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Buster is visiting people in the area investigating Paul's wreck.

ANNIE, BUSTER

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(opening the door before buster has knocked)

Oh my!

BUSTER

Sorry, didn't mean to startle you. You didn't give me a chance to knock.

ANNIE

I'm not all that used to visitors out here. What can I do for you, sheriff?

BUSTER

There's a writer, comes here every so often from New York; he was supposed to show up back home a few days ago and he didn't. Guess he checked out of the Silver Creek Lodge two weeks back, and now there's people back east scared something happened to him.

ANNIE

(Shocked) Writer from New York? Oh my God, Paul Sheldon was staying there! He's my hero! I got all the misery books inside. I'm just reading the new one, Misery's Child. Is it me you're looking for?

BUSTER

Yes, ma'am, here's a photo.

ANNIE

I don't think god would let anything bad happen to Paul Sheldon.

BUSTER

Yeah, I don't know that he's been gone long enough to worry. I told his agent when she called, maybe he decided to make a stop on his way home. Or maybe he had enough of this damn winter, went to Florida instead. But she insists he would have been in touch.

ANNIE

I have to believe he's safe. Will you let me know if you hear anything, sheriff?

BUSTER

Oh, I think everyone will hear about it if we find him. And please call me
Buster, everyone does.

ANNIE

All my fingers crossed for you Buster.