

# Salem the Dead

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My father's cousin is Salem the Dead.  
Famed, an infant Lazarus of Libya,  
he was brought lifeless from the womb,  
yet awoke to the chill of a mortuary slab.

Now, I cannot claim to know him,  
his name is only a myth to me.  
Still, you'd imagine, having died once,  
the burden of your end would be lifted.

But if that moniker born of a morgue  
did not bestow a carefree manner,  
or life beyond his natural years,  
he'll survive in tales, like this one.

