking man and works in the farm. Every spring he plants many sunflower _____ , so the plants_____ during summer and we can enjoy a beautiful sight. When the sunflowers are big _____, we cut them and decorate the house. It is very important to clean each leaf because we have to remove the _____ from them.

II. COMPREHENSION:

A.Write true (T) or false (F). Explain the false ones.

1. _____ The old man was very happy when his daughter married a young man that came from a good family.

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2. _____ The husband worked during the day and tried to turn things into gold during the night.

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3. _____ The wife convinced her husband to stop trying with the alchemy things.

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4. _____ The father-in-law tried to become an alchemist when he was young.

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5. _____ The magic powder grows on the stem of the banana plants.

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6. _____ After 10 years growing bananas, they were able to collect one kilogram of magic powder.

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7._____ At the end the son in law became a rich man.

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B. Answer the following questions:

1.-What was the problem between the husband and wife? 1 Point.

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2.-How can you tell the father-in-law was very clever? Explain. 1 Point.

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3.- What was the wife doing while her husband was growing bananas? 1 Points.

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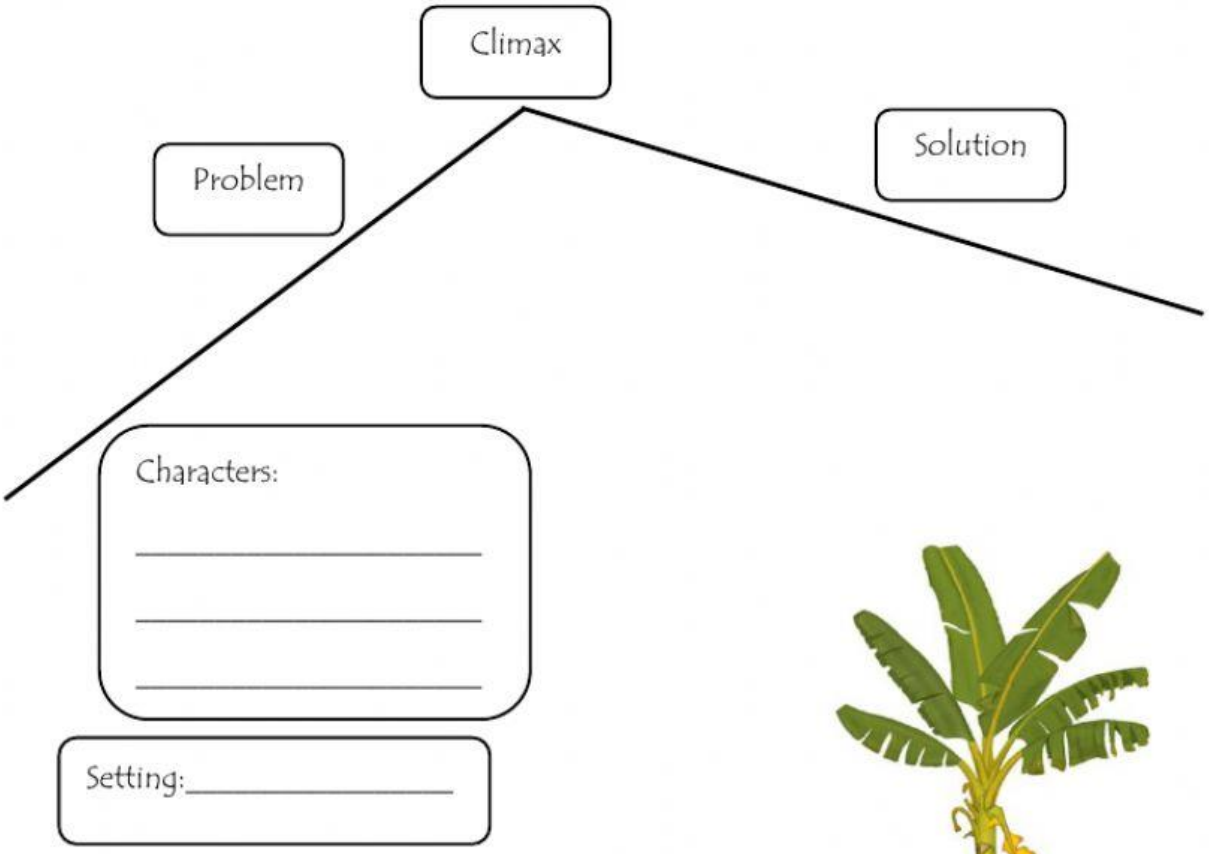
C. Complete the diagram with the missing information. 2 Points:



III. WRITING:

Did the young man become al alchemist at the end? Did he turn dirt into gold? Explain by giving 2 supporting ideas. 2 Points.

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