

The Purple Bottle

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random prompts: purple bottle
exercise limits: no sentence over 3 words

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ACT I

Scene 1

Dave knocks on Tom's door. Tom opens.

TOM
Hey, Dave.

DAVE
Hey.

TOM
Hungry for pizza?

DAVE
Sure.

Dave notices bottle on shelf behind Tom.

DAVE
What's that?

TOM
Where?

Dave points at the bottle.

DAVE
Up there.

Tom shifts to hide.

TOM
Nothing.

DAVE
Come on, man.

TOM
It's nothing.

DAVE
OK. Look!

Tom is distracted, Dave grabs the bottle.

DAVE
Ah, what have...

TOM
...we here? Nothing.

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Tom grabs the bottle away.

TOM

It's a bottle.

DAVE

Just a bottle?

TOM

A purple bottle.

DAVE

Like on TV!

TOM

What? No.

Dave reaches out but Tom pulls it away.

DAVE

Hey, stroke it.

TOM

You perv!

DAVE

No, rub it!

TOM

Why?

DAVE

You know why.

TOM

Like, a genie?

DAVE

Yeah.

TOM

That's stupid.

DAVE

Stupid?

TOM

Yeah, stupid.

Pause.

DAVE

So - no genie?

TOM

No.

DAVE

No three wishes?

TOM

No.

DAVE

No Barbara Eden?

TOM

No.

DAVE

Sell it then.

TOM

No.

DAVE

I'll buy it.

TOM

No, you won't.

DAVE

Why not?

TOM

(Short pause)
Uh...family heirloom?

DAVE

Not likely.

TOM

Sentimental value?

DAVE

(laughs)
Not you.

TOM

My dad's ashes?

DAVE

He's still alive.

TOM

Damn!

Short pause.

DAVE

So...genie?

TOM

(heavy sigh)
Yeah, genie.

DAVE

Three wishes?

TOM

(shakes his head)
Used two already.

DAVE

On what?

TOM

Beer and pizza.

DAVE

That's stupid.

TOM

(motions to the room around him)
Lots of it.

DAVE

Well, OK then.

They high five each other.

DAVE

What's next then?

TOM

The perfect girlfriend.

DAVE

Brilliant, man.

TOM

(hands dave a pad an pen)
Write this down.

DAVE

OK, go.

TOM
Must love sex.

DAVE
Check.

TOM
A little older.

DAVE
That cougar thing...

TOM
Intelligent.

DAVE
Sure.

TOM
Blonde.

Dave stares at him.

TOM
Just write it.

DAVE
Check.

TOM
Must cook.

DAVE
Why not?

TOM
Rich.

DAVE
OK

TOM
Must love sex.

DAVE
You said that.

TOM
Just checking.

DAVE
OK, let's go.

Tom picks up the lamp and rubs it.

TOM

Oh, my God!

DAVE

It's Doctor Ruth!