

Lesson 4

READ THIS STORY #2, Advanced

Rumors

Gideon presented his pass and was ushered to a chair near the front of the hall. Gideon was a reporter for the local paper. He had heard that Mark Daniel was going to declare his intention to run for public office.

Mark Daniel had dabbled in politics for most of his adult life. He was a respected member of the community and had made generous donations to charities in the area. He lived in a palatial manor in the center of the city.

Mark Daniel seemed to be genial, but Gideon knew that he had a mercurial nature. Mr. Daniel had made a huge financial windfall on a controversial land swap. Ever since that event, there had been rumors of scandal. His press agent said the hints of scandal were inconsequential, but Gideon was not so sure.

Conducting an impartial investigation of the facts would be tedious, but Gideon knew it was better to wait for the results than to publish rumors.