The Bet
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INT. OF ARNOLD’S ROOM

In the room with posters of dragons and wizards a twenty something year old nerd sits. His name is Arnold and he is sitting at a table with cards in front of him. A doorbell rings and then Arnold’s grandma yells.

GRANDMA (VO)
Arnold your little friend Willy is here!

ARNOLD
Send him in grandmother!

Arnold’s friend Willy quickly opens the door, it is revealed that he is a fellow dork in his mid-thirties. He closes the door behind him and sits in the chair across from Arnold. During this they both give each other an evil glare.

WILLY
Hello Reaper it’s been a long time sense we’ve done battle.

ARNOLD
That is very true X Assassin, so with that remark I know that you are ready to battle once more. But I must warn you sense the last time we fought I have grown in strength and wisdom.

Willy slowly leans towards Arnold.

WILLY
I must warn you as well I have too.

After a few seconds pass Arnold breaks away from his cold exterior.

ARNOLD
Did you go to Cosmo Comics?

Willy also breaks character.

WILLY
Of course, did you?

ARNOLD
You know it.

WILLY
And how did you get the money for some new spell cards?

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ARNOLD
My Grandpa gave me my birthday money a little bit early, how about you?

WILLY
I got my allowance today.

ARNOLD
That’s right today is Saturday.

WILLY
It sure is.

Arnold and Willy snap back into their fantasy persona’s.

ARNOLD
Well I suppose it is time for your defeat.

WILLY
No Reaper my true nemesis, it is time for yours!

ARNOLD
X Assassin the War has begun!

Arnold slams a card on the table and it has a picture of a wizard dressed in a white cloak.

WILLY
You have already thrown your white wizard at me, and you knowing that it upsets the gods. Well I will satisfy their lusts of your death with this card I send to you.

Willy fly’s his card around like a eagle and slides his card down on the table. His card has a hawk shooting a burst of cold air out it mouth.

ARNOLD (SARCASTIC)
No not the ice hawk, you have increased your strength but not your wisdom.

With a smug look on his face Arnold slides his next card on the table.

ARNOLD (CONT’D)
I will attack you with the two headed fire dragon.

Willy calmly looks at the card and smiles.

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WILLY
I expected that from you sense that was the same two headed fire dragon that defeated me the last time we crossed paths.

Willy slowly sets down a card with a white snake on it. However, it looks in all honesty like a giant penis.

WILLY
That is why I summon the awesome power of the mushroom head white spit snake.

Arnold once again breaks out of character.

ARNOLD
That doesn’t beat my two headed fire dragon!

Willy get’s out of character as well.

WILLY
It most certainly does!

ARNOLD
There is no way in Hades!

WILLY
Would you like to make a bet on it.

ARNOLD
I sure would!

WILLY
Fine let’s shake on it.

ARNOLD
Alright then.

The two of them shake hands but as they finish they realize they never wagered anything.

WILLY
But what is the penalty for the loser?

ARNOLD
The penalty for you when you lose is... you will have to put on the hat of shame for a whole day.

Arnold points at a hot pink baseball cap that says, “DOUSHE BAG”.

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WILLY
Very well than if you lose than you let me think for a second... Oh yes you will have to by me a Bill Cosby impersonator to hang out with all day long.

ARNOLD
That is totally unfair I will have to buy you something, how will I get the money to buy that?

WILLY
I suppose you can ask your other Grandpa for your birthday money a little bit early as well. I mean what’s the matter do you think you are mistaken?

ARNOLD
No I don’t in fact I will call the Source right now.

WILLY
The Source!

ARNOLD
Yes The Source himself, why are you frightened in what the future has in store for you?

WILLY
I am confident in my choice, so call him if you must.

Arnold picks up the phone on the table with no hesitation. Willy gets intimidated by his quickness but says nothing. Arnold is waiting for the line to pick up and there is an answer.

ARNOLD
Hello Mrs. Jackson I need to talk to The Source, I mean Stevie. What’s that... yeah this is Arnold. Oh Kevin my goldfish he is doing so much better now that I switch his food. Thanks for that tip it helped out tremendously.

Willy clears his throat as if he is telling Arnold to hurry up.

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ARNOLD (CONT’D)
Mrs. Jackson I’m afraid I need to
talk to your son right away...
Thank you.

Arnold waits a few seconds for the Source to get on the phone. While he is waiting he get’s back into character.

ARNOLD (CONT’D)
The Source this is Reaper I am in
need of your knowledge... Does a
mushroom head white spit snake beat
the two-headed fire dragon?

INT. OF ARNOLD’S ROOM THE NEXT DAY

The Bill Cosby impersonator is in Arnold’s room eating some pudding and making himself at home.

BILL
Boy let me tell you this pudding is
so good it makes my mouth go
squish, squish, boom, plow.

WILLY
I know exactly what you mean Mr.
Cosby.

ARNOLD
Why do you keep calling him that
his real name is Kenny, he is not
the real Bill Cosby!

WILLY
Arnold don’t destroy my fantasy, in
less you would like me to make a
penalty for this intrusion.

ARNOLD
No I most certainly would not, Mr.
Cosby would you like me to get you
some more pudding?

BILL
No but I would like for you to get
me a picture of me and my new best
friend X Assassin with that fancy
Kodak camera you got there.

WILLY
Hey Mr. Cosby.

(CONTINUED)
BILL
Yes X Assassin.

WILLY
For the picture could you do one of your classic funny faces and I’ll do my Robert De Niro face?

BILL
That sounds like a hoot hey can I see you De Niro face?

WILLY
Anything for you Mr. Cosby.

Willy suddenly shapes his face to look like Robert De Niro’s.

BILL
Wow that was pretty good there, are you ready for picture time Mr. De Niro?

WILLY
You talking to me?

The two new friends have a good laugh together. Then Arnold takes their picture while the both of them are making their famous facial impressions.