

REST IN PEACE

GORDON
Why?

GLORIA
So they won't fight over where to bury us.

GORDON
I'm not going to be buried.

GLORIA
What do you mean, you're not going to be buried?

GORDON
I'm planning on living forever.

GLORIA
Good luck with that. What about Oak Lawn?

GORDON
What about it?

GLORIA
Should we be buried in Oak Lawn?

GORDON
You can be.

GLORIA
Good. We can go there tomorrow. I made an appointment.

GORDON
Go there for what?

GLORIA
To buy burial plots. Think what a load off their minds it will be for the girls to not have to think about it. Then we can go to the funeral home and choose caskets and funeral services. I don't want them to worry about logistics when they can be grieving.

GORDON
Gloria, I don't intend to be buried. Go ahead, buy a plot, I don't care. But don't buy one for me.

GLORIA
Why not?

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GORDON
(Slowly)

Because I don't intend to be buried.

GLORIA

You have to be. You can't be stuffed and left in the den with the rest of Robert's animal trophies.

GORDON

Unless he shoots me, in which case that might be appropriate.

GLORIA

I'm serious!

GORDON

So am I. Using land to house a dead body otherwise designed to disintegrate is barbaric. Not to mention a poor example of good stewardship of the earth.

GLORIA

It's dignified.

GORDON

I think I'm going to be beyond dignity at that point, my dear.

GLORIA

Then what do you intend to do?

GORDON

Is it really that hard to figure out? Cremation, of course.

GLORIA

You can't be cremated.

GORDON

I don't see why not.

GLORIA

It's – well, it's – wrong.

GORDON

By whose lights?

GLORIA

God's.

GORDON

Not that I'm particularly versed in the bible, but has God really weighed in on cremation?

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GLORIA

I'll have to ask the pastor. But I'm sure it's frowned upon.

GORDON

Well, the Lutherans are certainly good at frowning.

GLORIA

No, those are the Presbyterians. But you know what I mean.

GORDON

I don't. Even if Leviticus specifically condemns cremation, which I highly doubt, I have no attachment to anything Leviticus has to say on the subject. It's cremation for me.

GLORIA

What if resurrection is real? How can that work if you're nothing but ash?

GORDON

If there is such a miracle as resurrection, I think the burning of a body is hardly going to be an impediment to the almighty God.

(beat)

GLORIA

Doesn't it make you feel icky?

GORDON

Why?

GLORIA

That you won't exist anymore?

GORDON

Gloria, I'm not going to exist anyway. I'll be dead.

GLORIA

I know. But to burn your body down to nothing.

GORDON

I don't know if there is a God or not. An afterlife or not. I do know that the moment my mother died, in my arms, she left her body. I could see it in her eyes. One moment she was there, and suddenly, she wasn't. When I die, Gloria, my body will become a useless vessel. Burning it and scattering my ashes seems the least offensive way of sending it back to the earth.

GLORIA

You want your ashes scattered.