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For Advanced Students

Discussion Questions

1. If Mrs. Stevenson had been able to communicate her situation more effectively, how might her story have changed? Imagine an alternate ending where communication was successful and detail how she managed to convey her urgency to the people she called.
2. How does Mrs. Stevenson's physical and emotional isolation contribute to her inability to get help? Propose a series of steps she could have taken to overcome her isolation and gain allies in her quest to stop the murder she overheard.
3. Analyze the role of selfishness in Mrs. Stevenson's attempts to report the murder. Create a dialogue where Mrs. Stevenson successfully convinces Sergeant Duffy to take her call more seriously by focusing on civic duty rather than her own fears.
4. Imagine that you are one of the operators whom Mrs. Stevenson speaks to. Based on her approach, decide how you might have responded differently to ensure that her message reached the appropriate authorities, and explain your reasoning.
5. Given Mrs. Stevenson's fear of being alone, how might her perception of her relationship with Elbert have clouded her judgment? Develop a hypothesis about how a better understanding of communication in relationships might have helped Mrs. Stevenson prevent the misunderstanding about his absence and the subsequent events.

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