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George, desperate to save his family and the Building and Loan, appeals to the wealthiest, cruelest man in town, Henry F. Potter, for a very large sum of money..

- **George Bailey (tone 30s):** *on the brink of panic after his uncle has lost \$8000 of the public's money, an amount that will surely ruin him and his family*
- **Henry F. Potter (tone 60-70):** *knows the missing money will destroy George and the Bailey's, and knows that George has no chance of recovering it - because Potter himself has found it, and has no intention of returning it. Potter seizes the opportunity, savoring his moment of triumph over George and his family*

POTTER. And you want eight thousand! Look at you. You used to be so cocky. You were going to go out and conquer the world! You once called me a warped, frustrated old man. What are you but a warped, frustrated young man? Crawling in here on your hands and knees for help. No securities, no stocks, no bonds. You're worth more dead than you are alive! Why don't you go to the riffraff you love so much and ask them for help?

GEORGE. I'll do anything Mr. Potter, please. Please help me, my wife and kids ...

POTTER. You know what I'm going to do for you? As a stockholder of the Building and Loan, I'm calling the state examiner to get a warrant for your arrest.

(SFX: Dialing telephone.)

POTTER. Misappropriation of funds, manipulation, malfeasance

GEORGE. *(Overlapping with " . . . manipulation:")* Mr. Potter, please. You can't. They can't arrest me.

(SFX: GEORGE runs from POTTER' s office, door slams.)

POTTER. Go on and run! You can't hide in a little town like this! Merry Christmas, George!