

Part I: Multiple Choice (选择题)

Choose the best answer based on the story.

1. What was Lily's job in Willow Creek?
 - A. She was a teacher in a writing class.
 - B. She was a receptionist at a beach hotel.
 - C. She was a waitress at a seafood restaurant.
 - D. She was a professional writer.

2. How did Lily feel when she talked to James at first?
 - A. She felt bored and tired.
 - B. She felt safe and seen.
 - C. She felt angry and confused.
 - D. She felt nervous and loud.

3. Why was James's secret a problem for Lily?
 - A. Because he didn't like her friends.
 - B. Because he lived in a big city.

- C. Because she was always "second" in his life.
- D. Because he didn't like the sea.
4. What did Lily's friend Nenah tell her?
- A. "You should move to a new city."
- B. "You should wait for James to leave his wife."
3. "You deserve to be first, not a secret."
- D. "You should find a new job at the bookstore."
5. How was David different from James?
- A. David was richer than James.
- B. David was older than James.
- C. David was patient and loved her openly.
- D. David was a better cook than James.
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Part II: Fill in the Blanks (填空题)

Use the words in the box to complete the sentences.

(expect / secret / shadow / deserve / peace)

1. Sometimes life brings you love when you least _____ it.
 2. James was married, so their love was a _____.
 3. Lily was tired of living in James' s _____; she wanted a real life.
 4. Lily realized that she did _____ a man who gives her all of his heart.
 5. After saying goodbye to James, Lily finally found _____ in her heart.
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Part III: Understanding Phrases (词组理解)

Match the phrase with its meaning in the story.

1. "Live in the shadow" ()
 2. "Walk in the daylight" ()
 3. "Feel seen" ()
- > A. To be loved openly and proudly.

B. To feel that someone truly understands you.

C. To be hidden and not part of someone' s real life.

Part IV: True or False (判断正误)

Write T (True) or F (False).

1. () James told Lily he was married on the first day they met.
2. () Lily and James never held hands in public.
3. () Lily met David in a writing class at the community center.
4. () At the end of the story, Lily regrets meeting James.

Answer Key (答案解析)

Part I: Multiple Choice

1. B | 2. B | 3. C | 4. C | 5. C

Part II: Fill in the Blanks

1. expect (不经意间/预料)
2. secret (秘密)
3. shadow (阴影)
4. deserve (值得)
5. peace (平静)

Part III: Understanding Phrases

1. C | 2. A | 3. B

Part IV: True or False

1. F (He told her later after they were close.)
2. T (They only met in the secret house.)
3. T (She met him while learning to write stories.)
4. F (She doesn't regret it because it taught her a lesson.)