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Below the Comfort Range

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What should you do?
Well, there are many things one can and cannot do.
How much money do you have?
Sometimes that is relevant.
You will borrow the money?
Buy him a one-way ticket to any foreign land,
preferably one where he could speak the language.
Introduce him to your most charming, attractive friends.
Pay your most charming, attractive friends to be nice.
Send him flowers and sign someone else's name.
No, do not sign your enemy's name.
You can't think of anyone?
Be creative. Make something up.
Hire an attractive female chef,
one who will cook in the nude.
Send him one hundred copies of the *Kama Sutra*
with women's phone numbers inserted.
Life is complicated?
Not really.
Not always.
You prefer to be direct?
Go over to his place and beat him up.