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Emma`s house: Emma is being comforted by Mr Banister, the local undertaker.

BANISTER: Yes, I think that`s the wise choice – Joe was never a fussy man. Now, you leave everything to me Emma. We`ll do you proud.

EMMA: I know you will, Mr Banister.

BANISTER: Yes, well I`m afraid that, in my profession, helping a friend and neighbor is never a pleasure, but it`s still a privilege.

EMMA: So, what happens now, about Joe?

BANISTER: Don`t you worry. We`ll liaise with the hospital, and take care of everything. Now erm....forgive me, but I have to ask – will you be wanting to see him again.

EMMA: Oh. Oh, I...I don`t know. I don`t really think...

BANISTER: That`s okay, my dear – some do, some don`t. if you change your mind, just let me know.

EMMA: Thank you.

BANISTER: Now, are you sure you`re going to be alright?

EMMA: You`ve been very kind, Mr Banister, as ever – but I`ve already taken up far too much of your time.

BANISTER: Nonsense, my dear.

EMMA: I`ll be okay, really.

Banister: Well if there`s anything else you need, I`m literally next door.

EMMA: Thank you, I`ll be fine.