



OH MY  
GOD! WERE YOU  
FRESHMAN EVEN  
TRYING OUT  
THERE?! I'VE SEEN  
GIRLS PLAY BETTER  
FOOTBALL!  
HA!



HRMMM...

WHAT WOULD  
THIS SCHOOL DO  
WITHOUT ME?  
PUT THESE  
WIMPS ON THE  
STARTING LINE?  
PFFFTT!!

A young man with dark, spiky hair and a friendly expression stands in a locker room. He is wearing a white t-shirt and white shorts with a small black logo on the left leg. He is leaning his right hand on a wooden bench. Two speech bubbles are positioned around him, one on the left and one on the right. The background consists of rows of wooden lockers.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT GUY, MATT. HE'S JUST HAZING ALL THE FRESHMAN. IT'S A SENIOR THING.

I ACTUALLY THINK WE DID PRETTY GOOD FOR OUR FIRST PRACTICE.

A young man with short brown hair and glasses is standing in a locker room. He is wearing a green t-shirt and white shorts. He is leaning on a wooden bench with his right hand. He has a surprised or nervous expression on his face, with sweat drops on his forehead. A speech bubble is next to him containing text. In the background, there are rows of wooden lockers. A blue bag is hanging on one of the lockers on the right.

y- YEAH, YOU'RE  
RIGHT. IT'S NOT LIKE  
I WANT A CAREER IN  
SPORTS ANYWAY, I  
JUST NEED THE  
CREDITS FOR  
COLLEGE.



**\*SIGH\***  
STILL, I FEEL LIKE  
CHET IS SINGLING  
ME OUT. I DON'T  
KNOW IF I DID  
SOMETHING TO  
PISS HIM OFF?




OH, COME ON. HE'S  
NOT PICKING ON YOU  
EXCLUSIVELY. HE'S  
JUST MESSING WITH  
ALL THE NEW KIDS.  
YESTERDAY HE  
CALLED ME A-

YO,  
FRESHMAN!



WHICH ONE OF YOU  
EMBARRASMENTS  
IS MATT?

A young man with brown, wavy hair and black-rimmed glasses stands in a hallway. He is wearing a green t-shirt and blue jeans. He has a nervous expression, with wide eyes and a slightly open mouth. There are small sweat droplets on his forehead and cheeks. A speech bubble is positioned to his left, containing text. The hallway has light-colored walls, a tiled floor, and a window in the background. A door handle is visible on the right side of the frame.

UHHH,  
T- THAT'S  
ME. I'M, UH,  
M- MATT.





I HEAR YOU'RE PRETTY SMART! I ALSO HEAR YOU'RE ONLY PLAYING FOOTBALL TO MAKE YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATION LOOK BETTER. HERE'S A QUESTION FOR YOU: HOW MANY OF YOUR BONES WILL I BREAK IF YOU DRAG DOWN MY TEAM? HEH, SEE YOU AROUND, MATT...



HOLY SHIT.  
OKAY, MAYBE HE  
IS SINGLING YOU  
OUT. WHAT'S  
THAT GUY'S  
PROBLEM?



SEE? I TOLD  
YOU. WHAT AM I  
SUPPOSED TO  
DO? I DON'T  
WANNA QUIT THE  
TEAM, BUT  
CHET-




YOU'RE NOT  
QUITTING. LOOK,  
WHY DON'T WE  
HANG OUT AT MY  
PLACE AFTER  
SCHOOL? I HAVE  
SOMETHING THAT  
MIGHT HELP..

LATER THAT AFTERNOON...



PHEW. HEY,  
NOAH. I WAS  
BARELY ABLE TO  
GET ON THE BUS  
WITHOUT CHET  
NOTICING ME.



WELL, I'M GLAD  
YOU MADE IT. I'VE  
GOT SOMETHING  
THAT SHOULD  
BOOST YOUR  
CONFIDENCE OUT  
THERE.




IS IT STEROIDS?  
BECAUSE AT THIS  
POINT I DON'T  
THINK ANYTHING  
ELSE IS GONNA  
HELP ME.



NOPE! MY  
SOLUTION  
DOESN'T REQUIRE  
RUINING YOUR  
BALLS. CHECK  
THIS OUT...



A large, ornate brass teapot with a tiered lid and a curved handle sits on a wooden table. To its left is a stack of books, and to its right is a smaller brass object. The scene is lit with warm, golden light, creating a shimmering effect on the teapot's surface. A speech bubble in the upper left corner contains the text "TA-DA!!". At the bottom of the teapot, the word "SHIMMERING" is written in a curved, stylized font, flanked by asterisks.

TA-DA!!

\*SHIMMERING\*



UHHHH...  
WHAT IS IT?  
A TEAPOT?



HA! COME ON,  
DUDE! HAVEN'T  
YOU EVER SEEN  
ALADDIN? IT'S A  
MAGIC LAMP! YOU  
KNOW, LIKE GENIES  
AND STUFF?  
GRANTING  
WISHES?

MY GREAT GRANDPA  
GOT IT FROM EGYPT.  
NO ONE IN MY FAMILY  
HAS SEEN A GENIE  
COME OUT OF IT, BUT  
IT'S STILL FUN TO TRY.  
NOW GET OVER HERE  
AND RUB IT!



ERMM, OKAY?  
L- LIKE THIS?  
THIS REALLY  
WASN'T WHAT I  
WAS EXPECTING  
TO DO THIS  
AFTERNOON...

\*SQUEAK\*  
\*SQUEAK\*



HEH, MOST  
PEOPLE DON'T  
RUB THE SPOUT,  
BUT YOU DO YOU!  
THOUGH IT KINDA  
LOOKS LIKE  
YOU'RE JACKING  
IT OFF-





URNNN...  
WHAT THE?  
NOAH? ARE  
YOU-



HOLY SHIT!  
W- WHO  
ARE-





AH-HAAA!!!  
WHO WANTS  
THEIR WISH  
GRANTED?




Y- YOU'RE A  
G- GENIE?!  
GENIES ARE  
REAL?!?



WELL, ANSWERING WHAT'S REAL FOR A HUMAN IS A COMPLICATED TASK. YOUR DIMENSION IS SO MALLEABLE. BUT, I'M REAL TO YOU RIGHT NOW, SO YES, I AM A REAL GENIE. NOW, WHICH OF YOU SO TENDERLY RUBBED MY LAMP?



UMM...  
I...  
I DID...




GREAT! WELL, I CAN'T LEAVE UNTIL I GRANT YOUR WISH, SO LEMME GO OVER THE RULES REAL QUICK. NO WISHES FOR DEATH OR RESURRECTION, NO WISHES INVOLVING MIND CONTROL OR ENSLAVEMENT, AND NO WISHING FOR MORE WISHES!

SIMPLE ENOUGH, YEAH? ANY QUESTIONS?


A young man with black hair and a white t-shirt is shown in profile, looking surprised. He has his right hand on his hip and his left hand behind his head. A speech bubble next to him contains the text: "WAIT, I THOUGHT IT WAS 3 WISHES? WHAT HAPPENS IF WE WISH FOR MORE WISHES?". The scene is set indoors, with a window in the background and two potted plants on a table in the foreground.

WAIT, I  
THOUGHT IT  
WAS 3 WISHES?  
WHAT HAPPENS  
IF WE WISH FOR  
MORE WISHES?



USUALLY IT IS 3 WISHES, BUT I'M STILL DOING MY TRAINING, SO THE GENIE UNION RESTRICTS ME TO ONE WISH PER SUMMONING. WISHING FOR MORE WISHES IS ACTUALLY HOW I BECAME A GENIE.

I USED TO BE A BORING FINANCIAL ANALYST NAMED PETER! I GOT GREEDY AS HUMANS DO, AND NOW I'M BOUND TO GRANT INFINITE WISHES, JUST NEVER MY OWN. GENIES LOVE IRONY, RIGHT?



S- SO, I HAVE TO  
MAKE A WISH  
NOW? AND I CAN'T  
JUST WISH  
SOMEBODY OUT OF  
EXISTENCE? SAY,  
HYPOTHETICALLY,  
MY SCHOOL  
BULLY?





DUDE, BE CAREFUL! THIS IS REAL MAGIC! REALITY WARPING AND STUFF! WE DON'T KNOW HOW EVERYTHING WILL BE AFFECTED!



YOUR FRIEND'S  
RIGHT. ANY WISH REQUIRES  
THE FABRIC OF YOUR REALITY  
TO BE ALTERED. I CAN'T SIMPLY  
PLUCK YOUR BULLY OUT OF  
EXISTENCE OR CHANGE HIS  
MIND, BUT IF YOU WERE TO  
WISH FOR INFLUENCE OVER HIM  
YOURSELF...I COULD WORK  
WITH THAT.



OKAY...  
I HOPE THIS DOESN'T  
CHANGE TOO MUCH,  
AND NO MATTER WHAT  
I WANT TO BE ABLE TO  
HANG OUT WITH NOAH  
EVERY DAY. HERE IT  
GOES...I WISH I COULD  
MAKE CHET WILLIAMS  
STOP BULLYING  
PEOPLE.

DONE! IT'LL  
TAKE A FEW MINUTES  
FOR EVERYTHING TO SET  
IN. IF YOU SEE ANOTHER  
GENIE STOP BY, PLEASE  
LET THEM KNOW HOW I  
DID. OUR GOAL IS TO GIVE  
EVERYONE A 5 STAR  
LIFE. OKAY,  
BYEEE!

\*VRUMMI!  
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HUU?!

\*POOF!\*

\*SHIVERING\*



HOLY SHIT,  
DUDE! DID THAT REALLY  
JUST HAPPEN? A REAL  
GENIE!? I DON'T KNOW  
WHAT SHE DID, BUT I  
FEEL DIFFERENT, LIKE I  
DON'T NEED TO WORRY  
ABOUT CHET  
ANYMORE!



HEH, THAT WAS  
CRAZY! AN ACTUAL  
MAGIC LAMP...MAN,  
AND I WAS JUST  
GONNA HAVE YOU  
RUB IT, SAY IT'S GOOD  
LUCK, AND GIVE YOU A  
PEP TALK! THIS IS  
WAY BETTER THAN  
LUCK...

\*FLOOR\*

FOR REAL! AND THE BEST PART IS IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE ANYTHING CHANGED!







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YEA- UHHH,  
WAIT. D- DID  
YOUR HAIR  
JUST...FLUFF  
OUT?

\*SHIMMERING\*

"FLUFF  
OUT?"  
WHAT DO  
YOU MEA-





W- WHAT'S  
GOING ON!?  
WHY IS MY  
HAIR GETTING  
SO LONG AND  
CURLY AND  
B- BLONDE?!



I DON'T  
KNOW! IT'S  
GOTTA BE  
RELATED TO  
THE WISH,  
RIGHT?



WE'VE GOTTA  
SUMMON THAT  
GENIE BACK! I  
DON'T KNOW WHAT  
SHE DID, BUT I  
FEEL-



KCH!?

\*CRACK\*

GHH!  
AHNN!

\*STRETCHING\*

\*POPPING\*





GHKK?!

\*GROWING\*

\*RIPPING\*



NAHH!!

\*SWELL\*

\*BURST\*





M- MATT?!