

ALL SHOWS MUST DIE

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SETTING — An office.

CHARACTERS — EMPLOYEE and COWORKER.

AT RISE — EMPLOYEE enters office, where COWORKER is already seated, looking glum.

EMPLOYEE

(walking to desk)

Hey, how's it going?

COWORKER

It's all right.

EMPLOYEE

Why just all right?

COWORKER

I can't believe I have to wait another year for more Game of Thrones.

EMPLOYEE

You won't have to wait another year if you spend it rewatching the older episodes.

COWORKER

Hmm. I mean, you could say that about any show, in a way. By that logic, Star Trek: The Next Generation never went off the air.

EMPLOYEE

It didn't.

COWORKER

...But it did.

EMPLOYEE

The reruns continued, did they not? It's on a constant loop, everywhere.

COWORKER

So, in a way, Netflix has cheated death?

EMPLOYEE

...Sure.

(quick beat)

How?

COWORKER

Well, if life is the brief span of time after a thing buds and before it withers and dies...

EMPLOYEE

Huh??

COWORKER

Well, if a thing truly never dies, right? If the definition of a thing "being alive" is that it can exist in perpetuity, without end, is that not... cheating death?

EMPLOYEE

...Sure?

COWORKER

Well joke's on you! Game of Thrones isn't on Netflix!

EMPLOYEE

Then I guess you're right.

COWORKER

Valar morghulis.

EMPLOYEE

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They resume working.

END OF PLAY.