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A short while later, Matthew heard two soft thuds coming from the apartment; it was as if someone had fallen down. After that, he climbed down the pipe and took the stairs until he arrived at the apartment door.

There was no response after he reached out to knock on the door. He wasn't in a rush as he stood by the door and waited patiently.

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