

WISH FULFILLMENT
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Cast of Characters

DOMINIC: The Father

LEO: The Son

WISH FULFILLMENT

ONE

Two chairs face each other. An end-table between them.

LEO, The Son, rocks nervously in his chair, twirling a St. Jude Medal. He wears a pair of eyeglasses.

DOMINIC, The Father, walks in, holding a double scotch. He sits opposite Leo.

DOMINIC

Your mother said you wanted to talk to me.

LEO

Dad.

DOMINIC

Yeah.

LEO

I got something I need to tell you.

DOMINIC

What is it.

LEO

Mom already knows.

DOMINIC

What is it.

LEO

This is not easy for me.

DOMINIC

What is it.

LEO

Uhm...

DOMINIC

Yes--

LEO

Uhm I...

CONTINUED:

DOMINIC
WHAT IS IT?

LEO
DAD I'M GAY.

They don't move. They stare at each other in tense silence.

Slowly, Dominic cracks into a mask of tears, sobbing pitifully.

LEO (CONT'D)
Daddy--

A SIREN wails. Dominic rises, walks around the chair and starts the scene again.

TWO

Leo rocks nervously in his chair, twirling a St. Jude Medal.

Dominic walks in, holding a double scotch. He sits opposite Leo.

DOMINIC
Your mother said you had something you wanted to tell me.

LEO
Dad.

DOMINIC
Yeah.

LEO
I got something I need to tell you.

DOMINIC
What is it.

LEO
Mom already knows.

DOMINIC
What is it.

LEO
It's hard, Dad.

DOMINIC
What is it.

CONTINUED:

LEO
This is not easy for me.

DOMINIC
Yes--

LEO
Uhm I...

DOMINIC
WHAT IS IT?

LEO
DAD I'M GAY.

DOMINIC
Oh my God.

LEO
Dad--

DOMINIC
So am I!

He leaps on his son, devouring him in a deep, taboo kiss.

A SIREN wails. They start the scene again.

THREE

Leo rocks nervously, twirling a St. Jude Medal.

Dominic walks in, holding his drink. He sits opposite his son.

DOMINIC
Your mother said you wanted to talk to me.

LEO
Dad.

DOMINIC
Yeah.

LEO
I got something I need to tell you.

DOMINIC
What is it.

CONTINUED:

LEO
Mom already knows.

DOMINIC
What is it.

LEO
It's hard, Dad.

DOMINIC
What is it.

LEO
This is not easy for me.

DOMINIC
Yes--

LEO
Uhm I...

DOMINIC
WHAT IS IT?

LEO
DAD I'M GAY.

DOMINIC
Is that all?

LEO
Dad--

DOMINIC
I always thought you might be, ever since you were little. I'm glad you finally feel comfortable enough about your sexuality that you can admit it to yourself. Your mother and I just want you to be happy.

LEO
Wow.

DOMINIC
And healthy. Do you practice safe sex?

LEO
Absolutely.

FATHER
Well then. As long as you're happy, that's all that matters.
(MORE)

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FATHER (CONT'D)

At some point in their lives, most men experience at least a casual flirtation with the normal homosexual impulses that pump through their veins. When I was a young man, I myself had a chance encounter with my best friend. It started off as a drunken arm wrestling match and wound up as something just a bit more complicated. I filed it away under Life Experience; my friend, however, went off to war, stepped in front of a bullet and had his head blown off.

LEO

I don't know what to say.

DOMINIC

You've already said it.

LEO

But you're being so cool.

DOMINIC

Hey now, don't sell your father short. Just because I personally don't ascribe to your sexual orientation, I would never have the pomposity to morally condemn something simply because it is out of the realm of my own personal inclination.

LEO

Wow. When I grow up, I want to be just like you.

DOMINIC

I just want you to be happy. Your father loves you.

LEO

Dad--

They are about to embrace, but the SIREN wails. They start the scene again.

FOUR

Leo rocks nervously in his chair, twirling a St. Jude Medal.

CONTINUED:

Dominic walks in, holding a double scotch. He sits opposite Leo.

DOMINIC
Your mother said you wanted to talk
to me.

LEO
Dad.

DOMINIC
Yeah.

LEO
I got something I need to tell you.

DOMINIC
What is it.

LEO
Mom already knows.

DOMINIC
What is it.

LEO
Uhm....

DOMINIC
Yes.

LEO
I mean--

DOMINIC
Yes.

LEO
Uhm I...

DOMINIC
What is it son? (takes a drink)

LEO
Dad, I'm gay.

Dominic spits out his drink in a violent spume of disbelief, sopping his son with his double scotch.

The SIREN wails. They start the scene again.

FIVE

Leo rocks nervously in his chair, twirling a St. Jude Medal.

Dominic walks in, holding a double scotch. He sits opposite Leo.

DOMINIC

Your mother said you wanted to talk to me.

LEO

Dad.

DOMINIC

Yeah.

LEO

I got something I need to tell you.

DOMINIC

What is it.

LEO

Mom already knows.

DOMINIC

What is it.

LEO

It's hard, Dad.

DOMINIC

What is it.

LEO

This is not easy for me.

DOMINIC

Yes--

LEO

I mean I--

DOMINIC

WHAT IS IT?

LEO

Dad, I'm gay.

Dominic's drink dribbles out of his mouth.

LEO (CONT'D)

Dad--

CONTINUED:

Dominic clutches his heart, suffers a massive coronary, collapses to the floor shaking in agony.

Leo races to his son's side, alternately pounding on his chest and giving him mouth to mouth.

LEO (CONT'D)

No--Daddy please don't die, it's
all my fault, I didn't mean it,
I'll change, I was kidding--don't
die Daddy please don't die--Daddy
please--

With a final, horrific shudder, Dominic dies.

LEO (CONT'D)

I'VE KILLED MY FATHER!

He throws himself weeping across his father's corpse.

The SIREN wails. They start the scene again.

SIX

Leo rocks nervously in his chair, twirling a St. Jude Medal.

Dominic walks in, holding a double scotch. He sits opposite Leo.

DOMINIC

Your mother said you wanted to talk
to me.

LEO

Dad.

DOMINIC

Yeah.

LEO

I got something I need to tell you.

DOMINIC

What is it.

LEO

Mom already knows.

DOMINIC

What is it.

CONTINUED:

LEO
It's hard, Dad.

DOMINIC
What is it.

LEO
This is not easy for me.

DOMINIC
Yes--

LEO
Uhm I...

DOMINIC
WHAT IS IT?

LEO
DAD I'M GAY.

Suddenly, Dominic takes out a gun. Shoots his son in the head. Leo does a backwards tumble out of the chair and shakes in postmortem frenzy.

Dominic methodically empties the gun into his son's body.

The SIREN wails.

Dominic sneaks one last bullet into the corpse before they start the scene again.

SEVEN

Leo rocks nervously in his chair, twirling a St. Jude Medal.

Dominic walks in, holding a double scotch. He sits opposite Leo.

DOMINIC
Your mother said you wanted to talk to me.

LEO
Dad.

DOMINIC
Yeah.

LEO
I got something I need to tell you.

CONTINUED:

DOMINIC
What is it.

LEO
Mom already knows.

DOMINIC
What is it.

LEO
It's hard, Dad.

DOMINIC
What is it.

LEO
What I have to tell you.

DOMINIC
WHAT IS IT--

LEO
Can you please stop yelling at me--

DOMINIC
I AM NOT YELLING--

LEO
YES YOU ARE TOO YOU'RE ALWAYS YELLING
I CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE JUST STOP
YELLING FOR CHRIST'S SAKE--

DOMINIC
What the hell did you want to tell
me already--

LEO
NONE OF YOUR STUPID MOTHERFUCKING
BUSINESS OK, GET THE FUCK OFF MY
BACK AND LEAVE ME ALONE ALL YOU
EVER DO IS YELL AT ME MY WHOLE LIFE
WHY CAN'T WE JUST TALK SO FUCK YOU
AND YOUR BIG FUCKING MOUTH OK--

DOMINIC
DON'T YOU EVER TALK TO YOUR FATHER
LIKE THAT, I DON'T CARE HOW BIG YOU
ARE I AM STILL YOUR FATHER DO YOU
UNDERSTAND ME (slaps him) DO YOU
UNDERSTAND ME (slaps him) DO YOU
UNDERSTAND ME (slaps him)

Leo shakes his head "Yes."

CONTINUED: (2)

Now what did you want to tell me?

The SIREN wails. They start the scene again.

EIGHT

Leo rocks nervously in his chair, twirling a St. Jude Medal.

Dominic walks in, holding a double scotch. He sits opposite Leo.

DOMINIC

Your mother said you wanted to talk to me.

LEO

Dad.

DOMINIC

Yes.

LEO

I got something I need to tell you.

DOMINIC

What is it.

LEO

I love you Dad.

DOMINIC

What is it.

LEO

I love you.

DOMINIC

What did you want to talk about.

LEO

Do you love me?

DOMINIC

Is this what you wanted to talk about?

LEO

Do you love me, Dad.

DOMINIC

I'm your father.

CONTINUED:

LEO
Do you love me.

DOMINIC
What is it.

LEO
Well, Dad, I'm gay.

Silence.

DOMINIC
I don't want to hear this.

The SIREN wails. They start the scene again.

NINE

Leo rocks nervously in his chair, twirling a St. Jude Medal.

Dominic walks in, holding a double scotch. He sits opposite Leo.

DOMINIC
Your mother said you wanted to talk to me.

LEO
Dad, I'm gay.

DOMINIC
I don't want to hear this.

LEO
Well I am.

DOMINIC
I don't want to hear this.

LEO
I'm gay.

DOMINIC
You just told me the worst thing in the world.

LEO
Thanks Dad. You still love me?

DOMINIC
Don't ask me that like I'm on trial here.

CONTINUED:

LEO
It's a simple question.

DOMINIC
You just threw a brick in my face.

LEO
Do you still love me.

DOMINIC
You will always be a part of this family, but in my honest opinion, you belong on the other side of the street in the gutter with the freaks.

LEO
So I'm a freak.

DOMINIC
You're being honest, I'm being honest.

LEO
You just called your son a freak.

DOMINIC
You don't like the truth.

LEO
You just threw a brick in my face.

DOMINIC
Truth hurts don't it.

LEO
Do you still love me.

DOMINIC
You're my son.

LEO
I thought I was a freak.

The SIREN wails. They start the scene again.

TEN

Leo rocks nervously in his chair, twirling a St. Jude Medal.

Dominic walks in, holding a double scotch. He sits opposite Leo.

CONTINUED:

DOMINIC

Your mother said you wanted to talk
to me.

LEO

I'm gay Dad.

DOMINIC

Your mother said you wanted--

LEO

Dad I'm gay.

DOMINIC

Your mother said you--

LEO

I'm gay Dad.

DOMINIC

Your mother said--

LEO

I'm gay Dad.

DOMINIC

Your mother said you wanted--

LEO

I'm gay Dad.

DOMINIC

Your mother said you--

LEO

I'm gay, Dad.

DOMINIC

Your mother said you --

LEO

I'm gay, Dad.

DOMINIC

Your mother said you wanted to talk
to me.

LEO

Forget it.

PAUSE.

DOMINIC

You can get help you know.

CONTINUED: (2)

The SIREN wails. They start the scene again.

ELEVEN

Leo rocks in his chair, twirling a St. Jude Medal.

Dominic enters holding a two-by-four.

DOMINIC

Your mother said you wanted to talk
to me.

LEO

Dad.

DOMINIC

Yeah.

LEO

I got something I need to tell you.

DOMINIC

What is it.

LEO

Mom already knows.

DOMINIC

What is it.

LEO

It's hard, Dad.

DOMINIC

What is it.

LEO

This is not easy for me.

DOMINIC

You can tell me I'm your father.

LEO

It's really really hard for me.

DOMINIC

I'm your father, I love you.

LEO

Well Dad I'm gay.

CONTINUED:

Instantly, Dominic brings the two-by-four down on the table between them, destroying it.

DOMINIC
I'm sorry, what?

LEO
I said I'm gay.

DOMINIC
As in Homosexual.

LEO
As in Homosexual.

Dominic slams the wood down again, finishing off whatever is left of the table. They jump up, face off.

DOMINIC
My son, prepare to die.

He swings, barely misses his son, who fends him off throughout.

LEO
I thought you loved me.

DOMINIC
I thought I knew you.

LEO
You do know me. Now you know me better.

DOMINIC
No I don't.

LEO
Why because I'm gay?

DOMINIC
No, because you're a goddamn freak that's gonna wind up dead in the gutter at the end of a two-by-four because someday soon you're gonna pinch the wrong behind and he's gonna turn around and rip the eye right outta your friggen head and I hope to God I'm there to see it, goddamn AIDS carrier--(swings, wings his son)--to think you played with your own godson right here in this house, if that kid gets sick I am coming for you--

CONTINUED: (2)

LEO

I am not an AIDS carrier--

DOMINIC

You're a goddamn faggot is what you are and all faggots are AIDS carriers--(slams, just missing his son's skull)

LEO

I knew you'd be upset.

DOMINIC

How the hell are you gonna be happy--

LEO

How is anyone happy how are you happy--

DOMINIC

Oh but I am not happy. (swing and a miss) I used to think I was happy but see I used to think I kinda knew my son, (swing and a miss) I used to think I had something in common with the boy I raised (swing and a miss) I used to think I could teach him something and maybe someday see a little part of me growing up inside of him.

LEO

There's a lot of you in me.

DOMINIC

Don't tell me that!

Swings, knocking his son to the floor

I never even suspected--

LEO

(slowly rising) So what were you seeing I mean I'm lost here, Dad, I mean if me telling you that I'm gay changes everything then what was there before that's going to change. You're letting one part of who I am completely change who I was so tell me, really, who was I, who were you seeing all that time that you don't see now--

CONTINUED: (3)

DOMINIC

I gotta be honest I got no idea and that's what scares me and I am sorry kiddo but just because you got my blood in your veins don't mean I got to stand back with my thumb up my ass watching while you piss on everything I built my life around--I am telling you I will not accept!!

LEO

(approaching him) Daddy--

DOMINIC

I WILL NOT ACCEPT---(he sends his son for a homer.) I am so humiliated my whole life means nothing without a son I can't be a father so who the hell am I and who are you I want my goddamn son back and it's all my fault--(slam) it's all my fault--(slam) it's all my fault--(slam)

He drops the wood and sucks in breath, standing over the corpse of his son.

The SIREN wails. They jump up to start the scene again.

TWELVE

Leo picks himself up, and as Dominic enters with his drink, Leo also picks up the two-by-four.

DOMINIC

Your mother said you wanted to talk to--

Leo takes a powerful savage swipe at his Father, knocking him in the ribs.

Dominic crumbles to the ground, crawls away from his attacking son.

DOMINIC (CONT'D)

Why do always have to attack your father--

LEO

I'm not attacking, I'm fighting back.

CONTINUED:

DOMINIC

But I'm your father--

LEO

Fuck you. (kicks him in the ribs)
You're nothing but a bad dream that
rolled over in his sleep years ago
and slipped it in my mother and I'm
the result, (grabs his son's hair)
do you understand me--answer me--

DOMINIC

But I love you--

LEO

Bullshit.(slams him father's head
into the floor; Dominic rolls away
in pain, trying to evade his son's
assault) All you ever did was push
me away and push me away because
you wanted me to grow up normal and
well-adjusted like you--stop
pushing me away Daddy stand still I
want to knock your teeth down your
fucking throat --

DOMINIC

I was just trying to be a good
father--

LEO

You think this is easy for me--
(swing and a miss)

DOMINIC

How are you gonna be happy--

LEO

How is anyone happy how are you
happy--(swing and a miss)

DOMINIC

Oh but I am not happy.

CONTINUED: (2)

LEO

Well neither am I. (connects, sends Dominic across stage) I'm looking back on my life and all I see is a big blank, I don't know who you are Dad what did we ever talk about I can't remember and I want my father back because I feel like I wasn't there like I was always pretending, sitting around smiling and being the good boy and all the time about to explode with a deep dark perverted secret that no one could understand and made me a freak in the eyes of God but I can't live by your rules anymore because I am exploding now and I can't stop and I want my life back and I want to be happy because I am not a freak, Daddy, do you understand me, I am not a freak --

DOMINIC

It's all my fault--

LEO

(slams him across the head) Stop being so fucking self-centered and think about what I'm telling you and what I'm going through because I am the one who is going through it, not you, and I need love right now you motherfucking piece of shit, understand, I need love--

DOMINIC

I wanted to teach you how to fight.

LEO

You did a good job because that's all I know how to do--

DOMINIC

(feebly on his knees) Your father loves you--

LEO

NO--(big smash, sends Dominic to the floor; pounds away) I don't know who you are--I have no father. I have only myself. I am finally in control. (smash) My father is dead and I am free. I am free of his anger. (smash).

(MORE)

(CONTINUED)

CONTINUED: (3)

LEO (CONT'D)

I am free of his hate. (smash) I am
free of his love. (smash) I am free
of him. (smash)

He drops the wood. Sucks in wood. Realizes he is standing
over his father's body.

He suddenly and sadly sees how much his father's son he truly
is.

A SIREN wails. They rise and start the scene again.

THIRTEEN

Leo rocks in his chair, twirling a St. Jude Medal.

Dominic enters , holding his double scotch.

DOMINIC

Your mother said you wanted to talk
to me.

Silence. They say nothing.

Lights fade to black

The End