

The Marriage of Figowitz Synopsis

The Marriage of Figowitz is a quirky romantic comedy about living life fully, even when you're just hanging on by a thread. Sam Figowitz's wife, Ada, lies on her deathbed. She pulls Sam close and struggles to speak. "If you even think of finding another woman," she tells him, "I'll haunt you for all your remaining days." And then she dies.

After the funeral, Sam's family and friends gather to sit *shivah*. The gathering is more of a jubilant cocktail party than a solemn religious ritual, because the only one mourning is Sam. But instead of mourning Ada, Sam is mourning his own wasted life -- his miserable marriage which often seemed more like a prison sentence than a relationship. Sam's best friend Max valiantly tries to get those gathered to say some kind words about Ada, which is no small feat, because Ada had a remarkable gift for driving people crazy. (Sam's friend Rose recalls the time Ada insisted they all take a long walk in subzero weather just so she could get the last fifteen cents-worth out of her parking meter.)

Sam is shocked to find out that Ada has left him more than a million dollars, and the news only deepens his depression. Hoarding money while he scrimped and saved was just one more way Ada had tortured him, and now he can practically hear her laughing from the grave. Max has a hard time feeling sorry for Sam, who is now a rich bachelor and, at ninety-four, still has at least a few good months in him yet. Max jolts Sam back to life by introducing him to the miraculous world of Internet dating.

Sam braves the senior dating scene and falls for the vivacious and youthful (sixty-five year-old) Sarah. But just when he's starting to move on, strange things begin to happen which make Sam think he's losing his mind. It seems someone has been breaking into Sam's apartment, cooking noodle *kugel*, and cleaning his kitchen. Naturally, Sam calls the police to report this conscientious intruder, and Max and the rest of the crowd fear that Sam is finally losing his marbles. Sam soon has an explanation for the strange things that have been happening when Ada appears to Sam as a ghost while he is getting dressed for a big date with Sarah. Ada is making good on her deathbed promise, torturing Sam, ready to do anything to sabotage his last chance for love. She will even resort to murder. Will Sam get his second chance, or will Ada haunt him for eternity?