

The Old Stone House

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EXT. THE OLD STONE HOUSE-EARLY MORNING

A young married couple is standing outside of an old stone house. Old to the world, but new to them.

A "SOLD" sign out front is hanging below a larger sign. It reads:

"THE OLD STONE HOUSE: BED & BREAKFAST"

The man, CRAIG KING, places his arm around his wife. The wife, JOANNA "JO", rubs her husband's back in a loving way. They are watching a moving company unload a moving truck, carrying their belongings into their new home.

CRAIG
We could have gone anywhere.

JO
I know.

CRAIG
To England.

JO
Nah

CRAIG
Why?

JO
Cause I would have gotten weird-ed out, being in a place that seems like it is America, but just slightly different, a Bizarro America.

CRAIG
China?

JO
Nah...
(before Craig can ask
"Why")
You know I'm not big on Chinese food.

CRAIG
We could have gotten a cool car.

JO
You could have gotten a cool car.

They watch the loaders move more boxes into the old stone house.

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JO (cont'd)

This is what I want to do. A lot of books are written on how to prevent cancer, how to live with it, how to beat it. Not a lot on what to do next after its in remission. That's because you're free to do anything.

CRAIG

I'm sure that running a B&B wouldn't be on the list.

JO

No, so that's why it'll fun! Blank pages! Uncharted waters!

JO squeezes CRAIG annoyingly tight.

JO (cont'd)

(beat)

You'll like it...

CRAIG kisses JO on the forehead.

CRAIG

I know.

The movers unload an old player piano from the truck.

JO

(to movers)

Carefully with that, it's heavier than it looks.

MOVER #1

living room?

JO

Yes please.

Two movers guide the piano into the old stone house. While another carries a box labeled "wigs"

CRAIG

You kept the wigs?

JO

Yup, thought of *genius* way to reuse them.

JO stops the mover before he gets into the house. She runs over to it and quickly retrieves a magnifying glass and a wig from inside the box

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JO (cont'd)
Murder Mystery Weekends!

She places a wig on top of CRAIG'S head

CRAIG
What?

CRAIG gives the wig back to the mover.

JO
One weekend out of the month, we get our guests to play a classic game of "whodunnit", but they have to act it out.

CRAIG
(pause)
Can I write the stories?

JO
Yes! That's what makes it fun!

CRAIG nods in agreement.

CRAIG
I could get behind that.

JO
(laughs)
Glad you're on board now. Seeing as we already bought the house, and the sign. No turning back now!
(announcer voice)
The Old Stone House Bed and Breakfast in Hardy, Ar is open for business!

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EXT. OLD STONE HOUSE-EVENING

CRAIG is standing in front of the sign, it is older than before but it still the same sign, save one small difference.

A "FOR SALE" hangs off the original.

CRAIG stands looking at the old stone house, alone.