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Edna - an 85-year-old Hobart widow was forced from her home by a violent husband suffering from dementia. As a consequence she lost everything, including their \$300,000 home, her grandmother's jewellery, as well as friends and neighbours. She had been married to her husband for 60 years; but in the last seven of these his dementia had made him obsessive and restrictive of her, as well as paranoid and violent. Exhausted, Edna collapsed at a shopping centre and was taken to a women's refuge. Returning home a week later to collect her clothes, she found her husband had changed his will to make some opportunistic strangers the executors and beneficiaries of his estate. She spent eight weeks in the refuge out of fear that her husband might find her. A few months later, after a chance encounter with her husband's doctor, she learned that he had died. Suffering deep grief and shock, crippled with osteoarthritis, and without access to her home, possessions and papers, she was obliged to try and prove her claim to her husband's estate that they both had strived to build up over 60 years, against that of some exploitative strangers without