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Money JUSTINA THREE

I met a woman some time ago. I knew her for nine weeks.

Other than a few opportunity couplings, I've known only four women.

Three of them were serious effeirs and I was enchanted with the small breakable thing inside each one of them. Whatever their character, strength or size, inside each tay something fragile. Like a breast bone shaped and chosen to wish upon. A little V, thinner than bone and barely hinged that I could break with a forefinger if I wanted to, but I never did.

Want to. Never would. Knowing it was there, hiding, was enough.

The fourth woman, however, changed that. Changed everything. In her company the little V took up residence and made itself at home in my own chest. It was her forefinger scared me.

Women are ready to talk to me because my name is Money. When they hear it, they laugh and make a little joke. Ask me who named me that or if anybody did. If I made it up to make myself feel important or was I a gambler or a thief or some other kind of body they should watch out for.

When I tell them my whole last name, they scream. No end of pleasant talk after that and it's enough to keep our friendship going way after its dried up

just so they can say "Hey, Money, how you making it?" Or "Hey, Money.

Got any?" Or "Money, come on in here. I need you baby." It's tired, old stuff but it keeps things gentle and welcoming when I get fed up with being by myself and seek out company.