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FRANK TUPELO

I'm sorry.

ELISE CLIFTON-WARD

What for?

FRANK TUPELO

Mind me smoking? It's not a real cigarette.

ELISE CLIFTON-WARD

What?

FRANK TUPELO

It's electronic. It delivers the same amount of nicotine, but the smoke is water vapor. Yeah. Watch.

Smokes.

FRANK TUPELO (CONT'D)

And we de-light.

ELISE CLIFTON-WARD

That's somewhat disappointing.

FRANK TUPELO

Would you rather have me smoking for real?

ELISE CLIFTON-WARD

I'd rather you be a man who did exactly as he pleased. I'm Elise.

FRANK TUPELO

I'm Frank.

ELISE CLIFTON-WARD

That's a terrible name.

FRANK TUPELO

Haha. It's the only one I've got.

ELISE CLIFTON-WARD

Maybe we can find you another.

FRANK TUPELO

Okay. You're British.

ELISE CLIFTON-WARD

Mmmm.

FRANK TUPELO

I'm American.

ELISE CLIFTON-WARD

Mmmm.

FRANK TUPELO

Mmmm. What brings you to Venice?

ELISE CLIFTON-WARD

You read spy novels. I'm a mysterious woman on a train. You tell me what my story is.

FRANK TUPELO

Okay. Um. I think you'd be a diplomatic attache.

ELISE CLIFTON-WARD

Mmmm.

FRANK TUPELO

Or maybe a girl from East Germany whose father's been kidnapped and they're blackmailing you into stealing something for them. Probably microfilm. There's usually microfilm involved.

ELISE CLIFTON-WARD

What awaits me?

FRANK TUPELO

Trouble. Certainly.

ELISE CLIFTON-WARD

Danger?

FRANK TUPELO

Oh yeah. You'd most likely be shot at in less than two chapters.

ELISE CLIFTON-WARD

Hmm. Is there a man in my life?

FRANK TUPELO

We'll have to wait and see.

ELISE CLIFTON-WARD

Invite me to dinner, Frank.

FRANK TUPELO
 What? Would you like to have
 dinner?

ELISE CLIFTON-WARD
 Women don't like questions.

FRANK TUPELO
 Join me for dinner.

ELISE CLIFTON-WARD
 Too demanding.

FRANK TUPELO
 Join me for dinner?

ELISE CLIFTON-WARD
 Another question.

FRANK TUPELO
 I'm having dinner. If you'd care to
 join me.

ELISE CLIFTON-WARD
 Musician? Bartender? I give up.

FRANK TUPELO
 Math. I teach math.

ELISE CLIFTON-WARD
 I would not have guessed that. I'd
 imagine you're the cool math
 teacher though.

FRANK TUPELO
 Still a math teacher.

Strange men watch them and take pictures.

FRANK TUPELO (CONT'D)
 I have a strange feeling that those
 two people over there are watching
 us.

ELISE CLIFTON-WARD
 Do you know something? I think
 you're right.

FRANK TUPELO
 Really?

ELISE CLIFTON-WARD
 (laughs)
 You're a paranoid math teacher.
 (MORE)

ELISE CLIFTON-WARD (CONT'D)
So, what are you doing all alone in
the city of Venice. Is there no one
in your life?

FRANK TUPELO
There was.

ELISE CLIFTON-WARD
What happened?

FRANK TUPELO
She left me.

ELISE CLIFTON-WARD
I'm sorry to hear that, Frank.

FRANK TUPELO
Well, I guess I should go get my
suitcase and stuff.

ELISE CLIFTON-WARD
Goodbye.

FRANK TUPELO
Bye. Thank you.

He gets up and leaves.