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When DI Vera Stanhope finds the body of a woman in the sauna room of her local gym, closer inspection reveals ligature marks around the victim’s throat. Assisting with the case, Sergeant Joe Ashworth struggles to reconcile his home life with the demands of the job, while Vera reveals being back in charge of an investigation. But when they discover that the victim had worked in social services and was involved in a shocking case involving a young child, it seems the two are connected.

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