

Lesson 5

READ THIS STORY #1, Advanced

Monique's New Job

Monique was a fine actress, but recently, she had been unable to land any of the roles for which she had auditioned. Fortunately, Monique had heard about, and applied for, a job in New Rochelle. She had been hired by the board of the Children's Playhouse to manage their Puppet Theater.

Monique planned to use her flair for designing marionettes. She would teach children all of the skills involved in stagecraft. They would learn the proper techniques for manipulating the strings. Some of the children would write the scripts. Others would perform these productions in schools that had no drama or art programs. The possibilities seemed endless.

Monique needed to move closer to her new job. She had almost given up hope of finding a place she could afford to rent. Then toward the bottom of the fourth column of classified ads in the Gazette, she spied an ad which read: For Rent—a tiny room with kitchenette. Monique dialed the number. She held her breath until the proprietress said it was still available.

Monique told her that the new job didn't pay very much, but Monique would have a steady income. The lady replied, "Come on over. New Rochelle needs a woman with your vision."