

THE INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE OF MEGAN KINGSLEY

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Megan was tied hand and foot, unable to move. Rocks were being thrown at her.

She couldn't see where the rocks were coming from. They just came from nowhere, mostly hitting her legs. A stray stone landed on her arm. She tried to scream, but no sound would come out.

At last they stopped and she thought her tormentors had gone away.

Megan woke, spluttering and shivering as the cold water ran over her face and down her neck and back.

Patrick rolled over laughing hysterically as she sat up, wiping the water out of her eyes.

"Patrick Kingsley, I hate you!" she screamed. "Why do you always have to be so revolting!"

"You wouldn't wake up." Patrick squatted a safe distance away, still chuckling. "And I thought you might be dead, so I threw some pebbles on your legs. When that didn't work, I thought the cold water might do the trick."

"Where is Aurora?" Megan felt stiff and cold.

"Dunno," replied Patrick. "Were you out there all night?" He laid some sticks and got a fire going.

"I must have been. Last thing I remember I was lying here talking to Aurora."

And then she had a dream. Didn't she? It had seemed so real.

1. The author, Pamela O'Connor, wants the reader to think something dreadful is

happening to Megan. What is really happening? _____

2. Draw a checkmark next to the inferences that you can make from Patrick lighting a fire.

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The night had been cold.

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Patrick and Megan are on vacation.

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Patrick is about to cook breakfast.

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Megan needs to dry off after getting wet.

3. Megan's dream seems very realistic because Patrick was

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throwing pebbles at her.

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screaming at her.

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being revolting.

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chuckling to himself.

4. Once she had awakened, Megan was sure she had been dreaming.

True

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False

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5. Patrick and Megan had been awake since Aurora had left.

True

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False

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