

The Winner
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INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

Zoe, Andrew, and Colin sit around a table playing Go Fish.

COLIN
Do you have any 7s?

ANDREW
(sighing)
Man...

COLIN
(smirking)
Aww yeah. Watch out, Zoe. You're next. They don't call me the Fish King for nothin'.

ANDREW
Psyche!

Colin's smile vanishes.

ANDREW
Fish King? More like Fish Peasant.

ZOE
Or jester.

ANDREW
But he's not funny. So why is he a jester?

ZOE
I just thought, uh...

ANDREW
Joke's been made. Nothing to see here.

Beat.

COLIN
Are we really gonna be playing this all night?

ANDREW
What's the matter, you wanna stop playing because you're losing?

COLIN
No, it's not that. I just...don't wanna play Go Fish all weekend.

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ZOE
Don't you have plans this weekend?
With your girlfriend?

COLIN
Nope. We broke up a month ago.

ZOE
Oh.

ANDREW
Aren't you gonna get another tattoo
or something? Isn't that what you
usually do on weekends?

COLIN
No! Look, we gotta make plans,
guys! I don't wanna be bored.

ANDREW
I mean, I have my aunt's
boyfriend's cousin's Bar Mitzvah on
Sunday, but I could do something
Saturday.

ZOE
Yeah, I'm free as a bird this
weekend, too.

COLIN
Okay, so what do we wanna do?

There is a knock at the front door. Andrew gets up and walks
over to it.

He opens it to reveal JASPER, their landlord.

ANDREW
Jasper the friendly ghost!

Jasper acts goofily scared, darting his eyes around.

JASPER
(sarcastically)
Where?!

Jasper erupts in laughter. Andrew just nods with a
tight-lipped smile. It wasn't that funny.

JASPER
Whew...aw man. Makes me laugh every
time.

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ANDREW
That's the first time I've said
that.

JASPER
Well, duh! I just know it'll be
funny next time, too!

ANDREW
Gotcha.

JASPER
So how are you guys liking the pad?

ANDREW
I'd say it suits us.

JASPER
Coolio. So let me cut right to the
chase. I've got two tickets to this
event in Boston tonight. Seeing as
how there are three of you, you
guys can duke it out over who gets
to go.

COLIN
You mean for free?

JASPER
Well, Christmas is coming up and
all. Ya know, I'm not a Scrooge or
anything. I'm more like his evil
twin, who actually isn't evil
because Scrooge is the evil one.

ANDREW
Except for the ending. Does that
mean you become evil in the end?

JASPER
No! My point is, I'm in a giving
mood.

ANDREW
Well it's gonna be tough to decide.
We were just talking about how we
had nothing to do this weekend.

JASPER
Perfect. I'll be back in a minute.
Let me know who's going, or you're
all evicted! Ha! I love saying
that.

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Jasper exits the room.

COLIN
If anybody is getting a ticket,
it's me.

ZOE
Why?

COLIN
I was just telling you guys how
much I wanted to do something this
weekend.

ANDREW
That doesn't mean we weren't
thinking it, too. That just means
you a whiny, little.

ZOE
Okay! There's gotta be a way to
figure this out.

ANDREW
Rock, paper, scissors?

Colin and Zoe look at each other and shrug.

COLIN AND ZOE
Deal.

The three put their fists in a circle.

EVERYONE
Rock, paper, scissors, shoot!

Andrew draws paper while Colin and Zoe draw rock.

ANDREW
Aww yeahhh!

Colin sighs. He and Zoe turn to face each other.

COLIN AND ZOE
Rock, paper, scissors, shoot!

Zoe draws scissors. Colin draws paper.

COLIN
Nooo!

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ZOE

Woohoo!

Jasper reappears at the front door.

JASPER

Knock, knock, fellas. Who's the lucky winner?

ANDREW

Me and Zoe.

JASPER

Nice! I thought I could drive and-

Jasper realizes what he just heard.

JASPER

That's two winners.

ZOE

Yeah, because there are two tickets.

JASPER

I have the first ticket, Zoe-a-rino!

ANDREW, COLIN, AND ZOE

Oh...

JASPER

So who's it gonna be? I hope you like mojitos because we are gonna drink so many tonight. My mother lives around there so we could crash at her place. She has five cats so I hope you're not allergic!

Andrew, Colin, and Zoe all exchange glances with each other. None of them want in.

ANDREW

Um...Zoe, I think you should go. I'll let you be the winner.

ZOE

No, no, that's okay. I think I'm coming down with something anyway.

Zoe fake coughs.

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ANDREW

You sure? Because you seemed fine a minute ago.

ZOE

Must have hit me like a freight train.

JASPER

It's awesome that you guys are so nice to each other.

ZOE

Colin, you should go.

JASPER

Yeah, you know what? That's a great idea. What do you say, Colin?

Colin can't think of an excuse.

COLIN

Ummm...

INT. CAR - LATER THAT DAY

Jasper drives while Colin sits in the passenger seat.

JASPER

You know, I heard you say earlier that you were the Fish King, which is funny because my mother plays a mean game of Go Fish.

COLIN

How did you hear me say that?

JASPER

...the, uh, the walls are pretty thin.

THE END