

Lesson 6

READ THIS STORY #2, Advanced

Elaine

Elaine still has not recovered from the breakup of her marriage. Perhaps she never will. She doesn't like the fact that she is a divorcée. She would rather be a widow. The exposé of her husband's involvement with the cocaine cartel was as much of a shock to her as it was to the voters. The communiqué implicating him might never have been discovered if the attaché to the premier had not committed suicide.

To her acquaintances, she appears blasé. But in reality, Elaine is terrified. She has no idea what she will do with the rest of her life. She has taken a mental inventory of her talents. She is a whiz at macramé, but that is now considered passé. She can create great soufflés and cherries flambé, but that is the extent of her cooking accomplishments.

A friend has suggested that Elaine become a model. Her body is svelte, and she looks stunning in a negligé. But Elaine feels that she is past her prime.

She hates it when curious people stare at her. Perhaps she should write a book about her experience as the unknowing wife of a criminal. It might be the only way to silence the gossips, who continue to speculate about her role in his crime.

What do you think Elaine should do?