

"THE WHATEVER! GUYS"

Two tattooed, stoner-type teenagers (BENNIE and DEX) exit a comic book store onto a busy hipster/student/Bohemian sidewalk. A HOMELESS GUY is sprawled on the sidewalk.

BENNIE
Did you hear that?

DEX
What?

They are blocking the doorway to the store.

BENNIE
She "whatevered" me.

DEX
Who?

BENNIE
That bitch at the counter. She "whatevered" me. I should have been the one to "whatever" her!

DEX
Go back in and "whatever" her now. I'll wait.

BENNIE
I can't go back and "whatever" her now. I'd look like an assclown.

DEX
Well, that's up to you. But I never let anyone "whatever" me first. If I even think there's a chance someone might "whatever" me, I "whatever" them right away and walk out. Whatever!

BENNIE
Yeah, I should have done that.

DEX
Yeah, I'm not going to get "whatevered" by some piece of crap who's not nearly as spiritual as I am.

BENNIE

Yeah.

DEX

Whatever.

Bennie nods at Dex admiringly.

A homeless guy has been lying on the sidewalk in front of them since they left the store, moving around occasionally.

BENNIE

Hey, what's that blowing at your feet?

DEX

Him?

BENNIE

No, not the guy. The paper thing.

DEX

I don't know. It looks like it has words and pictures on it. Maybe it's a poster for a show or a new tattoo place.

BENNIE

No, it looks like it has stories on it or something.

DEX

Stories about tattoos?

BENNIE

I don't see any tattoo stories. Looks more like stories about a bunch of old, white dudes doing things.

DEX

Giving tattoos?

BENNIE

Yeah, no, I don't see any of that. More like old, white dudes and wars; old, white dudes and money; old white dudes trying not to laugh when they say they care about young black dudes; stuff like that.

DEX

What club's this at?

A CUSTOMER pushes past the teenagers on his way into the store.

CUSTOMER

It's a newspaper, you idiots!

DEX

WHATEVER!

(to Bennie)

See, like that.

BENNIE

Yeah, you're good. So I guess the old, white dude stuff isn't happening at a tattoo place.

DEX

So why would I pay to see it?

BENNIE

You don't pay to see it; it's not a show. I think this is a paper with a list of news that just happened, or something like that.

DEX

Old, white dude news?

BENNIE

Yeah.

DEX

And it costs a buck every day to read about old, white dude news?!

BENNIE

Guess so.

DEX

Who would buy that?

BENNIE

Old, white dudes, I guess. I've never bought one.

DEX

I never bought an old, white dude either.

BENNIE

Yeah.

DEX

If people want news, why don't they just look at their phone and whatever?

BENNIE

Old, white dudes don't look at their phone; they read "Good Money" magazine and watch "The Bachelor" for news. I think they buy these papernews things to do puzzles or to bet on their stock markets or something. The news stuff looks like it just fills it out so it seems bigger than it is.

DEX

Maybe they buy them for when it rains, too?

BENNIE

To see what the weather's gonna be like?

DEX

No, like if it rains and they don't have a hat but they want their old, white dude wigs to stay dry, they put this over their head on their way to bet on the stock markets.

BENNIE

I guess, but I saw one of my Mom's Wal-Mart parking lot boyfriends with one of these on his lap, and he was in his car at the playground watching porno on his car Betamax player and he was bone dry.

DEX

Yeah, then I don't get it.

BENNIE

Me either.

DEX

Well, you could sit on it.

BENNIE

Yeah, but you can sit on lots of things. So what?

DEX

I mean, so then it won't blow at your feet.

BENNIE

Yeah, but I don't think someone invented old, white dude papernews things and sells them for a buck just so that you could sit on them so they won't blow at your feet.

DEX

Maybe they did.

BENNIE

No! I mean, then why wouldn't someone sell something for just 50 cents that will also blow at your feet and you could sit on? They'd sell twice as many.

DEX

Maybe they do.

BENNIE

Yeah, well maybe they don't!

The customer pushes between Bennie and Dex to get out of the store.

CUSTOMER

Whatever!

Dex runs after the customer.

DEX

No, YOU whatever. WHA DEV AH!
(high-pitched, like a Samurai yell)
WHATEVERRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR . . .!!!!

HOMELESS GUY

Damn, he really is good!