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## Prologue *An underground station in London*

The tall young woman walked down the platform and then stopped. It was six o'clock in the evening and there were a lot of people waiting for the train. A man in a black suit walked down the platform and stopped two or three metres from the woman.

A train came into the station. The woman turned and looked at it. The man came and stood behind her. He put his hand on her back. She turned and looked at him. There was a question on her face. Her mouth and eyes opened wide. He pushed her hard. He heard nothing. Only the train. The woman fell in front of it.



The next day in the newspapers:

**WOMAN DIES UNDER TRAIN**

# Chapter 1 *The first phone call*

*Three years later*

The young woman answered the phone.

'Julie.' It was her father.

'Dad. Where are you?'

'I'm outside the station. I'm going to get him.'

'Now?'

'Yes.'

'Dad, are we doing the right thing? Is this right?'

'Julie, we talked about this.'

'I know but now . . . I'm just not sure this is the right thing.'

'Remember our conversation, Julie. We made our decision. We have to do this.'

