

Charwoman (*to the Laundress, who is somewhat timid*) What odds, then? Every person has a right to take care of themselves. He always did. Why, then, don't stand staring as if you was afraid, woman! Who's the wiser? We're not going to pick holes in each other's coats, I suppose?

Laundress I should hope not!

Charwoman Very well, then! That's enough. Who's the worse for the loss of a few things like these? Not a dead man, I suppose?

Joe ~~——~~ No, indeed!

Charwoman If he wanted to keep 'em after he was dead, wicked old screw, why wasn't he more natural in his lifetime? If he had been, he'd have had somebody to look after him when he was struck with Death, instead of lying gasping out his last there, alone by himself.