

Resurrection

Episode 1

Resurrection (ABC, Sundays) is an American version of the 2012 French mini-series, "*Les Revenants*" (The Returned), about the return of dead people, each one on a feel-good, make-things-right mission, probably before re-deceasing (without additional interment expenses.)

[EARLY DRAFT: Scene 1]

A house somewhere near Melonville. A small kid walks up to the front door and knocks. Father (Kurtwood Smith, "*That '70s Show*") opens the door and the Kid hugs him around the thighs.

Kid: Hi Daddy!

Father: Where you been dumb ass?

Kid: Around.

Father: Whoa, stop hugging the knee, I just had it replaced.
'Cause of too much hard work, which I suspect you've been avoiding.

Mother (O.S.): Who is it?

Father: That kid of yours we buried 32 years ago.

Mother (O.S.): What?

Kid: Is dinner soon?

Father: You want dinner? You've been late for dinner around 11,680 times.
So now we're suppose to just jump up like meerkats around a bolt hole?

Kid: But I'm hungry.

Father: Alright, alright, come in, but do it quietly, I don't want any stray dogs or cats to see this.

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So, technically you're almost 40, it's about time you got a place of your own. After you eat we'll talk about it.

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Can you read or write now? I don't want to have to dig out those yellowed report cards, and the teacher notes about you falling asleep during math.

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And don't even think about girls, you're strictly jail bait. And probably not too with it. I don't suppose you have a Facebook or LinkedIn account?

Kid: Huh?

Father: What, am I speaking too fast? Geez, not only do I have the cost of feeding you, but I'll probably be stuck with the bill for some kind of therapy.

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Honey, do we have any of that Ritalin still lying around?

Mother comes to door and hugs kid.

Mother: Oh honey! I can't believe it's you. Ooh, your breath kind of smells. Have you been brushing regularly?

Kid: I don't remember.

Father: Great, now expensive dental work! The joy never ends.

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OK, your aging mother will take care of stuffing your face for today.

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I have to call a tabloid, this thing could fund our retirement, maybe a new fishing boat. Maybe even that luxury cruise on the Erie Canal we've always talked about.

(to the Kid)

Might even be a few bucks left for you. What's your name again?

Well, never mind that.

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Wow, this could be big. I can see the cover title: "*Dead Kid Signs Up For Obamacare.*"