

Script: Fish Tank      ROLE: Gabe, Male, 18 - early 20s

INT. GABE'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Gabe is on the couch with a big smile on his face. Fish sits at their upright piano, casually playing some jazz.

FISH

So break this down for me again. Vanessa really said yes to sex with you? Cuz yesterday, when you got that bloody nose, she laughed pretty hard.

GABE

Laughed and pointed. But what a difference a day makes. Oh man, she deos not know what's coming for her. Senor Nasty's gonna show her the bid'nness.

FISH

So she really said yes to you?

GABE

Actually, she said "fine".

FISH

Wait... she said "fine"?

GABE

(Proudly)

Yup.

FISH

So you're kinda an object of pity?

GABE

You know it! (Raises his hand for a high five) Slap it high!

FISH

(Half-heartedly slapping his hand)

Yeah, you are blowing up, girlfriend.

GABE

Now let's talk about which room you're gonna give me.

Fish considers for a beat, then:

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FISH

You know what? I can't believe I'm about to say this, but I'm sorry. You can't have a room.

GABE

What?

FISH

"Fine" isn't good enough. You should have more self-worth than that.

GABE

Self worth? I'm five foot four, chubby, and have no facial hair. People have mistaken me for a lesbian! And not the hot good kind!

FISH

Okay, fine... you might not be "tall" or have "muscles", and sure, your lack of "facial" or "armpit" hair is getting a little weird at your age--

GABE

Are you going somewhere with this?

FISH

My point is, none of that matters. You're better than this. And your first time should be at least a little bit meaningful.

GABE

Oh, should it, Mr. Jazz Piano? Don't judge me just because your relationship is based on mutual respect and love. That's weird! You're the weird one!

FISH

Look, you're gonna regret it unless you wait to do it with someone you truly love.

GABE

You shut up! You take that back! This is a total double standard. Your girlfriend's staying over at your house, why can't mine!?

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FISH

Because she's not your girlfriend!  
I'm in a two year relationship.  
You're a single dude who still  
plays with Lego's. I think it's  
adorable, but it doesn't exactly  
scream, "I'm ready to make love to  
a woman".

GABE

Lego's are a perfectly viable  
hobby! You're totally ignorant!  
There's a very hip Lego culture you  
know nothing about!

FISH

(Gently)

Is there?

GABE

Yes! Lego's, comics, retro  
Chewbacca t-shirts. It's called  
Nerd Chic. Trust me, I'm working  
something!

FISH

(Again, gently)

Are you?