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The prompt : The news struck him like a thunderbolt...  
at first he couldn't believe it...

### THE DEAD MAN'S MEMOIR

I've always taken oxygen for granted. Well, I'll never make that mistake again for as long as I live. That is, that is, for upto 9 hours. Wow, starting off dramatic, are we? Well, it would be a shame to start my memoir memoir in a lame manner. After all, this could very well be the first and the last book I write.

I will put you up to date, (you must be confused as to what I'm blabbering on about).

My name is Oliver Brooks. I'm 39 years old.

I love pottery and making sock puppets. My ideal vacation is renting a resort near a beach and wasting my life by contemplating about why I ~~wanted~~ bought a resort in the first place, all while



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reading a cheezy romance novel. I'm not the most interesting person or an interesting person. On the contrary, many of my friends make sure to let me know that I have a the personality of a zzzzz (not an interesting geek, mind you). ~~Has~~ not I love my mom's cooking and my dad's pranavis. And I have ~~rob~~ approximately 4 more hours to live. (~~I wasn't~~ joking about that). It all started off with a stupid bet. My lonely friends were telling me encouraging me to 'live a little' and to 'come out of my comfort zone' and to 'not be a freaking coward'. As I mentioned before, I'm not the most adventurous. But not being adventurous has nothing no relation with not having pride. What can I say, my ego is pretty fragile. So instead of ignoring my so-called 'friends', I opened my laptop and ~~booked~~ looked for searched for "caue exploration places" on google. That was, unfortunately, the biggest



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That was arguably the most dumbest thing I could have done. A week later, I found myself in the front of a cave known as the 'Dead man's cave' (pretty ironic, eh?). And hours later I started off pretty tame, until the whole place came crashing down. ~~The entrance is blocked.~~

I saw the light in my vision being sucked out into ~~the~~ endless darkness of the abyss... but that was just the entrance of the cave being blocked. I was and will am stuck in the Dead man's cave.

It's been 5 days since I last saw a human being other than myself & have tried calling for help, below me, but it's no ~~use~~<sup>use</sup>. My The food and water I brought have betrayed me as they are they're all gone. All I have got to do now is wait for death's big cold hands to embrace me. At ~~the~~ House I have officially



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giving up on trying to get help. Please don't think I'm pessimistic, it's just that, among all the many uncertainties in life, the one thing that is certain is that the life of Oliver Beckett will end today, in the Dead man's case. It's better to burn out, rather than fade away' they say so I have decided to write a memoir for my about for my family. If and when they find my rotten corpse, I hope they give this to my mother. She deserves too much. My father will manage. The man's a beast. The only time he's ever calm is when he's making his parties. Mmm... I miss them. They ~~weren't~~ <sup>weren't</sup> fantastic, but they were even good. They ~~parties~~ <sup>weren't</sup> that ~~good~~ <sup>even</sup> good (sorry dad, but I must remain truthful) but then he was trying his best. They were improving every time. I'm devastated ~~that~~ I won't be able to say the & it's best version.



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Although I have accepted the fact that I will die here, I still can't completely grasp it. This isn't how my life should end. I should have lived a long life. I wasn't \*a saint but I never did sinned. I even recycled! I always made sure to make everyone's life a little bit easier by not being a menace. I was considerate, kind, helpful but also, naive. I never should have come here. I hope my friends burn in hell, oh I really do. When I saw the one ~~big~~ crashing down, I felt my heartumble. I didn't believe it; I didn't want to believe it, but I was trapped. Denial is pitiful and & and hope is false. The first four days I screamed my lungs out for help. My throat is ~~so~~ scratched, I taste the blood. My body is covered in sweat and sand. He even in my fingernails, I hate when that happens. And the only source of light I have it <sup>the</sup> tiny



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flashlight I bought in the town souvenirs & shop on the first day. I'm surprised & it lasted this long. My nose is clogged and my ears are covered in dirt. I'm so hungry I could eat a hippo. But alas, nothing can be done. I should accept my fate and rest not in the dead man's cave. I will bring truth and glory to its name.

I'm positive that my body will not be recovered before it starts to decompose, so please bear with me and let me have my hold my own funeral. I've always wanted an extravagant one, but the dark van will have to do well, I guess in some ways, it is better than a coffin. Sure as hell is more spacious.

"We're all go" "we have all gathered here to mourn the pathetic death of Oliver Shelly Breasts, <sup>the</sup> the 39 year old man who ~~had~~ spent his



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final moments in the Dead man's time writing a 'memo' that no one will probably read, is the Dead man's curse. It is with great sorrow and immense despair that I share his final words with you. Gumi Brooks was a man wish with you:- to share his story.

Gumi Brooks was a mad-man. He showed his utter madness by going deciding to explore the Dead man's curse (I'm still surprised he didn't see any red flags on that one) without thinking about the consequences he would have to face. The first + four days were hell. He could feel the life getting sucked out of him, the sheer amount of loneliness terrified him, the thought of his last breath forever lingering in the air of the Dead man's curse haunted him, yet he survived. The final day was somehow better than the rest. Even though he could feel the



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On oxygen levels depleting, his mind was at  
more peace. Peace is the fact that at last,  
he could know what death feels like. Maybe  
it was the oxygen levels but he felt tired of  
~~.....~~. He ~~believed~~ ~~followed~~ that it all.

He wishes his family nothing but the best.  
Mrs Mrs Gracy Shelly Benuku, <sup>Oliver's</sup> his mother,  
should feel the utmost pride in knowing that  
her son spent his last moments writing a memoir.  
She always felt he was wasting his potential  
by not doing ~~that~~ being ~~so~~ Shakespeare's successor.  
To his father, Mr Reynold Banks, Oliver extends his  
heartfelt condolences for no there will be no  
reason for Mr Reynolds to take part in now anymore.  
He is sorry to ~~lose~~ take away his father's  
only way to express happiness and love.  
To his friends, Ethan Gardner and Eui Garcia,  
he wishes them the very best good luck, for if



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there was an afterlife, Oliver would make sure to advocate against them and send them into the depths of hell.

And finally Oliver Brooks leaves Oliver on

Oliver wishes Oliver self worth. He wishes

himself the ability to give a sound thought to

the idiotic ideas he has and to not fall for cheap tricks. Oliver and his paid his price

Oliver paid the price for his madness and

advises everyone to not trust google when it

comes to case exploration. If you want the

adrenaline to kick in, he would recommend

suicide. At least the death would be quick.

It is with a heavy heart that I conclude this

tedious speech. I have a feeling I'm not gonna

last longer than 3 more hours. I

Goodbye, Oliver Brooks, may the light guide you

into the next phase of your life. I extend my



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prayers and sorrows and I hope you have in your next life. Farewell Blue Banks, gone gone and forever forgotten.

Yikes, the priest was a bit condescending wasn't he? But I guess that's that life.

Nothing ever goes the way you plan. Ah yes, the flashlight is flickering. S... I was hoping that ~~wouldn't~~ happen. wouldn't happen. The dark is too eerie and the silence is deafening. I will have to finish this before the light has totally gone out been fully put out.

At the end of it all, my memoir isn't even complete, just like my life. Well, that's that I guess. I don't have any profound

words to end this memoir but I know of do

anyone else reads this you are reading this,

~~don't pity me~~. Life is too short for me in my life, I don't pity myself. Life's too short for that.