

AN INCONVENIENT DEATH
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INT. MORGUE AT A FUNERAL HOME- DAY
(MORT, KAITLIN)

KAITLIN AND MORTICIAN MORT HIGGENS ARE HAVING A SERIOUS DISCUSSION ABOVE THE BODY OF A RECENTLY DECEASED PERSON (HER HUSBAND). KAITLIN IS HOLDING BACK TEARS.

MORT

Your husband was a good man and you
can count on us to lay him to rest the
respect and dignity he deserves.

KAITLIN STARES INTO THE DRAWER BLANKLY BECOMES A LITTLE MORE AFFECTED BY EMOTION.

MORT (CONT'D)

I assure you, Kaitlin, he will be
ready for services tomorrow morning!

KAITLIN LETS OUT A SHRIEK.

KAITLIN

Noo!

MORT COMES IN TO CONSOLE KAITLIN. KAITLIN BECOMES DISTRAUGHT AS IF GRIEVING BUT INSTEAD SAYS...

KAITLIN (CONT'D)

I can't! Not tomorrow!

MORT

I know this isn't easy but-

KAITLIN CUTS HIM OFF.

KAITLIN

Tomorrow's no good.

KAITLIN IS STILL DISTRAUGHT.

MORT
(slightly confused)

Oh. I see. That's okay, Kaitlin.

(comforting) There, there.

THE DISTRAUGHT-NESS BEGINS TO DWINDLE A BIT.

MORT (CONT'D)

We'll have ready by Friday.

KAITLIN LETS OUT ANOTHER SHRIEK.

KAITLIN

Nooo!!!!

MORT IS SHOCKED AGAIN AND REACTS.

MORT

Okay, okay. Saturday it is.

KAITLIN CRIES THROUGH HER RESPONSE.

KAITLIN

No, I can't.

MORT

Sunday?

KAITLIN STILL CRYING THROUGH HER RESPONSE.

KAITLIN

I can't this weekend. I'm out of town.

MORT

Well if it's for work, I'm sure they'd
understand.

KAITLIN

It's not for work, it's a holiday weekend I promised myself I'd get away from the city.

MORT

The airlines will most assuredly understand given your loss that you and your husband won't be vacationing-

KAITLIN CUTS OFF MORT.

KAITLIN

Oh no, he was never going. It was just a vacation for one so I could get some "me time."

MORT

(slightly perturbed)

You'll have a lot of "me time" from here on in.

KAITLIN HEARS THIS AND BEGINS TO CRY AGAIN. MORT HEARS HIMSELF SAY IT AND REALIZES HIS ERROR.

MORT (CONT'D)

I'm so sorry. I don't know what I was -

MORT CONSOLES KAITLIN IN AN EMBRACE

MORT (CONT'D)

It's just, we have a lot of people coming through here and well, you can't leave your husband here for all that time.

KAITLIN

Or what? You're gonna stop
refrigerating him this Sunday?

MORT IS TAKEN BY THE QUESTION.

MORT

No...no.

KAITLIN

Maybe that'd be a good thing. Maybe
he thaws out and comes back to life
for just one minute, just one second
and then I maybe, just maybe I could
spend that one last second with him.

MORT IS MOVED BY THE SENTIMENT.

MORT

(exhales)

Ok, Kaitlin, my boss is probably not
gonna like this but Okay.

KAITLIN

(smiles through the tears)

Thanks, Mort.

MORT PICKS UP HIS CLIPBOARD WITH A SCHEDULE ON IT.

MORT

How does a week from Saturday sound?

KAITLIN SHRIEKS.

KAITLIN

NO!!!!!!

REVISION NOTE: don't have her cry
unless the husband is mentioned