

PEEP WORLD
SCENE 1.- THE BLACK SHEEP

NARRATOR.- Every family has a black sheep, a colossal underachiever, a recovering addict, a fuck-up. In the Meyerwitz family, that role fell to Joel..

JOEL: (On the road, the car suddenly gets a flat tyre) Oh, God. Shit. What was that? Oh, man. Oh, come on. God! That's just great. Oh, no! That is so not cool, man. Aah! Fudge!

----- CUT TO SCENE WHERE THE BREAKDOWN TRUCK HAS ARRIVED-----

MAN: Your card is no good, man. It's been rejected.

JOEL: No good? That's impossible. It's my brother's.. I'll take care of this.

NARRATOR: When Joel was seven, he asked his father to give him a dollar to buy some candy. His father turned him down. So he asked his brother Jack. He's been borrowing money from him ever since.

JACK: (OVER THE PHONE WITH JACK, HIS BROTHER) Hello?

JOEL: Jack, hey, it's Joel. How you... Jack? Jack? Dropped call or...

JACK: What?

JOEL: Hey, Jack. Hey. How are you? Lost you back there, bro.

JACK: You didn't lose me. I hung up.

JOEL: This is serious. There's something wrong with your credit card.

JACK: There's nothing wrong with the card. There something wrong with me. I trusted you. Look at the thanks I get.

JOEL: What are you talking about?

JACK: The monthly statement. You think I don't read it? \$800 dollars at the Pump Station. What is that, another strip club?

JOEL: No, it's not a strip club. It's a personal training center. I'm kickboxing now.

JACK: - You're boxing?

JOEL: It's not just boxing. Muay Thai. You know, it's... if you want to get in the best shape of your life, then trust me on this one. You should try it. Kickboxing is the way to go. Are you there? Jack? Are you listening? This is important.

JACK: Look, Joel. I'm having a rough morning, all right?

JOEL: Oh, God, I'm sorry. Is there anything I can do?

JACK: Yeah, of course there's something you can do. Stop asking me for money. Stop creating crises.

JOEL: You know what, I believe that people can change, and I'm gonna turn things around, and you're gonna see that. I am gonna turn this around. I'm gonna take care of my debt. I'm gonna get my practice going again. I'm gonna get married, and I am gonna have a good life.

JACK: Well, I really hope so, Joel.

JOEL: Yeah. And I'm gonna retire at 40.

JACK: You're 38, Joel. You're broke.

JOEL: Well, that's... see, that's negative. How do you expect me to be positive with all the negativity raining down on me all the time? And I'm gonna tell you something else. I have a new girlfriend, and she is wonderful. She believes in me, and she's trying to make me a better man. And she's not some whore either.

JACK: Well, that sounds good... Joel.

JOEL: Yeah. It is great. It is great. So what I'm gonna do is, I'm gonna just put you on the phone, um, (To the breakdown truck driver) With, uh, What's your name?

DRIVER: Maduk..

JOEL: Ma... Maduk? Maduk?

DRIVER: Maduk..

JOEL: Uh, where are you from?

DRIVER: Sudan.

JOEL: Sudan? Ooh. Sexy. Grr.. Uh, (To this brother, Jack) Maduk from Sudan and, uh, all you have to do is give him your credit card number. Thank you so much, brother. Thank you.

JACK : Hello? What's this gonna cost me?

DRIVER: \$483.