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Dheifrih	She hurried to the door.
Sílím	“I think my husband is awake.”
Tabharfaidh	“I’ll give him his breakfast now.”
Cén	“How is he?”
Caithfidh	“He has to have an operation.”
Cathain	“When?”
Níl	“We don’t know yet.”
Caithfidh	“He has to wait until a bed is available for him in the hospital.”
Tá	“There are a lot of other people before him on the list.”
Sin	“That’s the biggest problem for a person who is a public patient now.”
An bhfuil	“Do you have any idea how much the operation will cost?” asked Colm.
An obráid	“The operation on his heart? Around €15,000, I’d say.”
Lig	Mrs. O’Neil sighed.
Is mairg	“It’s a pity we don’t have the money!”
Má	“If he has to wait much longer, his life could be in danger.”
Seans	“Perhaps he’ll be fortunate and he’ll get a place soon,” said Colm.
Chríochnaigh	He finished his breakfast and went out.
Stop	He stopped at the telephone box to make a call.
Ansin	Then he headed to an employment agency to which he paid a fee a few days before that.
Chuaigh	He went to the clerk and asked him if he had any news for him.
D’fhéach	He looked at the list, jotted details down on a card and gave it to Colm.
Seo	“Here’s one that would suit a person like you who doesn’t have any special qualifications ... doorman.”
D’fhéach	Colm looked at the card and hurried to the address.
Bhí	It was located in a block of offices in the south of the city.
D’iompair	An elevator carried him to the sixth floor.
Ní raibh	There was only a single door on the floor and there was a plaque on that with the name Desmond DeVane written on it.