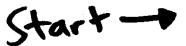
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6. (I/A)



GAVIN (CONT'D)

(BREAKING HIMSELF FREE OF THE HUG) So what's going on Ray?

RAY

Nothing much. Finally found my birth mom. Turns out she!s also a whore.

GAVIN

Wow. What are the odds of a prostitute's baby being adopted by another prostitute?

RAY

Life's funny, huh? Look, I hate to bother you but I'm kind of going through a rough time...

GAVIN

(REACHING IN HIS POCKET) Sure, how much do you need?

RAY

No, no. It's not money this time. I finally finished my book --

GAVIN

(PAINED) And you want me to read it and give you some notes?

RAY

Oh man, it's already published.

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(I/A)

RAY (CONT'D)

It's coming out Monday. Why didn't I call you months ago? Oh yeah, I don't have a phone. I gotta get a phone.

GAVIN

You're getting published? Wow, that's shocking...ly fantastic.

RAY

Is it? You're the only one I know who got published. Did the reviews freak you out? Cause I just read some of mine and man...

GAVIN

Look, Ray, don't let them get you down.

Some critics were brutal to me, too,

but --

RAY

No no no, they loved my book. That's what's freaking me out. I mean, what if it doesn't live up to the hype?

GAVIN

I think hype is probably overstating it.

RAY

They're the ones overstating it.

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8. (I/A)

RAY (CONT'D)

I'm not comparing me to Faulkner, they are.

GAVIN

Who compared you to Faulkner?

RAY

The Times.

GAVIN

(HOPING) High Times?

RAY

New York Times.

GAVIN

That's unbelievable.

RAY

You think that's crazy, Vanity Fair said it defines a generation. What am I going to do?

You know, when I said my reviews were brutal, I was just trying to make you feel better. I actually got some good notices.

STUART

Yeah, they're both manging in your office.