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Shadows Creep

Short Answer Key

1. The darkness makes it hard to see what is real, making both the narrator and the reader feel more afraid.
2. He believes he has hidden all the evidence and outsmarted them.
3. The old man's room symbolizes the narrator's growing fear and obsession.
4. At first, the house feels safe, but as the heartbeat gets louder, it becomes a trap, making the narrator panic.
5. The isolation makes the narrator's madness worse because there is no one to stop him or help the old man.

