

"FUCK FATE"

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FADE IN:

INT. WHAT'S LEFT OF THE VATICAN - DAY

A large blasted opening in the wall of THE VATICAN reveals a GRAY-RED SKY -- a smokey haze fills the air. Destruction stretches on to the obscure horizon.

The BANG of an explosion echoes in the distance.

A large, heavy metal door creeks open.

His name is ADAM, late 20's. Distress monopolizing his expression -- tears well up in his eyes as he storms in.

ADAM

I didn't want this!

THE GENIE, an ordinary looking man -- similar in appearance to Adam, only we wears the BLOOD COVERED robes normally seen on The Pope. He speaks with a unique accent unknown to the world.

THE GENIE

Yes, you did. You wished for world peace and I granted it for you. THIS is world peace. Utopia and humans, Adam... they cannot co-exist. I know it's hard to believe, but tis' an impossibility.

ADAM

(loses it)

Oh god!

THE GENIE

There is no god! Has this not been proven to you, yet? There is only *I*.

ADAM

Why did you do this? Why?! What are you getting out of all of this?

THE GENIE

(shrugs)

Nothing. This is simply my nature - the reason why I exist. I fulfill a natural role, Adam. Just as you do and you have.

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ADAM

So this was all fate?

THE GENIE

Exactly. The world, my own...  
yours. You stumbled upon my lamp--

ADAM

In the sewer, of all places. I  
should've known.

THE GENIE

It was a true historical event.

ADAM

The beginning of the end.

THE GENIE

...For humanity, yes. A true  
treasure.

ADAM

I call it a curse.

THE GENIE

I think 'destiny' has a better ring  
to it. Mankind was going to end,  
Adam. It was inevitable. And you  
are responsible. But embrace it.  
It's all you can do. This is what  
was meant for you. You cannot  
change it. Only fate can.

ADAM

Before I found that lamp, I wished  
for death (BEAT) everyday.

THE GENIE

A man who has everything has  
nothing at all. Another  
impossibility. Desire is within  
human nature.

ADAM

But once I had it, I thought: 'I no  
longer wish to die.' It was because  
of the lamp that I wanted to live.

THE GENIE

And now, because of the lamp, you  
do *not*. You wished for true love--

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ADAM

And you turned me into a rapist.

THE GENIE

So called, "statutory." (shrugs)  
But then you wished for world peace  
and the end of the humanity's  
suffering. And I granted you just  
that. You have one final wish left,  
Adam. We both know what it is.

ADAM

Yeah...

He brings a PISTOL to the temple of his head.

ADAM(CONT'D)

Fuck fate.

BANG.

THE GENIE

Your wish... is my command.

The Genie sips from a goblet, staring out through the  
blasted hole in the wall. He observes what is left of  
mankind's creations as warm, wet crimson streams across the  
stone floors.