

TALES FROM THE FRIDGE

Script Sample

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Music Intro

TOMI

Ugh. Carrots for snack. Why do my parents always make me eat vegetables...I hate them. They're bitter, smell bad...

We hear the sound of a fridge door opening.

TOMI (CONT'D)

What else is in here?

ASPARAGUS

Ahem!

TOMI

Is there any chocolate?

ASPARAGUS

Ahem, Excuse me!

TOMI

I could have sworn there was a snickers back here or something...

ASPARAGUS

Down here, in the crisper.

TOMI

(Still not hearing)
I just want something to eat...

ASPARAGUS

This kid's not listening to me. Let me think back to military school...that's right, duck and roll. Duck and roll!

He begins to fall. Phooosh...

ASPARAGUS (CONT'D)

Oh...drat...

Splodge.

TOMI

Ah! An asparagus! What are you doing on the floor?

ASPARAGUS

I was aiming for your can of cola.
This stem isn't what it used to
be...

TOMI

(Surprised) You talk? Woa, I gotta
see this. I'll bring you up here on
the counter.

ASPARAGUS

Oh, glory thank you, thank you.
(takes a breath in)
It's been days since I've felt the
sun on my face. Scrunched up right
next to the onions (gags)
No offense, comrades.
(to Tomi)
The name's Brigadier General
Decimus Meridius the Third. How
would you feel if you were picked
off a shelf and thrown into a dark
refrigerator and forgotten?

TOMI

Isn't that what an asparagus does?
You're not put into chocolate cakes
or mugs of delicious hot cocoa.

ASPARAGUS

Back in the day people would go
crazy for me. You have no idea what
they would do for me: run me up
mountains, make ships for me...

TOMI

(Interrupts laughing)
Nobody likes asparagus that much...

ASPARAGUS

(sadly)
That's painful.

TOMI

Sorry

ASPARAGUS

That's ok.
(progressively getting
more depressed)
I'm sure you can't imagine what
it's like to be skipped over,
ignored, forgotten.

TOMI

Well. I kind of can. Today while I was auditioning for the school play...actually, I don't want to talk about it.

ASPARAGUS

You can tell me. Military code 1568 -never reveal a comrade's personal secrets.

TOMI

I wasn't on the casting list...almost everyone's name was there but mine. It's like I was forgotten.

ASPARAGUS

Acting is for spies and traitors. What play even was this?

TOMI

Androcles and the Lion. It's set in Ancient Rome. Isn't that cool? I don't know anything about Ancient Rome, except they have dragons, which is why I auditioned as a dragon.

ASPARAGUS

A dragon?? That's preposterous. Rome didn't have dragons! Listen child, the reason you weren't picked is because you didn't audition as an asparagus.

TOMI

Hey! My name is Tomi. And that's the silliest thing I've ever heard. I never once read about an asparagus in any of my school textbooks...

ASPARAGUS

That chapter must have been ripped out of the book! But I tell you what: you are staring at source material here. I could tell you, better yet I could show you. In fact, I could take you back through time. Right this is second...if you wanted...but no, you're obviously not interested...

TOMI

You have a time machine?

ASPARAGUS

No, that's ok. You don't really like vegetables...

TOMI

You can travel through time?? Back to Ancient Rome?

ASPARAGUS

Yeah, I can see you're really not that interested.

TOMI

I mean I have the afternoon free, now that I'm not at rehearsal and there's nothing to do here.

ASPARAGUS

The beauty of this is you don't even need an afternoon, we can see it all in 8 minutes. You just have to say the magic phrase. "I love vegetables"

TOMI

Ugh I'm not gonna say that!

ASPARAGUS

Ok you can just stay at home...

TOMI

Ugh ah, eeee....ok, "I love vegetables."

A whirring noise and a magical sound is heard.

TOMI (CONT'D)

What's happening? Woa, woa, woa.

Sounds of the ocean, sails from a boat, and seagulls are heard.

ASPARAGUS

Welcome to the asparagus fleet.