BUTTON BUTTON

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NUMBER THE BOXES IN ORDER AND PICK AN IDIOM THAT REPRESENTS EACH PART

Norma and Arthur, skeptical of Mr. Steward's proposition, declined his offer outright, unwilling to entertain its implications. They bid Mr. Steward farewell, closing the door on his mysterious proposal.

Tragedy struck when Norma received news of Arthur's demise in a subway accident, leaving her reeling with shock and regret. The discovery of Arthur's life insurance policy underscored the weight of her impulsive decision.

Norma discovers a package by the front door, addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, brings it into the apartment and starts preparing dinner.

Norma wrestled with conflicting emotions, eventually succumbing to curiosity and frustration, impulsively pressing the button in a moment of defiance.

True to the note, Mr. Steward arrived promptly at 8:00 P.M, introducing himself to Norma and Arthur. He explained the enigmatic device's function: pressing the button would result in a stranger's demise, in exchange for a significant sum of money.

Norma opens the package and finds a push-button unit inside a small wooden box. She reads a note taped to the bottom of the box indicating that Mr. Steward will visit them at 8:00 P.M.

Amidst the turmoil, Norma dismantled the button unit, only to be met with a chilling inquiry from Mr. Steward, challenging her perception of her husband's true nature.

Despite initial skepticism, Norma's curiosity got the better of her, prompting her to mend the torn card fragments and contact Mr. Steward. She sought clarification regarding the offer's authenticity, expressing her doubts and seeking answers.

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