

5. MOTHER ~~ THE OLD MAN

Initially, Mother is worried that the telegram is bad news. She is relieved and perhaps skeptical when she reads what it is actually delivering. The Old Man can hardly believe that it is happening!

THE OLD MAN: What is it?

MOTHER: A telegram.

THE OLD MAN: What's it say?

MOTHER: It's addressed to you.

(THE OLD MAN slowly opens the telegram.)

MOTHER: Well ... ?

THE OLD MAN: Look. Read it.

MOTHER: "Dear Mr. Parker. Congratulations! You have won a major award in our \$50,000 'Great Figures of World Literature Contest.' It will arrive by special messenger tonight. Congratulations! You are a winner!"

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THE OLD MAN: I. Am. A. Winner. I'm a winner! I'm a winner!!!

MOTHER: But a winner of what?

THE OLD MAN: It could be anything. A new car, a trip to Paris. A guy in Terre Haute won a bowling alley.

MOTHER: How could they deliver a bowling alley?

THE OLD MAN: Well ... they could deliver a deed, for cripeessake.
(The doorbell rings.) It's here! Omigod, it's here!