

CHARACTERS - 1st MAN, 2nd MAN

KEY: Black - 1st Man
 Red - 2nd Man
 Blue - Omitted

Your sister called. *My* sister called? Yes, *she's* ill. *You've* to go and see her. *I've* to go and see her? *Yes*, *she's* asked for *you*. Just one thing. *What?* I don't have a sister. *Must* have been *your* sister. I don't have a sister. *Wonder* who's sister it was who called?

Actually it wasn't *your* sister that called. It wouldn't have been. It was about that job you applied for. *They* want you to come in for an interview. An interview? Yes. *But* I haven't applied for any job. *They* want you to come in anyway. For an interview? Yes. For a job I haven't applied for?

Look this can't go on. *Agreed*. One of us will have to go. *Agreed*. Perhaps you'd like to volunteer? *Perhaps* you'd like to volunteer? This can't go on. *Agreed*. *Agreed*.

If it can't be settled in one way. Yes? *Then* it must be settled in another way. *What* do you have in mind? *We* are a match for each other intellectually. *Yes*. But *what* about physically? One of us may have a slight advantage over the other in that respect. Yes? *Yes*.

The 1st Man advances on the 2nd Man and grips him two-handed round the throat. The 2nd Man does the same. They engage in a short struggle. The 1st Man eventually overcomes the 2nd Man who sinks slowly to the floor and lies there motionless. The 1st Man looks down at his victim for a few moments.

That takes care of that.

The 1st Man considers. He tries again.

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He experiments.

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He looks down at the 2nd Man then covers his face with his hands. The 2nd Man begins to stir. The 1st Man quickly bends down and helps him up to his feet. He lets him recover further for a few moments.

I wandered lonely as a cloud, that floats on high o'er vale and hill. When all at once I saw a crowd, a host of golden daffodils.

The two men look at each other for a few moments. They embrace.

