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WILL

Excuse me. Hi.

JENNY HILL

Oh.

(recognized him)

Oh!

WILL

Hello.

JENNY HILL

I wasn't expecting you.

WILL

Are you Jenny Hill?

JENNY HILL

I am. And you're Will, Eddie's son. You look so much like him.

WILL

How did you know my father?

JENNY HILL

From high school. Before that, even.

(A beat...not flinching)

WILL

Were you and my father having an affair?

JENNY HILL

(taken back)

Wow. You just said it.

WILL

I've seen him with women. He flirts. He always has. On some level, I presumed he was cheating on my mother. I just never had proof.

(shows her the folder)

That's your signature, right? The deed to this house. He co-signed the loan.

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Can I ask you a question? Why did you come here today? If you found this, why didn't you just ask Eddie?

WILL

Because he's dying.

(JENNY is taken back by the suddenness of it. She's a tangle of conflicting emotions.)

JENNY HILL

Look, I don't know how much you want to know about any of this.

(more)

You have one image of your father and it would be wrong of me to go and change it.

WILL

My father talked about a lot of things he never did, and I'm sure he did a lot of things he never talked about. I'm just trying to reconcile the two.

(beat)

You said you went to high school with him. Was that here, in Ashton?

JENNY HILL

It was in Ashton, but Ashton wasn't here. You do know what happened to the town, right?

WILL

No.

JENNY HILL

Oh honey. That's the only reason your father came back. The state was building a new reservoir - the whole valley was gonna be flooded. In just a few hours, the town of Ashton would be thirty feet under water.

(making space so they can both sit)

Edward Bloom came back to take one last look at the town he left so long ago.