

FRANK SENIOR

'CAUSE I BELIEVE THAT LADY LUCK
CAN STILL TURN ON A DIME

PAULA

COMME A LA GUERRE

FRANK SENIOR

AND MAYBE ONE
WILL ONCE AGAIN BE THREE

PAULA

C'EST C'QUE J'AI TOUJOURS DIT

FRANK SENIOR

DON'T BE A STRANGER
TELL THEM THAT FOR ME

PAULA

DON'T BE A STRANGER
TELL HIM THAT FOR ME

BOTH

DON'T BE A STRANGER
TELL THEM THAT FOR ME.

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HANRATTY

Do you have any idea where your child is?

FRANK SENIOR

He's always in the air. He's a pilot with Pan Am! What a life!

(He lifts an envelope from the bar, toys with it.)

HANRATTY

He's not a pilot anymore, Mister Abagnale. Never was. He's a counterfeiter and con man.

FRANK SENIOR

I knew that. I just wanted to see what you knew.

(looks Hanratty over)

You expect a father to give up his son.

HANRATTY

Yes. I would expect a father to do that. People get shot in my line of work. Real guns. Real bullets. I'd like to bring him in alive.

FRANK SENIOR

Okay. Here's the truth.

(waves the envelope)

Got a letter from him just today. He joined up. He's over in Viet Nam, serving his country.

HANRATTY

Can I see that letter?

FRANK SENIOR

(shakes his head, puts letter away)

No return address. He's in uniform, risking his life for you and me. Not a bad way to leave his troubles behind, I'd say. He got out of the game at just the right time.

HANRATTY

The game?

FRANK SENIOR

You know, the game. Don't let the bastards get the best of you. Look out for yourself, when the banks and the government and the big boys try to rob you blind.

HANRATTY

Is that what you taught your kid?

FRANK SENIOR

A man should go after what he wants in life.

HANRATTY

A man should face up to what he's done.

(Frank Senior throws back his drink and sings. A standoff, and then they turn back to their drinks. The BARTENDER turns to pour them another.)

Mister Abagnale.

FRANK SENIOR

Please—Frank.

HANRATTY

Frank. Your kid needs you now.

FRANK SENIOR

What can I do for him that he can't do better for himself?

HANRATTY

You can tell him to come in. You can tell him it's time to stop. You may be the only one who can.

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