

15 Allerton agrees to go

Ship Ahoy.

LEE

Allerton came back from a trip to Morelia sullen and irritable. When Lee asked if he had a good trip, he muttered, "Oh, all right," and went in the other room to play chess with Mary. Lee felt a desperate need to maintain some special contact with Allerton.

He washes down some opium with black coffee, then, goes over to Allerton.

What about this trip to South America?

ALLERTON

Well, it's always nice to see places you haven't seen before.

LEE

Can you leave anytime?

ALLERTON

Anytime.