Sam and Laura Story

* Sam and Laura are deeply in love and engaged.
* Susan is a friend of Laura.
* Mathew owns the ferry
* David is a mutual friend of both Sam and Laura.

Everyone thinks, “that’s true love” whenever they see Sam and Laura. The two are engaged and will be married in the fall. They live on opposite sides of a wide river and a bridge connects their two communities. A terrible storm sweeps through the region and the bridge is washed away. The river is swollen and there is flooding. Laura repeatedly gets as close as she can to see if Sam comes to his side of the river, but he is never there. She is deeply worried and begins to imagine he’s been hurt or worse. She remembers that Mathew has a ferry and she goes to him to ask to be taken across. Mathew says he will take her, but only if she has sex with him. Laura refuses.

A couple of days go by and there is still no sign of Sam. Laura is sure something is wrong. Laura visits her friend Susan and tells her what Mathew offered. Laura asks Susan if she should accept Mathew’s terms. Susan says, “It’s not my problem and I don’t want to give any advice.” However, Susan knows that Mathew has AIDS and she does not tell Laura.

Laura finally decides that she must find out what happened to Sam and she accepts Mathew’s offer. He takes Laura to the other side of the river. She walks to Sam’s village where Laura sees that there has been a great deal of destruction. Laura finds Sam who has been busy helping rescue people who were trapped under wreckage from the storm and those who have been injured.

He is extremely happy to see Laura but then he asks, “How did you get here?” Laura responds, “Mathew brought me.”

Sam says, “I know Mathew. He would never do something without getting something in return. What did you have to do?”

Laura tells Sam and Sam is angry. He pushes her away and says, “I never want to see you again. “ Sam leaves. Laura is crying when a mutual friend of both Sam and Laura sees her and asks, “What’s wrong?” Laura tells David. David is so upset, he finds Sam and beats him up.

Now think about the five characters and rate them from 1 to 5. 1 is the best character in the story and 5 is the worst.

**True Love:**

**Adultery:**

**Capitalism** (Buyer beware):

**Apathy:**

**Violence:**