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GEORGE: I'm in trouble, Mr. Potter. I need help. Through some sort of an accident my company's short in their accounts. The bank examiner's up there today. I've got to raise eight thousand dollars immediately.

POTTER: Oh, so that's what the reporters wanted to talk to you about?

GEORGE: The reporters?

POTTER: Yes. They called me up from your Building and Loan. Oh, there's a man over there from the D.A.'s office, too. He's looking for you.

GEORGE: Please help me, Mr. Potter. Help me, won't you, please? Can't you see what it means to my family? I'll pay you any sort of a bonus on the loan...any interest. If you still want the Building and Loan, why I...

POTTER: George, could it possibly be there's a slight discrepancy in the books?

GEORGE: No, sir. There's nothing wrong with the books. I've just misplaced eight thousand dollars. I can't find it anywhere.

POTTER: *You* misplaced eight thousand dollars?

GEORGE: Yes, sir.

POTTER: Have you notified the police?

GEORGE: No, sir. I didn't want the publicity. Harry's homecoming tomorrow...

POTTER: They're going to believe that one. What've you been doing, George? Playing the market with the company's money?

GEORGE: No, sir. No, sir. I haven't.

POTTER: What is it—a woman then? You know, it's all over town that you've been giving money to Violet Peterson.

GEORGE: What?

POTTER: Not that it makes any difference to me, but why did you come to me? Why don't you go to Sam Wainwright and ask him for the money?

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GEORGE: I can't get hold of him. He's in Europe.

POTTER: Well, what about all your other friends?

GEORGE: They don't have that kind of money, Mr. Potter. You know that. You're the only one in town that can help me.

POTTER: I see. I've suddenly become quite important. What kind of security would I have, George? Have you any stocks?

GEORGE: No, sir.

POTTER: Bonds? Real estate? Collateral of any kind?

GEORGE: I have some life insurance, a fifteen thousand dollar policy.