

HUSBAND & WIFE

FADE IN:

EXT. GRAVEYARD - DAY

A HUSBAND and his WIFE walk together, his arm over her shoulder. He lets go to point at a tombstone.

HUSBAND

Here it is. Their tombstone.

(talking to the stone)

Dad, Katherine, we just flew in from New York. I want to introduce you to someone very special... my wife.

WIFE

(sweet)

Aww. You brought me home to meet them.

HUSBAND

Yeah, sorry they aren't more receptive.

She hugs his arm.

WIFE

Silly, do you think they would have liked me?

HUSBAND

No.

(beat)

They would have loved you.

WIFE

(sweeter)

Aww! The two of them together even in death. Don't you think it's beautiful?

HUSBAND

Yeah, it's a nice stone, it's marble.

She looks at him like he's an idiot. She then bends over to read the stone.

WIFE

Wait.

(beat)

You said Katherine, this says Katherine. I thought your mom's name was Mary.

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"AFTERLIFE"

START

HUSBAND

Yeah, Katherine is my father's second wife.

WIFE

So your dad isn't buried with your mom?

HUSBAND

Nope.

WIFE

Nope? Nope! Is she nearby?

She looks around for her stone.

HUSBAND

Yeah.

WIFE

Oh, good.

HUSBAND

She's in Nevada.

WIFE

Nevada! This is Burbank!

HUSBAND

Why are you so upset? Are you still mad from the flight? Look, I'm sorry I didn't share my peanuts! I was hungry.

WIFE

Sweetie, I know this is hard but I need you to focus.

(beat)

If I die and you get married again, would you be buried with me or your second wife?

He pauses for a long moment.

HUSBAND

Uh. Depends.

WIFE

What do you mean depends?!

HUSBAND

Sweetie, you need to stop yelling.

WIFE

Why because I'm too passionate?

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HUSBAND

No. Because we are in a cemetery.

He grabs her hands.

HUSBAND (CONT'D)

Babe, relax. The only person I want to be buried next to is my wife.

WIFE

(beat)

Which wife?

She lets go of his hands.

HUSBAND

Oh Jesus. Sweetie, marriage is till death do us part. So what are you saying? If you die, you wouldn't want me to get married again? You wouldn't want me to be happy?

WIFE

No, not really.

(beat, gets angry)

What about my happiness? I am six feet underground and you're already on to the next woman.

HUSBAND

How am I onto the next woman? You're still alive!

WIFE

Oh, so now you're just waiting for me to die. After I die, don't be bringing no hoes up in my house.

HUSBAND

Wait. What? I would never date a --

WIFE

Remember you can't turn a ho into a housewife. You would never date one? Please. I know what kind of nasty girls you dated before me. You would have hoes all over our place. You would turn our loving home into a "hoasis."

(beat)

I don't want our kids growing up around some crazy woman.

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HUSBAND

We don't have kids! And if we did I think we'd be a little too late for that.

WIFE

Oh, I'm crazy now because I'm passionate. I can't express how I feel?

HUSBAND

No. Because we are in a cemetery!

END

WIFE

You're right, let me calm down. After I die, you can have a girlfriend but you can't marry her.

HUSBAND

But I thought if I liked it I had to put a ring on it?

WIFE

(quickly)
Don't test me.

HUSBAND

(quickly)
Sorry.

WIFE

Fine. I will allow you to marry again.

HUSBAND

You allow me?
(laughs)
Sweetie, your dead. I didn't know you had a choice in the matter.

She gives him the stank eye. He stops laughing.

WIFE

You can marry, but you have to be buried with me! Do you hear me, funny man! You are not leaving me all alone!

HUSBAND

You won't be left alone! You know why, because there are a lot of people to keep your crazy ass company... in hell!

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