

"YOUNG WRITER TOTALLY SCREWED IF EXEC DOESN'T PICK UP CHECK AT LUNCH MEETING"

In a lunch meeting just underway, a VP is expected to paraphrase feedback he'd already emailed to a rising screenwriter. But the young writer, all too familiar with meetings where execs reiterate stuff, expressed concern about a lunch bill that could top \$70 before tax and tip. "I'm even worried about a scenario where we split the tab evenly," he explained. "So far my big break cost my parents almost \$1200."

Sources say the meeting was initially a phone thing, but the screenwriter kept dropping calls coming down Laurel Canyon. And when a more reasonably priced coffee was never even discussed, the scribe knew he might be totally screwed, "All I can do is pray that when it's time to put down a credit card, his wife needs the airline miles."

While the lunch meeting is still in progress, the writer was last seen claiming to have ate before he came.