

# A Close Call

By Ryan Murphy

Guy Charlie Jones, a sixty-nine-year-old CEO, and his twenty-five-year-old wife, Mary, the 2005 Miss USA, were driving home from a nice dinner at Ruth's Chris to celebrate their third anniversary. When they reached their home, Guy parked his brand new Ferrari Enzo in the parking garage and they hopped in the elevator. The couple went into their room on the thirtieth floor in downtown Atlanta where they changed out of their fancy clothes. Shortly after, Guy and Mary strolled into the family room only to see a criminal struggling to scurry away with their seventy-two inch Samsung television!

Guy was not the fighting type. He was a scrawny, five-foot-eight-inch businessman with slicked-back brown hair, yet he jumped on the criminal's back before the man could get any further. The larger man, dressed in all black with a mask over his face, hit the hardwood floor with a loud thud and grunted in obvious pain. The burglar reached into his pocket for something. Guy remembered his hunting gun. He yelled at his wife to get it and to call the cops. She sprinted out of the room.

Within twenty seconds, she was back, but by this point, the robber had his gun to Guy's head. He warned Mary not to step any closer or her husband would be dead. Mary was livid and aimed the gun at the man's head. The twenty-five-year-old fired. At the same instant the police burst through the door. There would be no one for them to bring downtown.

## The Vine

By Macy Hayes

Based on "The Garden Hose" by Beatrice Janosco

On a black night  
I see a dark green shadow  
Of a body on the wall.

It swivels on the side of the house  
And climbs slowly toward the window.

I can hear it creep.



by Yankia Ned