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Edna
Harry

Harry
Edna? My God, you're the last person I expected to see here. How's your...

Edna
It's fine. (THEY HUG)

Harry
Hang on just a second. (MOVES TO GUEST REGISTRY) Mom wanted me to sign her in. (SIGNS AND TURNS TO CASKET) Ed, Mom's not going to make your funeral. She told me to tell you she's really proud of you getting shot and everything. She's in San Diego playing in a bridge tournament or she'd have been here for sure. She said she'll catch up with you later.

Edna
How is your Mom, Harry?

Harry
She's fine. I've made millions and she still thinks I'm a bum.

Edna
She wasn't crazy about me either.

Harry
Hell, I think she backed over Dad on purpose. I really do. Maybe not the first time but the second time for sure.

Edna
She told me she honked.

Harry
Yeah, right. Listen, Edna, before I forget it, I was just talking to the President and he's planning to come to the funeral.

Edna
(Interrupting)
Are you sure it was the President, Harry, because if he was, the place would be crawling with the Secret Service and bomb sniffing dogs and...

Harry
Sure, you're absolutely right. (PAUSE) Those dogs that sniff for bombs, do they sniff for drugs too?

Edna
I have no idea, Harry. Why?

Harry

No reason, none at all. Why would I care? (PAUSE) You know who I think could play the bugle? Mel. There was Stanley on piano, Al on base and Mel on trumpet. You remember Mel don't you?

Edna

Oh, yes, I remember Mel.

Harry

I was shooting at Mel when I hit Stanley.

Edna

You didn't shoot Stanley, Harry. Believe me.

Harry

Oh, I think I did. Up at the lodge? There was a piano playing and I fired both barrels of Dad's shotgun and the music stopped. Ed said, 'You shot the piano player, Harry. You shot Stanley.' There was purple stuff all over the carpet.

Edna

What you shot, Harry, was your Mother's stereo system and a couple of bottles of Chianti. She never did get the stain out of the carpet.

Harry

Damn, I forgot. You were there, weren't you?

Edna

Oh, yes. It was my first Thanksgiving with you guys. So how have you been?

Harry

Rich, Edna, and very successful.

Edna

I know, I read your book.

Harry

You did? Thank you for buying it. You did buy it didn't you?

Edna

Of course I bought it. I thought it was fascinating.

Harry

You'd be surprised how many people use the library. My God, if you want a book, you buy it, you don't borrow it.

Edna
Are you planning to speak, Harry? At the service?

Harry
About my book?

Edna
About your brother.

Harry
Oh, I suppose I could, couldn't I. How often do you get to say something nice about your brother? What could I say?

Edna
He could have been a great one?

Harry
(Thoughtfully)
He could have been a great one. He wasn't of course.

Edna
True.

Harry
But I like it. It kind of sums Ed up. If he'd just done a little more.

Edna
Or a little less.

Harry
He did so much and has so little to show for it.

Edna
That's the sign of a great politician, Harry. The sum of the parts is always less than the whole.

Harry
I'll remember that. Are you sure there's nothing that I can do for him? Besides finding a bugler.

Edna
He did say something about wanting an eternal flame.

Harry
That sounds like Ed doesn't it?

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