“The matches fell from his hand. He stood motionless, his breath suspended until the knock was repeated. Then he turned and fled swiftly back to his room, and closed the door behind him. A third knock sounded through the house” (Jacobs, 98).

**Identify the details in the paragraph that increase the mood of mystery and terror within the story. Underline the words and phrases.**

**Evaluate Mrs. White’s idea of wishing Herbert alive again. Is this a good idea? Why or why not?**

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**Which of the following statements from the story shows that the MOOD of the story has changed?**

1. “…the old people, buried their dead, and came back to a house steeped in shadow and silence.”
2. “…now they had nothing to talk about…”
3. “…their days were long to weariness.”
4. “It was about a week after that that the old man, waking suddenly in the night, stretched out his hand and found himself alone.”

**Section 3**