

M6 – the interpretation of the interpretation

“He had received his legacy. She had told him the truth. She had stepped off the kerb to rejoin her lover. She had stepped off the kerb to escape from him.” (Virginia Woolf, The Legacy, lines 203-204)

Is Gilbert Clandon’s interpretation of the situation convincing? Reread the story from line 130 to line 187, then fill out the table below.

quote from <i>The Legacy</i>	Gilbert’s interpretation / reaction / attitude	Interpretation of an attentive reader
<i>“Had a heated argument with B.M.” Who was B.M.? He could not fill in the initials; some woman, he supposed ... (line 135 ff.)</i>	<i>B.M. must be a woman, because - social work is done by women, men work in politics or in the industry - Angela would not meet another man</i>	<i>The attentive reader discerns that Gilbert’s reaction is based on his attitude towards women and social work; she/he suspects that B.M. is a man</i>
conclusion:		

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