



The Gravediggers

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EXT. FOGGY MEDIEVAL GRAVEYARD - EVENING

BALDWIN, (40) kind of a muddy toad of a fellow, is shoveling the last few piles of dark earth onto a fresh grave.

Sitting on the tombstone is VINCENT, (40) if Baldwin is a toad then Vincent is a gecko, a lanky chap, all legs and eyes.

Baldwin pats down the last of the dirt and Vincent hands him a wooden mug of ale.

They both speak with thick West Country accents.

VINCENT

Well that were quite something weren't it?

BALDWIN

Was it? I weren't watching. What happened?

VINCENT

You weren't watchin? You missed a treat, mate. There they all were, wailing and gnashing and whatnot, then out from the crowd walks Prince 'amlet himself. He's all like, were me what loved 'er most! You were just 'er brother an' whatnot. Caused a right scene he did. Breaks the day up though, don't it?

BALDWIN

I thought Prince 'amlet were overseas on account of bein' Loony n'all.

VINCENT

The hell you do, Baldwin, I saw you talking to 'im before the funeral.

BALDWIN

You what?

VINCENT

You were talking to 'im. I saw yer.

BALDWIN

That were Prince 'amlet? The feller in black? Oh dear, I musta looked a right tit.

VINCENT

No! What did you say to 'im?

BALDWIN

I just said that Prince 'amlet were overseas on account a' bein' a loony n'all.

VINCENT

You didn't! What did 'e do then? Shit 'imself and act all loony and such?

BALDWIN

No, not at all. He just soliloquized to that jester's skull over there.

VINCENT

That one there? That's never a jester's skull.

BALDWIN

It is. Yorrick 'is name was. King's jester.

VINCENT

No mate, Yorrick's over on the east bank. That there's Dennis what died buildin' that bridge.

BALDWIN

Oh right you are. Well, lucky I didn't tell 'im that anyway. He would been all like "Alas poor Dennis, what died buildin' that bridge"

VINCENT

Oh aye, they do go on don't they, those royals.

BALDWIN

They do, mate. A right bombastic lot they are.

They sip at their ales.

VINCENT

Right then. See you in the mornin'

BALDWIN

Nothin' coming in tomorrow as far as I know.

VINCENT

Well you know what these royals are like, now that their bloods up we'll probably have the whole lot o'them down 'ere tomorrow.