# **FUNERAL PARLOR**

## **RECEPTIONIST**

Thank you for calling Miller Funeral Home. How may I help you?

**CALLER** 

I need to make an appointment.

**RECEPTIONIST** 

Okay, sir, I just need...

**CALLER** 

She's dead.

**RECEPTIONIST** 

Sir, I'm so sorry for your loss.

**CALLER** 

Hit by a car. Blood everywhere.

**RECEPTIONIST** 

Oh my. May I have your name?

**CALLER** 

Yes, you may. It's Dave. Dave Davidson.

**RECEPTIONIST** 

Dave Davidson... (SOUNDS SKEPTICAL). And what was her name?

### CALLER

Poca. Pocahontas, really, but we called her Poca.

### RECEPTIONIST

Pocahontas Davidson?

### CALLER

No. Pocahontas Rockefeller. Of course Pocahontas Davidson?!

What else?!

### **RECEPTIONIST**

Sir, I'm sorry. I just need to get some details. Can you come down to our

office today?

### CALLER

Sure. I'll bring her, too. Maybe you can do it now.

RECEPTIONIST (AGHAST)

What?! I mean, why...

CALLER

Get it over with before the kids get home.

**RECEPTIONIST** 

Sir, I have never...

CALLER

Never what? Seen kids cry? Believe me, you don't wanna.

RECEPTIONIST

No, of course I've seen kids cry.

**CALLER** 

I'll bet.

#### RECEPTIONIST

The problem is, we don't do same-day burials. In fact, the mere suggestion of such a thing is...

### CALLER

Well, gee whiz, I'm so sorry make such a whacked out request! But if I don't take care of this soon, she's gonna start to smell.

# RECEPTIONIST (SHOCKED)

What do you mean?

### **CALLER**

Smell! You know, like when air goes up your nose!

# **RECEPTIONIST**

Why would she start to smell? Isn't she being kept in a cold container?

### **CALLER**

That's a great idea! I'll put her in the Yeti!

### **RECEPTIONIST**

Okay, I feel like you're kidding around now. Exactly how big is this 'she' you're talking about? How much does she weigh?

### **CALLER**

Not sure, but I can tell you this. She got real fat after she had all those babies.

#### RECEPTIONIST

Well, sir, it's quite normal for a woman to gain weight after childbirth.

### CALLER

You're telling me. Every time my wife turns around, we throw her a welcome back party.

### RECEPTIONIST

Well, now sir, there's really no need for that. I can't promise you we can do this today, but come to our office and we can at least take care of the paperwork.

#### CALLER

Paperwork? What paperwork? Can't we just keep this between you, me and the lamp post? I'll pay cash.

# RECEPTIONIST (AGHAST)

Absolutely not! Mr. Davidson, everything we do is above board!

#### CALLER

Great! Then I'll save money on a coffin!

## **RECEPTIONIST**

I'm sorry, but it seems that we cannot help you and I...

#### CALLER

It's okay. I'll just do what my parents did and bury her in the backyard.

### RECEPTIONIST

Sir, I am obligated to report you to the authorities!

#### **CALLER**

Go ahead! My neighbor's a cop! In fact, he's the one who killed Poca!

### RECEPTIONIST

With his car??!!

### CALLER

Yes! Arrogant prick! Wasn't his fault really. She was a quick pussy.

# RECEPTIONIST (LIGHT BULB GOES OFF)

Sir, are you by any chance calling to ask if we can bury your pet?

### CALLER

Wow, miss. Nothin' gets by you. They teach math where you went to school, too?

# **RECEPTIONIST**

Ahem... we do NOT bury animals. We're a funeral home, and we work with families of the deceased.

### CALLER

You bury entire families? How's tomorrow look?

(FX: CLICK!)