THE CHASER
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Short Story Presentation & Activities
The Chaser: My Prediction

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1. Discuss the character of Alan. Include information on physical description, emotional qualities, and personality traits.

2. Foreshadowing is defined as a “technique in which a writer plants clues ... about events that will happen later in the narrative”. Looking back at the story, what clues were planted that might have led you to expect the ending?

3. List the specific effects the old man claims his potion will have on Alan’s beloved. How does Alan react to the old man’s promises?

4. What does the title of the story mean to you?
Dear Abby
I have loved Diana for so long, but she won’t even give me the time of day! I would do absolutely anything to get her. I know it sounds strange, but am considering giving her a magical love potion to make mine. I need your advice!

Abby’s Advice Column: Response

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