

'Ray'

STACKED - 2AKM03
"Crazy Ray"

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(I/A)

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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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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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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?

END

~~GAVIN~~

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

STUART

Yeah, they're both hanging in your
office.

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