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Anderson is hot on Harry's heels! But the "Reeperbahn," Hamburg's famous entertainment strip, has some great hiding spots. This is where ship ropes used to be made (a "reep" is a rope). Now, the streets are lined with brothels, cinemas, bars and theaters. Perhaps our time traveler could take a detour to the "Imperial," a former porn cinema converted into a theater that shows detective stories.

But Harry could also try to shake off his pursuer at Ohlsdorf Cemetery. With an area of almost 400 hectares, it's the largest park cemetery in the world. Hamburg residents also like to go there for walks. Between old trees, monuments and mausoleums, Harry could also see how people are buried in Germany. Traditionally, the deceased is placed in a closed coffin and bid farewell with a small ceremony in a chapel – or, in non-denominational funerals, in a mourning hall. Then the casket is carried to the grave and lowered into the ground. Mourners throw soil, flowers, and sometimes small mementos on the coffin. Wreaths of flowers are often placed on top. But there are also other forms of burial in Germany apart from the classic coffin burial, like, tree burials or burials at sea, in which the deceased's ashes are scattered near a tree or in the sea.