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A Three Character Comedy

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# **DIGGING UP DAD**

A Ten-Minute Halloween Comedy by  
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SYNOPSIS: Two dimwitted brothers want to break into their father's grave because he was buried in a rented tuxedo. Meanwhile, their father comes back from the dead to stop them.

## CHARACTERS

AL -- 20's, not that bright

ROGER -- 20's, also not bright.

STERLING -- 60's/70's. Their late father. Outspoken. Comfortable in his former skin.

## SETTING

A graveyard (empty stage)

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EXT. GRAVEYARD -- NIGHT

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AL and ROGER, two 20-somethings with not a lot on the ball ENTER. Al holds a suit on a hanger and shovel, and Roger totes a shovel and flashlight.

AL

We had to pick Halloween to dig up Dad?

ROGER

It's the only night I'm free.

AL

How do you figure?

ROGER

I'm a Jehovah's Witness. It's sacrilegious to go out on the night that devil worship is celebrated.

AL

Yeah, but think about it. Halloween is the one night of the year people open their doors.

ROGER

We're here. Let's do this.

AL

Am I the only one who's ever thought of that?

ROGER

Can you just focus?

AL

Fine. (re suit) Where do I put the suit?

ROGER

Just lay it on the ground.

AL

Won't it get dirty?

ROGER

We're putting it on a dead guy.

AL

Still. You want him to look nice.

ROGER

For who?

AL

Well why not just bury everyone in their shorts then?

ROGER

This is not like air travel these days. People still dress up.

Al sets the suit down.

AL

Gotcha. So where is the grave?

ROGER

I don't know. It's around here somewhere.

AL

Y'know, this is something that should have been covered in the planning stage.

ROGER

Shut up. He's next to Aunt Rose I believe.

AL

Shouldn't there be a tombstone?

ROGER

They mis-spelled it. So they have to make another. It's not like they can use white-out.

AL

Okay, there's Aunt Rose.

ROGER

This graveyard is not well lit.

AL

Well, of course not. This isn't a driving range.

ROGER

This is all your fault, you know.

AL

It was an honest mistake.

ROGER

Who buries their father in a rented tuxedo?

AL

I didn't know. It was in his closet.

ROGER

Why can't we just buy it?