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For Maddie R

I want to tell you a story about your grandma and me. I was probably 11, and we had just recently moved from Southern Ohio, near the West Virginia border, to New Jersey, because grandma had gotten a job. We had moved in. Grandma had a Datsun. I think it was a B210. Anyways, grandma needed a new car. It was going to be a new used car, but she needed one. So she was shopping around. There was no Craigslist back then, so you often went to dealerships. She was very concerned about making a good decision. She visited a few dealerships, and I was with her. My only concern was that I wanted it to have a good stereo. I remember I just wanted it to have a cassette deck. You might not know what cassettes are, but at the time, cassette decks were the thing to have.

The point of the story is that grandma was looking for a car. She wanted to make a good, well thought out decision. So we were driving around, and we had just been to a car dealership. She was going to look at a car— the car she ultimately bought, which was a Volkswagen Rabbit.

Long story short, we were talking about the importance of making a good decision, and right in front of us was this purple Gremlin. And not only was it purple, but it had an old metal dealer plate from Eggies. So there we were, looking at this purple Gremlin, and we both sarcastically said that the person who bought it must have taken their time, made a thoughtful decision, and bought a purple Gremlin from Eggies. And that was the best decision they thought they could have made. After that, grandma felt better about her decision. She said any decision she made would be better than that. We both laughed.

The point of the story is about not being too indecisive. Your decision can't be worse than someone who decided to buy a purple Gremlin. And they were stuck with that car for as long as one would normally keep a car. And probably, one should avoid buying from Eggies. That's the story. If you tell that to grandma, she'll laugh. More stories to come. I love you.

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