

“Excuse Me, Waiter. (A Conversation.)”

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(A man is sitting in a booth alone with a plate with one egg and a fork.
No drink. And a waiter is helping another table.)

Excuse me, waiter.

(Turns around) What can I do for ya?

My check says I owe 96 dollars.

(Waiter takes the check and inspects it.) Yes, you had two eggs?

Yeah

That will be 96 dollars

For two eggs?

(Looks back at the check) Yes for two eggs.

Why is it 96 dollars?

Because you got two.

Oh.

Well how much is one?

One egg is one dollar. (Intense eye contact never breaking.)

One dollar?

Yes one dollar?

One egg is one dollar?

Yes sir.

One?

Egg or dollar?

Egg

That would be one dollar.

Because-

-because one egg is one dollar.

(In exactly the same way as before) Oh.

Why do two eggs cost 96 dollars?

It's a combo

A combo of what?

Eggs.

I only ate one of the eggs.

Were you not planning on eating the other?

No

Well then I'll go get you a new check sir.

(Then the waiter brings the plate back into the kitchen where the egg is put back
in the
pan and uncooked and put back into the shell then the egg is put back into a chicken)