

Wilderness House Literary Review 8/1

Corey Cook

The Errand

He lost his job as a truck driver and parked himself on the couch. Slept fitfully. Stared

blankly out the picture window. Too tired for their daughter's tea parties. Too busy for her fashion shows. Mumbled. His wife

hid behind romance novels. Magazines. Her laptop. Until the morning she returned

from the store with the newspaper rife with "Help Wanted" ads. Found him hanging in the basement. Dropped the paper. Scrambled

up the stairs for the phone. The reality show winner on the front page feigning surprise.