

THE DIGITAL GENIE

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1 INT. computer room-Night

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SMITH is editing an image of Colorado construction.

SMITH
Colorado construction.

Then suddenly a window pops up that says 'rub it.'

SMITH
Whats this? Close this off.
He closes it but it pops back up.

SMITH
What the hell? I closed you off.
Alright, I'll bite.

He clicks on it. Another page comes up with a user agreement.

SMITH
User agreement! Okay.

He opens it and sees strange text.

SMITH
Okay, who can read that?

He closes it off and accepts, then another page opens with a Genie lamp with the text 'rub it 3 times.' A few seconds after the text 'with the cursor' pops up and a few seconds after the text 'do it now!' pop up.

SMITH
Interesting.

Curious, he takes the cursor and rubs the lamp, then suddenly the screen goes blank and the text 'Genie' Fades in.

SMITH
Virus!

Smith tries clicking 'Shift+Alt+del' but nothing happened.
Then he tried to restart his laptop but that didn't work.

SMITH
(continues)
Damn, Shift+Alt+del didn't work
and hard rest didn't work. What
should I do?

MYSTERIOU
S VOICE
(from the PC)
Hold on!

In shock, Smith looks at the screen.

SMITH
(Beat)
What?

GENIE
Hiya! Hello there I am your Genie!

SMITH
Genie?

GENIE
Genie!

SMITH
Genie!

GENIE
Yes, Genie!

SMITH

What's a Genie?

GENIE

Oh, ha, ha. A Genie is me!

SMITH

What's ah you?

GENIE

I'm a Genie.

SMITH

I feel like we're going in circles. Or maybe in a straight line back and forth.

GENIE

I am a Genie! I grant wishes.

SMITH

Like Aladdin?

GENIE

Yes, yes, yes.

SMITH

Don't you all exist in magic lamps?

GENIE

Yes. My last master wished that I was freed into the internet. He said I'd have more room, heh, heh...heh.

SMITH

How do I 'X' you off

GENIE

You can't, you rubbed the lamp now
you have to make 3 wishes.

SMITH

3 wishes huh.

GENIE

Yes, anything you want. 3 wishes.

SMITH

Ok. Maybe I should wish to make
movies in Hollywood. Nah if I
wanted to do that I would make
short films, post on the internet
in hopes that someone acknowledges
me. Ah ha, give me 26 Bitcoin.

GENIE

Good choice master. I will get
that to you right away. You just
need to send me 200 US dollar
value in Bitcoin first.

SMITH

Ha, ha, ha, now I get it. This is
a scam thing.
I am not sending any money to you.

GENIE

No, no, no sir. It is in our user
agreement. You read the user
agreement before rubbing the lamp
right?

SMITH

No I didn't, it was too long and
written (interpreted).

Genie shows the user agreement on the screen. He scrolls down where written in english between the strange text, 'if any wish is made for money, 200 usd value in bitcoin has to be sent to the Genie.'

GENIE

Look right here it says, 'if any wish is made for money, 200 usd value in bitcoin has to be sent to the Genie.' It's all in the agreement.

SMITH

Nice try, I am not falling for your scam. This is a scam!

GENIE

No, no. My last master made all this with his last wish when freed me on the internet. I have no control.

SMITH

Funny. Ok then I wish for a car.

GENIE

Excellent wish Master. Now send me 500 us dollar value in bitcoin and I will send that car out to you ASAP.

SMITH

Scam.

GENIE

(shows the agreement)

Oh, no sir. Look here in the user agreement. 'If a car is asked for 500 usd value in bitcoin must be sent to Genie'

SMITH

Ha, ha, ha. I am not sending you anything. You are clearly a scam just give me back my computer.

GENIE

I am sorry Master, but you have to make 3 wishes.

SMITH

What's is the point? You keep asking me for money.

GENIE

It is the user agreement sir.

SMITH

Ok, I wish to rid the user agreement.

GENIE

Ahh, excellent wish sir, no more restrictions.

SMITH

Oh, my God, your voice is so annoying.

GENIE

Yes, my past master wished me to have this voice. It isn't my real voice.

What is your second wish sir?

SMITH

You'd think I'd ask for 26 bit coins now huh. I really wish you could change your voice back to the original.

GENIE

(continues)

Thank you sir.

SMITH

What the hell was that?

GENIE

It's my original voice

SMITH

That's even worse than the previous voice.

GENIE

Yes that's why my last master made me change it.

SMITH

Huh, huh, ha! This is a joke right? Someone is playing a prank on me. It's this like one of those prank shows? Is my wife behind it? She did this didn't she?. She knows nothing about computers. But she is behind this somehow. You, got me!

GENIE

No master, no prank. Just one more wish.

Smith

Just one more wish and you will
give me back my computer?

GENIE

Yes. Remember Aliddin.

Smith

Then some other poor sap has to
deal with you.

GENIE

Yes, but not if you are like
Aliddin.

Smith

Well, I'm not and I am convinced
this is a prank, so lets play it
out. Give me a million wishes.

GENIE

Yes master, brilliant wish 1
million mini wishes coming up.

Smith

Mini wishes? What the hell are
mini wishes?

GENIE

Well master, I have to break up
your one grand wish into 1
million mini wishes.

Smith

(laughs)

What does that mean?

GENIE

Try it out and see master.

Smith

Ok, I wish for a car.

The word 'car' appears on the screen.

Smith

(laughs)

Yea, very funny.

GENIE

It's all yours master.

Smith

The word, you couldn't muster a
picture atleast.

GENIE

It's all a mini wish can get
you. You have 9999999 more
remaining.

Smith

Oh, my God! You know, all I want
is to get my computer back. Can
I just get my computer back?

GENIE

As soon as you make your final
wish Aliddin, I mean master.

Smith

Okay, I wish to get my computer
back.

GENIE

As you wish master, I will give
you back your computer and
because I am still trapped on

the internet, maybe someday we
meet again sometime soon.

SMITH

(laughs)

This is the oddest prank I have
ever seen. Ok Genie, I know what
you want me to say. I'll bite.
For my final wish, I wish you
were free. Like in Aladdin.

Just like that the screen returned to the image he was
editing. Smith is happy and he gets up.

SMITH

(laughs)

My goodness, whoever you are you
got me good.

Smith walks to the door when he sees the Genie standing
there.

SMITH

(fingers on his
lips)

You set me up! I wasted 3
wishes.

GENIE

You should have read the user
agreement sir.

Smith pouts.

SMITH

Oh, God, I released you into the
world.

GENIE

Would you like to rub the lamp
again?

SMITH

No.

Genie disappears.

SMITH

Ah, he's some else's problem
now... (beat) damn, I have to stop
him. But do I? Damn it!