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The night George intended to leave town, George's father tragically passed away from a stroke. The family business, Bailey Building and Loan, immediately becomes the target of Henry Potter, a wealthy businessman who owns most of Bedford Falls. Potter pushes the business's board of directors to close Bailey Building and Loan...

- **George Bailey (tone 18-20):** *an eager young man in his late teens, forced to defend his father's legacy from Henry Potter*
- **Henry F. Potter (tone 50-70):** *The richest and meanest man in the county, seizing on the opportunity to try and shut down the perpetual thorn in his side, Bailey Building and Loan*

POTTER (speaking to the Board). Peter Bailey was not a business man. That's what killed him. Oh, I don't mean any disrespect to him, God rest his soul. He was a man of high ideals, so-called, but ideals without common sense can ruin this town. What does that get us? A discontented, lazy rabble instead of a thrifty working class. And all because a few starry-eyed dreamers like Peter Bailey stir them up and fill their heads with a lot of impossible hooey. Now, I say ...

GEORGE. Just a minute. Now, hold on, Mr. Potter. You're right when you say my father was no business man. I know that. Why he ever started this cheap, penny-ante Building and Loan, I'll never know. But neither you nor anybody else can say anything against his character, because his whole life was ... Why, in the twenty-five years since he and Uncle Billy started this thing, he never once thought of himself. Isn't that right, Uncle Billy?