

HORACE

I just had to turn down J.D. Henson for a loan.

LOIS

Oh, my. Has it finally come to that?

HORACE

And on top of everything, I just lied to him.

LOIS

Now I'm sure you didn't lie to him. I'm sure you were just tryin' to make things look a little better than they really are. I do that all the time. Every time I look in the mirror for that matter.

HORACE

No. I flat out lied. Told him everything should be lookin' up in a few months.

LOIS

Well, we've been tellin' everybody that. It's what people want to hear.

HORACE

And I've been lying to everybody.

LOIS

You're just trying to keep people optimistic. There's nothin' wrong with that.

HORACE

But is it wrong that we've kept on givin' people money when we really shouldn't have? We knew good and goddamned well they were just diggin' themselves into deeper holes.

LOIS

You have always tried to help the people around here. If we didn't have this bank, I don't know what a lot of people in this town would've ever been able to build a house or start a business or send kids to college. I don't know what I would've done. You gave me a job when I really needed one. A good job. You're a good man and don't ever let yourself doubt that.

HORACE

Good, but also greedy.

LOIS

We're all guilty of something in one way or another, but that doesn't diminish the tremendous help you've given this town.

HORACE

And I have profited tremendously from this town.

LOIS

As have many.

HORACE

I don't know why I didn't marry you years ago.

Horace kisses Lois passionately.

LOIS

Because you have a wife and family, and it just wouldn't have been right.

Horace kisses her again.

LOIS

What in the world has gotten into you? Kissing me in broad daylight like that?

HORACE

Because I want you to know I love you.

LOIS

Well, shoot. I don't even know what to say. You're gonna make me cry.

HORACE

Say nothin' at all, and for god's sake don't start blubberin' now. You know, I think I'm goin' deer huntin' after all.

LOIS

But I thought you were givin' it up for good. Didn't you promise Harper you wouldn't kill any more animals?

HORACE

I did, but surely she would let her old grandfather have one last go at it.

LOIS

It's supposed to rain something terrible.

HORACE

It certainly won't be the first time it's rained on me.

LOIS

Why don't I go with you? I can keep the fire burning in the cabin and have hot food waitin' for you. It's the one place nobody ever finds us.

HORACE

You're the truly good one, not me. I appreciate your offer, but I just need to get out in nature and clear my head. Shoot one last deer.