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By Chad Trevitte

We knelt above the tomb where he had slept for months sealed in a Cool Whip tub safe from worms and ants.

We made our double dares, then did it both together. Putting to rest our fears and holding one another,

we broke into his coffin. Her eyes, like mine, grew wider. Breathless, dumb, and shaken, we held each other tighter.

Since then she's had breast cancer. My feet are numb all day. In his dark nest her hamster still waits for us to play.

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