

# ***Ready, Aim, AIM!***

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Cast of Characters

ROSE:

Late 20's

VINT:

Late 20's

Place

Living Room

Time

Day

*Rose enters the living room. She wears rubber gloves and holds a bucket in one hand, a roll of paper towels in the other.*

**VINT:** How's it going?

(slightly out of breath)

**ROSE:** Wonderful.

**VINT:** You didn't have to clean all the gook.

**ROSE:** Who's gonna clean it...you?

*Rose places the paper towels and bucket on a table stand. She struggles to take off her rubber gloves.*

**VINT:** Hurry up and watch this documetary with me.

**ROSE:** No, I don't want to watch it.

**VINT:** It's about campitalism and how we've been getting screwed for decades.

**ROSE:** I have no interest. Can you, can you PLEASE help me take off these gloves?

**VINT:** You can't get them off?

**ROSE:** No.

**VINT:** But they're full of nastiness. I don't want to touch them.

**ROSE:** I can't get them off. You can wash your hadns right after.

**VINT:** Why can't you let me watch my doc?

*Rose exits the living room and comes back in with a pair of scissors. She cuts off her rubber gloves and throws them on the floor.*

**ROSE:** Now they are off!

**VINT:** What's your problem? We just bought that rug?

**ROSE:** I don't give a damn.

**VINT:** I'm not cleaning that.

**ROSE:** Can I just ask you something? No really...can I? Now, I'm not trying to argue with you okay? I'm not trying to fight but...when you go to take a leak in the toilet bowl, do you miss on purpose??

(beat)

Cause everytime I go into the bathroom lately, I find piss all over the floor in drips and drabs. I'm constantly cleaning up your little pee pee puddles. So, you can imagine WHY I am asking you this question cause if you were cleaning MY pee pee puddles, you probably would fly off the handle.

(beat)

Do me a favor, AIM better. How difficult can it be to aim him at the toilet?

**VINT:** Sometimes it shoots out in different directions.

**ROSE:** What? Sometimes it shoots out in different directions? Well if you know this than why do you leave it up to *me* to clean it up? Why are *you* so lazy? I cannot believe you will accept leaving piss on our bathroom floor.

Even a tiny drip is incomprehensible, let alone two inch circular puddles. And in case you haven't realized this, urine tends to smell, especially after it dries because it lingers.

**VINT:** It's not that bad.

**ROSE:** It's repugnant.

**VINT:** I don't even smell it when I---

**ROSE:** Because nothing phases you, Vint. I can even smell it waffing it's way into the hallway and on crystal clear days I get the whiff from where you are sitting now.

**VINT:** No way!

**ROSE:** Yes way, YES! The entire apartment smells like urine. I'm afraid to invite guests over. The other day my mother surprise visited me while you were at work and as soon as she came upstairs the first thing she said wasn't, "Hello, how are you?" it was "Did you get a pet of some kind, I smell urine?" I nearly died from embarrassment cause you know how picture perfect my mother is and although she can be extremely annoying, she's right.

**VINT:** What did you do?

**ROSE:** What do you mean?

**VINT:** You didn't tell your mom it was my piss, did you?

**ROSE:** Are you for real? If I told her that she would never look at you the same. I opened all the windows in the house and made out like it was coming from our neighbors and then I had to hear her give me all the proper steps on filing some sort of report and how we should get a reduction in rent and it was a fantastic visit and I have you and your pee pee to thank for that.

**VINT:** I can picture your mother's face...you know that look she gets of utter disgust?

**ROSE:** This isn't funny, Vint! I shouldn't have to clean up your mess, it isn't right and I'm pissed off.

**VINT:** Good pun.

**ROSE:** Not intended!

**VINT:** What do you want me to do? I'm out there working my ass off day and night so---

**ROSE:** Oh, don't go there, don't give me that man monologue like it's 1955 Americana, that shit don't fly anymore. I work just as hard as you do, if not harder, I pay my half of everything in this place and some when we go out on weekends, so don't infuriate me.

**VINT:** But I do other things like taking out the trash.

**ROSE:** You should.

**VINT:** I'm always washing up all the dishes in the sink, constantly...God forbid you rinse out a drinking glass, just once. You leave your clothes all over the place...your bureau has clothes that look like they are trying to climb out from the draws. Can't tell you how many times I've slid on one of your socks during the middle of the night when I have to go to the toilet.

**ROSE:** Ohhhh, so that's why there's pee pee puddles, it's your twisted way of extracting revenge.

**VINT:** I don't deliberately pee on the floor.

**ROSE:** You just admitted it.

**VINT:** That was not an admission.

**ROSE:** It was an indirect confession.

**VINT:** Don't twist this all around. I know what I said and I know what I meant when I said it.

**ROSE:** It makes complete sense to me now.

**VINT:** Don't put words in my mouth Rose, you know I hate when you do that.

**ROSE:** I am not cleaning up your pee pee puddles anymore!!!

**VINT:** Don't!

**ROSE:** And you are going to clean them up or I'm hiring a cleaner and it will cost you money you don't want to spend cause I'm not chipping in for that.

**VINT:** Fine! Whatever, I'll clean it up.

**ROSE:** You better.

**VINT:** Yeah, well, you better learn to be more neat. Stop leaving your shit all around the apartment. Everywhere I look there's a bra or a pair of socks...look, look right there, that's one gray sock that is nowhere near the hamper. And look over there, a white sock hanging out watching tv with me.

**ROSE:** Yeah, well---

**VINT:** Yeah, well---

**ROSE:** We need to be cleaner people.

**VINT:** That's what I've been saying.

**ROSE:** You never say that, if this apartment flipped upside down you wouldn't say a word.

**VINT:** Do you really want to keep on this?

**ROSE:** No, I need to shower.

**VINT:** Do you want me to wait for you to watch the documentary with me?

**ROSE:** No, I, I don't know, is it...why don't we watch a movie instead?

**VINT:** It's really good.

**ROSE:** You watch it and then maybe a movie.

**VINT:** Alright...you want me to clean up your socks and chopped up gloves from the floor, this way we are sort of even?

**ROSE:** It will help but it's definitely not even.

**VINT:** I'm trying.

**ROSE:** Okay, fine.

**VINT:** And then we can watch a movie when you are out of the shower...alright?

**ROSE:** Alright.

**VINT:** Let's be friends again.

**ROSE:** Fine.

**VINT:** You are a pee pee head.

**ROSE:** No, you!

**VINT:** Ha, ha, ha...hurry up and shower. I'll clean up.

**END OF PLAY**