While reading

Chapter 1

1 Write the names to finish the sentences.
Marlowe  General Sternwood  Carmen
Mrs Regan  Geiger  Joe Brody

a ................. was tall and dark and showed Marlowe a lot of leg.
b ................. received five thousand dollars from the General.
c ................. looked in a phone book for Geiger’s address.
d ................. received some notes about gambling debts.
e ................. was fair and fell into Marlowe’s arms.
f ................. had a driver who was tall and handsome.

2 Put words on the left with words on the right.
light  alive
wide  stupid
hard  dry
empty  heavy
strong  high
wet  narrow
dead  full
smart  soft
low  weak

Chapter 2

3 Put the underlined letters in the right place to make a word.

a Marlowe pulled Carmen’s dress down to vcroe ................. her legs.
b Marlowe cleaned his pnsgniirefirt ................. off the box and locked the desk.
c Marlowe and Ohls drove thirty miles along the oatse ................. road.
d A broken knee ................. seemed to be the reason for the man’s death.
e Owen Taylor wanted to rmyra ................. Carmen.

4 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?

a Carmen was sitting in a chair when Marlowe entered Geiger’s house.
b Marlowe took a film from the camera and put it in his pocket.
c When Marlowe went back to Geiger’s house the police were there.
d The writing in the notebook was probably a list of names and addresses.
e Marlowe went with Bernie Ohls to the pier.
f Carmen wanted to marry Owen Taylor but he just wanted some fun.
g There wasn’t anything about Geiger in the newspapers.
h Marlowe saw some boxes of books in the back room of the shop.
i The taxi driver didn’t want to follow the truck.
j Vivian didn’t want to borrow the blackmail money from her father.

Chapter 3

5 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.

a As Marlowe drove past Geiger’s garage, a man stepped out of the trees. .................
b Marlowe was with Vivian when Eddie Mars arrived at Geiger’s house. .................
c Mars found some blood on the door of Geiger’s house. .................
d Carmen was hiding behind a door in Joe Brody’s apartment. .................
e Marlowe asked Brody to give him the books. .................
f When there was a knock at the door, Joe gave Agnes a book. .................
g Agnes looked at Carmen with deep love. .................
6 Circle the extra word in the sentences.
   a The trees looking looked pleasingly green after the rain.
   b Carmen tried to keep keeping a smile on her face but she looked tired.
   c Eddie Mars was walked walking around the room.
   d A tall man of with dark brown eyes opened the door.
   e The blonde wasn’t looking happy either neither.
   f If it was the police, Marlowe has had nothing for them.
   g The blonde was strong but Marlowe shake shook her off.
   h Brody walked to his desk and picked up away a gun.

Chapter 4

7 Answer the questions.
   a What did Lundgren do after he got out of the car?
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   b What did the police do with Agnes?
       ..................................................
   c How many secrets did Marlowe keep from the police?
       ..................................................
   d Why didn’t Marlowe report Geiger’s murder to the police?
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   e Why did Cronjager agree to keep the blackmail secret?
       ..................................................
   f What did the police find in the garage of the Casa de Oro?
       ..................................................
   g Who was at the entrance to Marlowe’s apartment?
       ..................................................
   h What did it say about Owen Taylor in the newspapers?
       ..................................................

Chapter 5

9 Finish the sentences with the right word.
   pile        sharp        lay        seafront
   scared        hung        disappears        shook
   a Eddie smiled at Marlowe as they .......... hands.
   b Geiger took people’s money if they got .............
   c There was a .......... of money in front of Vivian.
   d Marlowe parked his car right on the .............
   e Carmen .......... on her back in Marlowe’s bed.
   f Carmen made a .......... animal noise.
   g When Canino isn’t working, he .............
   h Harry Jones’s small head .......... to one side.

10 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?
   a When Marlowe went to see Eddie Mars, the club was closed.
   b Vivian didn’t win any money at the club that night.
   c Marlowe and Vivian went to a drugstore before going to the seafront.
Chapter 6

11 Put the underlined letters in the right place to make a word.

a Marlowe moved his head and it tuhr
b Mona redef Marlowe’s legs with a kitchen knife.
c Mona ecrhesda Canino’s body and found the keys to the handcuffs.
d The General’s black eyes were still full of gfiht.
e Carmen wanted Marlowe to ahtce her how to shoot.
f The General could lie eulytiq in his bed.

12 Put the words in the right place to make sentences.

a a laugh was about There wildness her
b the opened A darkness window slowly in
c traffic of behind The disappeared noise the city them
d finger the Carmen’s Marlowe gun saw tighten on
1 Write the names to finish the sentences.
Marlowe General Sternwood Carmen Vivian Rusty Regan Eddie Mars Geiger Joe Brody Bernie Ohls Owen Taylor
a ………… owned a gambling club and sometimes employed Canino.
b ………… worked at the D.A.’s office and was good with a gun.
c ………… earned twenty-five dollars a day and didn’t like the rich.
d ………… lived in a house with Chinese and Japanese pictures on the wall.
e ………… sometimes had fits and did some very strange things.
f ………… had some money of his own when he married a very rich person.
g ………… paid another thousand dollars to find an Irishman.
h ………… went to Eddie Mars for help with a problem.
i ………… worked for the Sternwood family as a driver.
j ………… wanted some money from Marlowe for some photos.

2 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?
a Marlowe met both Carmen and Vivian on his first visit to General Sternwood’s house.
b Marlowe met Geiger when he first went to visit his bookstore.
c When Marlowe first entered Geiger’s house, Geiger was dead.
d Vivian didn’t want to tell her father about the photos she was sent.
e Eddie Mars tried to shoot Marlowe when he met him at Geiger’s house.
f A shot came from Carmen’s gun at Brody’s apartment but she didn’t kill anybody.
g Carol Lundgren put some handcuffs on Marlowe and pulled him into Geiger’s house.
h One of Eddie Mars’s men was waiting for Marlowe when he got back home from the D.A.’s office.
i Harry Jones didn’t know anything about Joe Brody.
j Marlowe took Carmen down to the old oil wells.

3 What happened first? Number the sentences 1–10.
a [ ] Marlowe follows a truck full of books from Geiger’s store to Joe Brody’s apartment.
b [ ] Carmen tries to shoot Marlowe and Marlowe talks to Vivian about Rusty’s murder.
c [ ] General Sternwood talks to Marlowe in his greenhouse about a problem of blackmail.
d [ ] Marlowe gets some information about Eddie Mars’s wife and he goes to Art Huck’s garage.
e [ ] Carmen arrives at Joe Brody’s apartment with a gun and asks for some photos.
f [ ] Marlowe visits Geiger’s store for the first time and talks to the blonde woman who works there.
g [ ] Marlowe chases and catches the man who has killed Joe Brody.
h [ ] Mona Mars frees Marlowe and Marlowe shoots Canino.
i [ ] Owen Taylor is found dead in one of the Sternwood’s cars.
j [ ] Marlowe goes to the D.A.’s office with Bernie Ohls and they talk about the murders.

4 Finish the sentences with the right words.
shining dropped waved turnings lit wildly protection sheets sharp toe
a Marlowe was a well-dressed private detective from head to …………… .
b A cold white light suddenly …………… up the room in Geiger’s house.
c A large black and silver car was …………… in the sunlight on the boat.
d This pretty rich girl was taking some very wrong …………… .
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e Carmen …………. at Marlowe and ran out of Brody’s apartment.

f When Marlowe couldn’t hold Lundgren’s weight anymore, he …………. him to the ground.

g The shape of Carmen’s head and body were still on Marlowe’s …………. .

h Marlowe could hear the …………. , birdlike voice of Harry Jones through the glass.

i Eddie Mars is a gambler, a blackmailer and he pays for police …………. .

j Carmen’s hand began to shake …………. and the gun fell out of it.