



## Currency Exchange      Synopsis

In a corrupt world, the victim turns into aggressor.

In a country town, Emil (32 years old, common) becomes unemployed when the factory where he worked as a turner is closed down. He is married to Ana (30 years old, pleasant), saleswoman; together they have a son, Dorin (6 years old, nice, clever).

After his wife loses her job too, the two decide to emigrate in Australia. Emil sells the apartment and the car bought at their wedding and moves with his family at his parents-in-law who live in the suburbs.

Emil goes to Bucharest to exchange Romanian "lei" into dollars. At the exchange office he is approached by an individual who offers him a better exchange rate than the one at the bank. Fearing the police, the two men exchange their money quickly and the person disappears. Emil realizes that he has been deceived. Instead of money he finds himself holding a bunch of worthless paper sheets, fake dollars. He is beat, he wonders through the city without a purpose.

At the police station, where he denounces the theft, Emil is told that it is his fault for illegally exchanging money and that there are few chances to get his money back, so he does not sign the complaint. At the station he meets Lili (23 years old, blonde, beautiful), a prostitute from Moldova who came to Romania in search of her lover. Advised by Lili, Emil lets his family think that he deposited the money at the bank and that, finding an excellent job offer, he left for Germany.

Meanwhile, he roams the exchange offices from all over the city. Finally, he finds the thief in front of another exchange office, with other accomplices. Emil follows the thief to his home, catches him and forces him into the house where he beats him in order to receive his money back. The thief tells him that he does not have any more money because he had to pay some debts. Angry, Emil savagely beats him until he dies.

While his relationship with Lili is advancing, Emil takes over the deceased's business and becomes a conman himself: in front of the exchange office he deceives the illegal currency exchange fans.

One night he goes home to see his loved ones without their knowledge and then he sends them money.

Emil is told by his wife that he is wanted for murder and decides to leave the country. But he ends up in jail, while his wife and child are waiting for him, without any money in their pockets, at the airport from Melbourne, Australia.

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