

## Lesson 3

## READ THIS STORY #1, Advanced

**Physical Abuse**

Marion did not like to look at her face in the mirror. Her image was a reminder of Tom's attempt to control and humiliate her. His last blow had shattered her cheekbone and fractured her nose. It had taken all the courage she could muster to flee to a women's shelter.

Marion was fortunate to have a place of refuge. The staff worked with her to alleviate her despair. Because of their compassion, Marion was beginning to feel that she was a person of worth.

The plastic surgeon who examined Marion was kind. There would be no bill. The doctor donated some of her time and skill to better the lives of women at the shelter.

The doctor explained the procedure she would use to improve Marion's appearance. Marion was hopeful that she would look pretty again. But she knew surgery could not remove the scars on her heart.