

Be More Specific

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Synopsis: A young man at a desk job receives a lamp to find
a Genie that gives him wishes more unattainable than he
bargained for.

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INT. OFFICE, DAY

NELSON is sitting at his desk and gets a package delivered. He opens it to find a lamp. Remembering tales about Aladdin and the Genie in the Lamp, he rubs it vigorously until JOE appears dressed as a genie.

GENIE

Hey buddy.

NELSON

Woah! Who the hell are you?

GENIE

I am the genie of the lamp. The lamp you're holding. The lamp you rubbed thinking a genie would appear. Why do you sound surprised?

NELSON

So, you're a genie for real?

GENIE

Yip.

NELSON

Wow...so can you grant me 3 wishes?

GENIE

Uh-huh.

NELSON

Awesome! Ok, the first thing I'd like, is to be amazing at surfing.

GENIE

(Snaps his fingers.)

Done.

NELSON

Really?

GENIE

Yeah.

NELSON

But I don't feel any different.

GENIE

Look, I'll show you...open up your computer...open up a web browser...and type in Google.com. And there you go, surfing.

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NELSON

No man, I mean actual surfing, on waves.

GENIE

Nope, no backsies.

NELSON

Ok...well, how about this. I'd like to meet someone AMAZING, someone that'll change my life forever.

GENIE

(Snaps his fingers.)

Done.

NELSON

(Looks around.)

I don't see anyone.

GENIE

Simple...open up another web browser, type in Facebook.com...log on...don't look at me, I'm a genie, not a mind-reader, type in your own username and password. And there you go.

NELSON

(Reads from the monitor.)

"You are now friends with Julius Malema." Awww c'mon! This isn't right! This isn't what I meant!

GENIE

Uh-huh.

NELSON

Uh-huh what?

GENIE

(Pauses.)

No backsies.

NELSON

Ok....so I've got one more wish, right.

GENIE

Yip.

NELSON

Alright, then I want an amazingly beautiful woman to fall in love with me. Someone totally unattainable and out of my league, someone that would never in a million years would even give me a chance.

GENIE

(Takes longer to snap his fingers.)

Done.

NELSON

(Awkward silence.)

I have to check my Twitter, don't I?

GENIE

Yeah.

Alternative Ending 1

NELSON

(Awkward silence.)

I have to check my Twitter, don't I?

GENIE

Yeah, you just got a tweet from Jennifer Aniston saying she loves you and she's going to commit suicide.

Alternative Ending 2

NELSON

(Awkward silence.)

Ok, I open up a window in my browser...

GENIE

That's right, buddy.

Alternative Ending 3

NELSON

(Awkward silence.)

I have to check my Twitter, don't I?

NELSON checks Twitter, discovers a tweet from Jennifer Aniston:

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TWEET

I love you @nelsonscomey, but I
can't stand being away from you. So
I'm killing myself!

NELSON

Oh my God!

GENIE

Yip, gotta be more specific.

NELSON

No! I just got tweeted by Angelina
Jolie!

FADE