

Christmas Wish
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INT. LIVING ROOM - CHRISTMAS EVE

Patrick and Alexandria sit on a couch, watching the local news.

Patrick is holding a lottery ticket in his hand, he looks pretty anxious.

Alexandria notices the tension...

ALEXANDRIA
You're knuckles are turning white.

PATRICK
Huh?

ALEXANDRIA
Are you ever going to let go of that ticket? The drawing isn't for another 20 minutes.

PATRICK
I'm just excited. I feel like tonight's the night!

ALEXANDRIA
You say that every week, Patrick.

PATRICK
I mean it this week. It's a special night, it's Christmas Eve!

ALEXANDRIA
So you think Santa's gift to you is the winning ticket?

PATRICK
I bought the ticket myself, Santa had nothing to do with it!

ALEXANDRIA
Well, I hope you win. Mostly because we've been best friends for years and I know you're gonna give me a cut!

PATRICK
Of course! I'll totally give you, like, \$10,000!

ALEXANDRIA
\$10,000? Isn't tonight's lottery like 800 million?

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PATRICK

And?

ALEXANDRIA

Nothing, just thought your best friend of 20 years might be worth at least a million to you!

PATRICK

Oh, you are, and more! But you're only getting 10,000! But don't worry, you'll be with me all the time and I'm sure I'll constantly be spending money on you.

ALEXANDRIA

Good enough.

There's a knock at the door.

PATRICK

Weird. Must be a delivery. Are you expecting one?

ALEXANDRIA

No.

PATRICK

Hm. Me either. I'll get it.

He crosses to the door and opens it to find...

a CHRISTMAS PRESENT!

PATRICK

Look! Santa did come!

He shows the present to Alexandria as he crosses back to the couch.

ALEXANDRIA

Who's it for?

They inspect the package.

PATRICK

There's no tag. Must be for both of us!

They tear the present open and find an old bottle/lamp.

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ALEXANDRIA
Ooooh! Pretty!

PATRICK
It is kinda neat! A little dirty,
but cool!

He dusts it off with his shirt.

The bottle/lamp turns hot and starts to glow.

Patrick drops it.

PATRICK
Ouch!

ALEXANDRIA
What's going on?

Smoke erupts from the bottle and a sexy genie appears.

PATRICK
HO-LY SHIT.

ALEXANDRIA
JE-SUS H.

GENIE
Lehareem.

The genie stares at them.

ALEXANDRIA
I wish he'd say something in
English. He's kinda freaking me
out.

The whole room begins to shake.

GENIE
Shadatook amonst behung dip.

The shaking stops.

Patrick and Alexandria look terrified.

PATRICK
Say what?

GENIE
You wished for me to say something
in English. Wish granted.

PATRICK
Are you a genie?

ALEXANDRIA
Do we get more wishes?

GENIE
Call me whatever you want. And yes,
you have two more wishes. May I
suggest you each make a wish?

PATRICK
Works for me.

ALEXANDRIA
I'm in, too!

GENIE
Good. Who wants to go first?

PATRICK
I will!

ALEXANDRIA
Go right ahead, my friend.

PATRICK
I wish for this to be tonight's
winning lottery ticket!

He holds the ticket up for the genie to see!

GENIE
Granted.

The room shakes as the wish is granted.

PATRICK
Amazing! Your turn Alexandria!

GENIE
Young lady?

ALEXANDRIA
I wish for Patrick to be turned
into a living Christmas ornament,
so I can hang him on the tree and
make him watch me win the lottery
with his ticket.

GENIE
Granted.

PATRICK
What the fuck?!?!

The room shakes, more violently this time, as her dark wish is granted.

PATRICK
I can't believe you! You're my best friend!

Patrick disappears.

So does the genie.

Alexandria is left alone.

The room stops shaking.

BING.

A new ornament appears on the tree.

It's Patrick.

Alexandria crosses over to the tree and leans right up to the ornament.

ALEXANDRIA
You made it too easy. Obviously I knew what you were gonna wish for, so I just had to out-wish you. \$10,000 really was a pathetic attempt to show me how much you cared, considering you already owe me more than that. Enjoy life as an ornament. Dick.

Alexandria turns to the TV, the lottery drawing is on.

She picks up his ticket and cheers as she checks the numbers.

A tiny tear runs down Patrick's ornament face.

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