

they say he just insisted on absolute proof that they were definitely married, ~~and~~ she was a member of the family of the King of France now and that he went back to Rome. And Francis I was rather helpful to her because she was rather unpopular in France - she was an Italian and she wasn't at all good-looking and after a little the oldest son of the King of France died and now she wasn't just the wife of the second son, she was the wife of the heir to the throne. And then her husband when he was 18 fell in love with this woman of 36 and devoted himself to her for the next 40 years - he devoted himself to this other woman. And for 10 years of their marriage she had no children and she was pretty much in a - well, nobody had much use for her. And she learned in those years a good deal about getting along with people and about making herself seem to be happy when she wasn't and getting her ends and not letting people know what she was aiming at. And then she had a succession of children born which strengthened her position in the country very materially I imagine. And then her husband was killed in this tournament and that meant that her son was King. Well she ~~was~~ ^{would have} then ~~be~~ become a very important person in the kingdom if it were not for the fact that her son, the little boy of fifteen - she would have been the real ruler - but unfortunately for her, he was already married a year before. And he was married to a woman whose relatives knew how to advance themselves. And not only that, he was utterly devoted to, utterly crazy about the woman he was married to and so he paid all his attention to her and his Mother was quite left out and her relatives ruled France while he was king. He only lived a few months. His wife was Mary Stuart, later Mary, Queen of Scots. Yes?

(Student question) Francis II. Henry II. Henry II was the King after Francis I - he reigned from 1547 to 1559. Now little Francis II, aged 15, was the King for about a year but his wife's relatives were the real rulers. And her mother, you remember, was Mary of Lorraine. Her mother was the