

GET IT, GOT IT

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SETTING — Audience section of a sporting venue.

CHARACTERS — SPORTS FAN 1, 2, and 3, sporting fans. Fans of sports.

AT RISE — SPORTS FAN 1 and 2 are watching the game. SPORTS FAN 3 is one seat away from them, also watching, but separately. In the parlance, they did not come “together.”

SPORTS FAN 1

Oh!! He’s still got it!

SPORTS FAN 2

Does he still got it...?

SPORTS FAN 1

Well, he doesn’t not have it, I’ll tell you that for free.

SPORTS FAN 2

But he lost it at some point, right? I remember that.

SPORTS FAN 1

No, you’re thinking of before he had it.

SPORTS FAN 2

So he didn’t have it, and then he did, and now he still does, despite all odds.

SPORTS FAN 1

You got it.

SPORTS FAN 2

Wait, waitwaitwaitwait. I also got it? !??

SPORTS FAN 1

Just now, yes. It was beautiful to behold—the way in which you got it.

SPORTS FAN 2

Oh! Tell me!!

SPORTS FAN 1

Like a gotling before the getting: gotless, so profoundly ungotted. And then...

(a sigh of deep fulfillment)

SPORTS FAN 2

(in wonder)

I got it. Just like that.

SPORTS FAN 1

You got it.

SPORTS FAN 2

...Wait, again?? Just now—I really got it a second—?

SPORTS FAN 3

(leaning over)

Would you two shut the fuck up?! Tryna' watch the fucking game.

SPORTS FAN 1

Sorry. Sorry. Hey, you got it, buddy.

SPORTS FAN 3

I'd better.

SPORTS FAN 2

(urgent whisper)

...Now he's got it??

SPORTS FAN 1

(whisper)

He does not got it, but we'll give him the thinking of gotten it. Get it...?

SPORTS FAN 2

(satisfied whisper)

Got it.

SPORTS FAN 1

I know you do.

(takes SPORTS FAN 2 in a fierce hug)

I know you do.

A long, tender beat.

SPORTS FAN 3

Yeah, Manny! You still got it!!

(hard clapping)

SPORTS FAN 2

(breaking the embrace, confused)

Wait, but—

SPORTS FAN 1

Shhhh. He doesn't got it. Not really. You know who does?

SPORTS FAN 2

I do?

SPORTS FAN 1
(pulling SPORTS FAN 2 back into embrace)
We do. We do.

SPORTS FAN 3 continues cheering and clapping. SPORTS FAN 1 and 2 hold each other tight. YOU are dismayed at what you just saw, as well YOU should be. It wasn't very good.

And it only gets worse from here.

END OF PLAY.