

"Burn, Baby, Burn."

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An "Evil Dead Burn" Spoof

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FADE IN

INT. CHURCH - DAY

A packed church sits in solemn silence.

A **COFFIN** rests at the alter. From a distance, it looks elegant.

Seated in the back sits JOE, brother of the deceased, his girlfriend ATHENA, and CAREY, the deceased's ex-wife.

Carey glances towards the front.

CAREY

Your mother hates me.

JOE

She doesn't hate you.

CAREY

She's been scowling at me since I arrived.

Several rows ahead, MOTHER is fully turned around in her pew, glaring directly at Carey.

JOE

She's mourning.

Mother mouths: I HATE YOU. Then drags a finger across her throat.

CAREY

You were saying?

ATHENA

She'll come around. You've done a lot for the family.

JOE

Yeah, you found us a church at the last minute.
Even with the scheduling conflict...

The three glance across the sanctuary where a **WEDDING CEREMONY** is underway.

The BRIDE, GROOM, and entire wedding party stare back at them.

A crying funeral guest waves. The Best Man awkwardly waves back.

ATHENA

And the coffin looks incredible for something you had 3D printed yesterday.

All three turn to admire the coffin just as a decorative panel falls off.

CLATTER! A grotesque, charred arm flops out of the coffin. The funeral guests and the weddings scream!

The photographer instinctively takes a picture.

CAREY

Yep. I'm leaving.

Carey stands and heads toward the exit.

MOTHER

And now, a few words from my son's wife.

Carey freezes. Slowly turns. Every face in the church is fixed on her.

Mother gestures toward the podium. Reluctantly, Carey approaches the altar.

As she passes the coffin, the charred arm slips farther out. She gently pushes it back inside. It *springs* out again.

She gives up.

At the podium, Carey looks toward Joe and Athena. They offer encouraging smiles and thumbs up.

CAREY

Okay...

(unfolds a blank piece of paper)

David and I first met at a beach party in Florida.

Joe's smile disappears.

CAREY (CONT'D)

I remember it clearly because we spent all day in the sun, and David got so sunburned that--

Joe shakes his head violently. Carey pivots.

CAREY (CONT'D)

Food! David loved food.

Athena winces.

CAREY (CONT'D)

One of his favorite things in the world
was good barbecue--

ATHENA

(under her breath)
Oh, she is cooked.

JOE

Athena!

ATHENA

Well, she is!

CAREY

David also had a fiery personality--
(a collective groan from the
audience)

Warm! He had a very warm personality. And
where he went, he know how to light up a
room.

Silence.

Carey stares at the mourners. They stare back, horrified.

POP! A champagne bottle erupts across the church. The
wedding guests cheer.

PRIEST

You may kiss the bride!

The newlyweds kiss as the wedding side leaps to its feet.

Carey exhales, relieved to no longer be the center of
attention. Then the music starts blasting through the
church speakers: *DISCO INFERNO* by *The Trammmps*.

Burn, baby, burn.

Carey turns to the DJ in utter disbelief.

CAREY

Of all the songs you could have chosen,
you're starting with this?

The DJ checks his playlist.

DJ

Next one's "Girl On Fire" by Alicia Keys.

END