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The boat nudges against a half-drowned jetty, its wooden planks swollen and soft from the rains. Mira hesitates before stepping off. The tide is low, but the brackish water creeps across what used to be a footpath, licking at the roots of trees that have grown taller, thicker, hungrier.

The house is still there. Or rather, what remains of it.

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