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On the last leaf on the tree
Your heart will feel it once you read on.
Your friends depart; one by one.
Abandoned by the Winter snows.

Money and Politics

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