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CHARLIE

Lee, let me get two bits, I need to make a call home. Huntsville?

LEE

Big man only carries cash, huh?

CHARLIE

Big Man does not have change 'cuz the jingle jangle is noise and he is a professional assassin. Give the professional assassin some change.

LEE

Professional? That man in the hat left some coins under the change tray. (*As Charlie dials zero Lee wanders off.*) I was a Marine. Once upon a time.

CHARLIE

Person to person to Huntsville?

*Five gunshots. Lee reenters. Charlie looks offstage at what happened.*

LEE

That guy was gonna take you out, Charlie.

CHARLIE

You shot a cop?

LEE

He was cowboy for you, I swear.

CHARLIE

His gun is holstered.

LEE

Why should you have all the fun?

CHARLIE

You shot a cop in Texas!

LEE

You just shot The President.

CHARLIE

You shot a cop in Texas! It is not a competition.

LEE

Maybe I'll shoot you, too. I will tell them all it was you. You failed. You were hung over, or doped, or something. But you were something. And you killed The President in cold blood in sunlight by mistake. Do you realize what happens when you cross the G?

CHARLIE

The G? Settle down you little pissant traitor freak, or I will put you down like a sick dog.

LEE

Sorry Charlie. I'm sorry. You can trust me, I swear. We will get through this together. I just got scared with that damn cop.

CHARLIE

I can't trust you, Lee. I can't turn around without you doing some cockamammey-

*(As Charlie turns around to the dead cop. POW. Lee cold cocks him with a sap.)*

LEE

Well, you just had to see that one coming. I'm, uh, gonna be late for the movie. The matinee of War Is Hell starring Audie Murphy at The Texan Theater waits for no man. Gonna get me a good seat, catch as much as I can before-