

Unreal Currency

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EXT. SOMEWHERE: DAY

E and T are walking along a path of some kind having an entirely too casual conversation.

T  
I'm telling you, bro. You gotta  
read this book.

E  
Dianetics?

T  
Hell yes, Dianetics.

E  
Yeah, I'm not reading Dianetics.

T  
It's crazy.

E  
I bet.

T  
No, seriously. It's totally  
changed the way I perceive the  
world around me. I'll give you an  
example. So the other night I'm at  
the bar, right? And I'm chatting  
up this totally hot chick, right?  
I mean this girl is where it's at,  
got a body like...mmmm, you know?  
So I take her home and it isn't  
until after we've boned that I look  
over and realize it's not a hot  
chick at all. It's actually Carl,  
the trucker from Joey's bowling  
league.

E  
That is strange.

T  
Right? Right?

(beat)

E  
How was he?

T  
Surprisingly tender.

E nods in acceptance. Soon E stops suddenly.

E  
Holy crap!

T looks down where E is looking and sees a penny on the ground.

T  
Outstanding. A penny. And it's on heads.

E  
Dude, that's not a penny, it's a pit viper!

T looks down again and, sure enough, it's a pit viper ready to strike.

T  
HOLY LORD GOD!

They stare at it for a few beats until...

E  
No, wait, my bad. It's a penny.

T looks down again and it's a penny now.

T  
Wow. That was close.

E  
No joke.

Beat before they walk on

E  
So, you think there's a future with you and Carl?

T  
I dunno. I mean, we really seemed to click but I don't think I'm gay. I mean, I've never been gay before, though, so how would I know?

E  
Point.

T  
How did you know you were gay?

E  
I'm not gay.

T  
Really? Damn, you are not going to  
be happy with your bachelor party.

E  
I'm also not getting married.

T  
Oh, then we're fine.

They walk off into the distance.

We then go to a little "what happened then montage"

#### MONTAGE

1. T and Carl together

With the text: T and Carl were married a few months later and  
went on to have what they believe are three beautiful sons.

2. Excite Bike cartridges.

Of course, in reality, the children are simply three slightly  
used copies of Nintendo's smash hit Excite Bike.

2. E at his computer

3. E wandering the same path

With the text: later that day E's liberal guilt got the  
better of him once again. He made a card for the penny in  
photoshop and went back to find it hoping to apologize in  
case his reaction earlier had hurt the penny's feelings.

4. E fades away

With the text: he has not been seen or heard from since but  
he does still manage to vote democrat in every major  
election.