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of a dear friend or poking holes in the faulty logic of an insurance

weakness, generosity and churlishness of human nature. With

company underling. The Orange Wire Problem lays bare the nobility and

disarming candor and the audacity to admit t