

JANET AND PALMER

PALMER. Don't suppose the jukebox is working?

JANET. You're welcome to kick it.

PALMER. Does that help?

JANET. Ray says that's all it needs.

PALMER. Did he ever tell you the song. Said it stopped in the middle of a song.

JANET. Oh right. You won't believe it.

PALMER. Try me.

JANET. "Bye....bye...Miss American Pie..." Perfect, right?

PALMER. Absolutely!

JANET. —God those stories—the people that believe those stories--

PALMER. Urban myths.

JANET. Right.

PALMER. You know my favorite? Gut walks into his bank on 2001, on the 8th of September—three days before—and he has a piece of paper in his hand. Yellow, torn from a legal pad. On this paper the guy has written some words in blue felt pen. He has described almost exactly the event of 9/11—it's uncanny—the plane, the towers—it's all written down right there—three days before it happens. And now, at the bank, he has a woman notarize and date this piece of paper. And he places it in a safe deposit box. Turns the key. Locks it up tight. And leaves.

JANET. And he's right. It all happens.

PALMER. Yes.

JANET. God, that's creepy. That's so--

PALMER. It's a good one, huh?

JANET. —There must be all sorts of those people--

PALMER. Right--

JANET. Claiming they knew in advance--

PALMER. —Right.

JANET. —Cause how can you prove them wrong?

PALMER. You can't. And this one actually gets better. The authorities, they find out--

JANET. Whoever "they" are, right?—the infamous "they"--

PALMER. Right—they find out about this paper—upon the guy's death--

JANET. Wait, the guy dies?!

PALMER. Of course he does.

JANET. "Mysterious circumstances"—"cloud of suspicion"

PALMER. You're good at this.

JANET. So the guy dies--

PALMER. —And they go to the bank—

JANET. They get a subpoena, or something—

PALMER. *They* don't need a subpoena, they just take whatever they want. Because they have to have this.

JANET. Because if this is real—I mean—

PALMER. This is the Holy Grail. As soon as you have this, you no longer have speculation—you have complicity. A lead you must follow.