

2 independent clause
joined by a semi-colon

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A Marriage

Mary and Tom's marriage seemed to be like everyone else's. They lived in a small house in the quiet part of the city; they even had a dog. Because of this and the fact that the couple stayed mostly at home, for their neighbours it was an obscure household.

no comma
before a that
clause

When Tom met Mary for the first time, her zeal stunned him. She was passionate about every single thing in her life. Mary was attracted to his mind. He used to be bright and quick on his feet. However, this was all in the past.

One evening Tom told Mary that he had gotten suspended at work and might lose his job. That was the final straw for Mary. All those years she had been bearing with him, with his sudden mood changes, his alcohol problems and chain smoking. She told him that she was done and that she wanted to get a divorce. Tom was furious, he stood up and went around the table while Mary was yelling at him. Her mouth was wide open she threatened to hurt him. She loathed him and couldn't understand how he became this abusive monster. Tom went calmly by each step was closer and closer to his wife. He raised his fist once again, but Mary was faster. She dragged him and then pushed him against the wall. She started to choke him but he was much stronger. Then, while they were fighting, he crashed into a window and fainted.

Past perfect...
before then

a little awkward phrasing:
perhaps:
"...each step brought him
closer + closer to..."

Mary stood there next to the broken window. She couldn't believe what she had just done. It seemed like a very bizarre dream. After a minute she called the police and while waiting for them, she was thinking about her – hopefully brighter – future.

Good story... well told...
difficult to write a "fight" scene.
Good use of vocab + idioms.
Some comment + suggestions
above. Thanks, J -

good