

The Eulogy

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Ted approaches the lectern.

TED

I met John in college and ever since we have remained close. I introduced him to Debra, his beloved wife, and he was always there for me through thick and thin. Now, I will play a song John asked me to play if he ever passed.

Ted plays "Take Me To The River" by The Talking Heads.

Ted is visibly rocking out pretty hard and singing the chorus. Debra gets up from her chair and touches Ted gently on the elbow.

Debra

Um...Ted.

Ted

(still head banging)

What is it Deb? PUT ME IN THE WATER!

Debra

Ummm...not to interrupt but John hated the Talking Heads.

TED

Oh, I know.

DEBRA

Then why are you playing this song?

Ted

(to Deb)

John wanted us to play "My Way." Sinatra, ya know. But I was like...eh. Not trying to bring

people down like that on a Tuesday.

(to audience into mic)

We're going to take it up a notch right now with another one of John's favorites.

TED puts on Bombs over Bag by Outkast. He uses an Ipod to navigate the tunes.

TED

(to Deb)

This should bring the energy up.

DEBRA

Hey, John didn't like rap. If anything he loved Bluegrass. Are you going to play any Bluegrass?

TED

Honestly, doesn't really look like a bluegrass crowd. A lot of people from out of town you know.

I know Pat Stewart over there, came from LA. Pat, Pat! Good to see you!

(back to Deb)

I'm trying to create experiences here.

DALE walks up to the lectern. TED puts his hand over the mic and listens. DALE leaves back into the audience.

TED

You're attention please everyone. Real quick. Quiet please. Real quick. This is important. I have an announcement (beat, he stops the music)

We have a request from Dale. It's Dale? Dale, who worked with John. Said they used to rock this at lunch breaks in his car. You'll get it.

TED back to the iPod. "Smoke 2 Joints" by Sublime begins to play over the PA.

TED

Aww hell yeah.

BLAKE

Me and this dude (points to casket)..everyday!

Everyone is dancing.

Debra

John had told me he quit.

TED

Eh, sorry Deb. This is hard for everyone.

To Be Continued.