

## Meg and Doc 57/58

MEG. Ah, Biloxi. I believe so.

DOC. And wasn't there a—a hurricane going on at the time?

MEG. Was there?

DOC. Yes, there was, one hell of a hurricane. Camille, I believe they called it. Hurricane Camille.

~~MEG. Yes, now I remember. It was a beautiful hurricane.~~

**START** → DOC. We had a time down there. We had quite a time. Drinking vodka, eating oysters on the half-shell, dancing all night long. And the wind was blowing.

MEG. Oh, God, was it blowing.

DOC. Goddamn, was it blowing.

MEG. There never has been such a wind blowing.

DOC. Oh, God, Meggy. Oh, God.

MEG. I know, Doc. It was my fault to leave you. I was crazy. I thought I was choking. I felt choked!

DOC. I felt like a fool.

MEG. No.

DOC. I just kept on wondering why.

MEG. I don't know why... 'cause I didn't want to care. I don't know. I did care though. I did.

DOC. *(After a pause.)* Ah, hell—

*He pours them both another drink.*

Are you still singing those sad songs?

MEG. No.

DOC. Why not?

MEG. I don't know, Doc. Things got worse for me. After a while, I just couldn't sing anymore. I tell you, I had one hell of a time over Christmas.

DOC. What do you mean?

MEG. I went nuts. I went insane. Ended up in L.A. County Hospital. Psychiatric ward.

DOC. Hell. Ah, hell, Meggy. What happened?

MEG. I don't really know. I couldn't sing anymore; so I lost my job.

MEG. continued

And I had a bad toothache. I had this incredibly painful toothache. For days I had it, but I wouldn't do anything about it. I just stayed inside my apartment. All I could do was sit around in chairs, chewing on my fingers. Then one afternoon I ran screaming out of the apartment with all my money and jewelry and valuables and tried to stuff it all into one of those March of Dimes collection boxes. That was when they nabbed me. Sad story. Meg goes mad.

*Doc stares at her for a long moment. He pours them both another drink.*

DOC. *(After quite a pause.)* There's a moon out.

MEG. Is there?

DOC. Wanna go take a ride in my truck and look out at the moon?