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*a pair of cool grey eyes,
glassy and distant, sparkle
while recalling an old war story*

...are you sitting down?...

*a mottled white beard
draped over sagging cheeks,
chest rumbling in a chuckle*

...I've got to tell you something...

*a gnarled hand gesturing,
tufts of hair dancing wildly,
skin ashy and dry*

...I'm so sorry...

*cracked fingernails
scraping against a distended stomach
as the story draws to its end*

...your father...

*a pause for reflection,
head turns slightly left
to accept a kiss on the cheek*

...passed away this morning...



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