

Unit 47a: \*Scene\*

MUSIC: Very Ominous bridge.

They turn and walk upstage. All the microphones have been cleared. It's a wide-open space. George Looks around stunned.

SFX: Low, eerie wind.

CLARENCE Are you sure this is Bailey Park?

GEORGE I'm not sure of anything anymore. All I know is this should be Bailey Park  
Where are the houses?

CLARENCE You weren't here to build them.

GEORGE It's just a cemetery.

CLARENCE Look here George.

GEORGE It's a tombstone.

CLARENCE Read the inscription.

GEORGE "In memory of our beloved son"

CLARENCE Look closely. Read the name.

George falls to his knees.

GEORGE No. No, it can't be. "Harry Bailey!"

CLARENCE Your brother, Harry, broke through the ice and was drowned at the age  
of nine.

GEORGE That's a lie! Harry Bailey went to war! He got the Congressional  
Medal of Honor! He saved the lives of every man on that transport.

CLARENCE Every man on that transport died. Harry wasn't there to save them because you weren't there to save Harry. You weren't here to save your mother from bitterness, Uncle Billy from madness, or Violet from hopelessness. You weren't here to save Ernie or Martini from a life of squalor or Mr. Gower from prison. You weren't here George, to save Bedford Falls. You see, George, you really had a wonderful life. Don't you see what a mistake it would be to throw it away?

GEORGE Clarence . . .

CLARENCE Yes, George?

GEORGE You didn't mention Mary?

CLARENCE Oh, well, I . . .

GEORGE I don't know how you know these things, but tell me — where is she?

CLARENCE I . . .

GEORGE Tell me where my wife is.

CLARENCE I'm not supposed to tell.

GEORGE Please, Clarence, tell me where she is.

CLARENCE You're not going to like it, George.

George grabs Clarence by the coat collar and shakes him.

GEORGE Where is she?

CLARENCE She never married.

GEORGE Where's Mary? Where is she?

CLARENCE She's just about to close the library!

GEORGE Mary! Mary!

George let's Clarence go and runs off.

CLARENCE There must be an easier way to get my wings. (Exits)