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Weekly Writing Prompt 2

On September 19, 1973, 26-year-old country-rock musician Gram Parsons dies of "multiple drug use" (morphine and tequila) in a California motel room. His death inspired one of the more bizarre automobile-related crimes on record: Two of his friends stashed his body in a borrowed hearse and drove it into the middle of the Joshua Tree National Park, where they doused it with gasoline and set it on fire.

While attending a friend's funeral a few months earlier, Parsons made a pact with his road manager Phil Kaufman: If anything should happen to one of them, the other would take his body to Joshua Tree and cremate it. Kaufman and another man had to steal his body from the LA airport (it was being flown to Louisiana for burial) in order to follow through with the pact. Since stealing bodies was not actually a crime in California, they were fined $300 each, plus $750 for the ruined coffin.

Have you ever made a pact with another person? Write about the pact and whether either of you followed through (or if it is still in tact). If not, write about a pact you would like to make with someone. Do you think both will honor the pact?

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