

Rikki-Tikki-Tavi

Rudyard Kipling

How does Rikki win by controlling what Nagaina wants?

TOTAL TIME	TUMBLETA PASSAGE LOCATION
30 minutes	Final confrontation with Nagaina

TEACHER SETUP

Open the work in the Enhanced Reader and cue the span using the START and END anchors below.

START	Rikki-tikki heard them going up the path from the stables, and he raced for the end of the melon-patch near the wall.
END	"The widow will never come out again."
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THE MOVE

Trace how a character turns an opponent's motive into leverage

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Rikki is physically brave, but the scene turns on strategy. He recognizes that Nagaina's remaining egg matters more to her than the immediate attack, uses that knowledge to move her attention away from Teddy, and then forces the final fight on different terms.

MARK

Underline what Nagaina wants at each stage. Circle Rikki's actions with the eggs. Draw arrows showing each change in Nagaina's attention. Star the moment Teddy becomes safe.

NOTICE

- What gives Rikki leverage over Nagaina?
- How does the last egg change Nagaina's immediate goal?
- Which victory comes from strategy rather than speed or strength?

THINK

Answer provisionally: How does Rikki win by controlling what Nagaina wants? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response. Use at least two details from the assigned passage and explain how they support your interpretation.

CLOSE

Name the single detail that most changed or sharpened your interpretation, and say why.

STRONG ANSWER

Rikki wins by recognizing that Nagaina’s last egg is more important to her than finishing the attack on Teddy. He uses the egg to redirect her attention, create a rescue opportunity, and force her into flight before pursuing her underground.

EVIDENCE

Use one detail about the eggs and one detail showing Nagaina changing her action because of them.

WATCH FOR

Do not describe the ending only as a fight. The key move is Rikki’s manipulation of Nagaina’s priorities before the chase begins.

SOLO

Read independently.

SUPPORTED

Narration + highlighting.

LISTENING

Listen; same evidence task.

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START

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READ / LISTEN TO THE ASSIGNED PASSAGE SOLO: read independently. SUPPORTED: use narration and highlighting. LISTENING: listen to the assigned passage. The question and evidence task stay the same.

1. MARK Underline what Nagaina wants at each stage. Circle Rikki's actions with the eggs. Draw arrows showing each change in Nagaina's attention. Star the moment Teddy becomes safe.
2. NOTICE What gives Rikki leverage over Nagaina? How does the last egg change Nagaina's immediate goal? Which victory comes from strategy rather than speed or strength?
3. THINK Answer provisionally: How does Rikki win by controlling what Nagaina wants?
4. WRITE Write a short response using at least two pieces of evidence from this passage.
5. CLOSE Name the single detail that most changed or sharpened your interpretation, and say why.