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He said he wanted to be the only one at his interment. Of course, he didn't count on the sky showing up, a clump of grey, nor one pop of thunder like the burst of a pistol. A few daisies stretched their necks to get a glimpse of the sun, which, respecting his statement, refused to glare. Beneath the pile of dirt, strands of grass tried to move their green fingers. Three crows watched from the branches of an oak. Gravestones waited. A congregation of nothing's everything. Or was it he said he wanted to be the only thing at his funeral. Admirable, perhaps. But there is always the matter of the casket.