

## SYNOPSIS

George Washington Crosby is dying from kidney failure. He has a crumbling body Parkinson's disease, cancer, diabetes, and previous heart attacks and a murky mind. His age is no longer because of his disease. George remembers his past experience when he was child. He had bad past experiences when was child. His father Howard Aaron Crosby had an epileptic illness. Someday when George was child, Howard's illness is relapse. That accident happened when Howard, his wife, and his sons and daughters ate in dining room. Howard raised the food to his mouth but stopped before he took the bite. The muscles at the hinges of his jaws flexed.

Howard scrambled his legs, trying to get up, but he only twisted around in his chair, which corkscrewed out from under him. He dropped to the floor, striking his head on the seat of the chair next to him as he fell. George's mother Kathleen tries to open his husband mouth. She said to her son George to get a spoon and put it on his father mouth. Nevertheless, George's fathers bite his finger's son. George has blood in his finger.

A brief story, Howard feels guilty for George's injury. Howard feels he does not protect his family. Howard suffered from epileptic disease. His wife and the family doctor thought Howard should be admitted to the Eastern Maine State Hospital, an institution housing feeble-minded and insane individuals. Howard had a different opinion. One evening, he left his wife and four children and headed to Philadelphia. He took a new name and a new wife. He found work in a grocery store. The frequency of his seizures decreased dramatically.

Howard's decision makes George sad. George relationship with his fathers is very close. It is because George is Howard's first son. Howard teach George how to repair a clock. Before his George's father left the house. He had a dream about his father's died. Therefore Howard's departure like George dreams come to the reality. Finally George does not found his father, his dream now is come to the reality. George is very upset because of that event. Sometimes he always imagines his father.

Because of his sadness, George represses his feeling. He never permits himself to imagine Howard. Nevertheless his effort to repress his feeling is does not work well. Finally hallucination appears in George's life. He had hallucination experiences in the rest of his life. George's hallucination appears when he looks into everything that connected with his father. That condition happen since Howard leaves George and family until he getting old and almost died.

In older age, George's final memory before his death is a vivid one. He remembers a Christmas dinner in 1953. George's silent in dining room. Suddenly someone is at the door. It is a surprise visit by Howard to George's house. It is the first time that he has seen his father since George was twelve. Finally George meets with his father. Howard back after he meets with his son.