

"AGING GRACEFULLY"

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IT'S THE BIG LIE.

DOES A GRAPE "AGE GRACEFULLY"?

NO - IT WRINKLES UP INTO A DRIED
OUT RAISIN - THEN ROTS IF NOT PACKED UP.

THERES NOTHING GRACEFULL ABOUT
FALLING DOWN IN YOUR BATHTUB AND
BREAKING YOUR HIP.

GETTING OLDER CAN BE O.K. -

GETTING OLD, NEVER!

THATS THE REALITY.

GETTING OLD JAST PLAIN SUCKS.

IF THEY SAY IT DONT, THEIR JAST

FOOLING THEMSELVES - AND YOU, IF

YOU BELIEVE THEM.

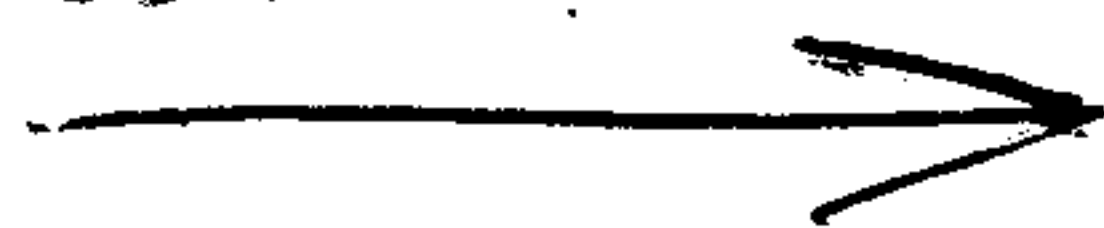
WHATS GRACEFULL ABOUT USING A
WALKER TO MOVE YOURSELF A LOUSY
TEN FEET AT A TIME?

WITH 2 MINUTE REST STOPS EVERY TEN
FEET BECAUSE YOU FEEL LIKE YOUR
CLIMBING MOUNT FRIGGIN' EVEREST?!?

"GRACEFULL"?

WHAT ARE THEY ON, L.S. FRICKIN' D.??

THEIRS NOT A SANE, HONEST 90 YEAR
OLD ON EARTH THAT WOULDN'T TRADE
THEIR ARM, THEIR LEG, AND A KIDNEY
TO BE EVEN 40 AGAIN, MUCH LESS



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30 OR 20 -

HARDLY HELL, IF ANYONE OR ANYTHING COULD
MAKE THEM 30 OR 20 AGAIN, THERE'S
~~WONDERING~~ AN 80 OR 90 YEAR OLD

THAT WOULDN'T TRADE BOTH ARMS,
BOTH LEGS, A KIDNEY AND ~~AND~~
AN EYE TO GET TO BE 30 OR 20 ~~BE~~ AGAIN.

BOTH OF YOUR ARMS, LEGS, KIDNEY AN EYE -
HELL, I SUSPECT THAT AT LEAST HALF
THE OLD FOLKS WOULD SELL THEIR
~~SOULS~~ SOULS TO THE DEVIL FOR A
SECOND CHANCE TO HAVE THEIR LOST
YOUTH BACK - EVEN ONE MORE TIME,
OR, WOULD SELL THEIR SOULS IF THEY COULD
GET ANY TAKERS OR BUYERS.

WHICH THEY CAN'T.

APPARENTLY, EVEN THE DEVIL KNOWS A
BAD DEAL TRADE WHEN HE SEE ONE -
WHAT DO THEY GOT TO OFFER?

MEMORYS, BABY - ONLY MEMORYS.

AND THATS ONLY THE ONES THAT STILL
HAVE THEIR MARBLES, THOSE OLD FOLKS
WHOES BRAINS HAVENT CEMENTED INTO
DEMENTED STATES; DEPRESSING, NO?
EXACTLY - AND REMEMBER THIS AS FAR
AS DEPRESSING THOUGHTS GO, IF IT HASN'T
HAPPENED TO YOU ALREADY, AND IF YOU
DONT DIE BEFORE THEN, IT WILL! "RRRRRR"