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BLOOD MONEY ■ ANGELICA ZADAK

CHARACTERS:

ADRIAN – Street beggar, desperate for money
ALEX – Auctioneer, quick on feet, likes the performance
TATIANA – Bidder, wants to add to her collection
BILLIE – Bidder, relishes in the gore
ANDY – Bidder, searching for excitement

ALEX and BIDDERS are assembled for an outdoor auction of murder regalia. ALEX is standing on a platform. ADRIAN sits in corner with a sign reading “Save a Life, Give a Dollar” and a cup.

ALEX

Welcome to the Chicago Murder Mob’s first public auction. Today we will be auctioning off some items highlighted in our monthly magazine, *Blood, Fret, and Tears*.

ADRIAN approaches the group. Walks to Tatiana.

ADRIAN

Please. Just a dollar.

TATIANA

I’m sorry. I only have a credit card.

ALEX

Our first item is the knife from the collection of Ed Gein. The real-life killer and cannibal who inspired none other than the horror film that kept young women from showering since 1960 – *PSYCHO!* Do we have a starting bid?

TATIANA

Ahh! That would be the best addition to my Movie Killer Collection. 50!

ANDY

75!

BILLIE

78!

TATIANA

100!

ALEX

100 once, twice, SOLD!

ADRIAN approaches BILLIE.

ADRIAN

Please, just a dollar.

BILLIE

I'm sorry. Not today.

ALEXA

Next up is no doubt a piece which has been associated with one of the bloodiest holiday in history – The Saint Valentine's Day Massacre. The item? One surviving brick from a garage torn down, but whose bloody history has never been forgotten. It's said that the five murdered on this day were nearly split in half by the bullets. Do we have a starting bid?

BILLIE

Oh my bloody valentine, that's horrible. 500!

ANDY

550!

BILLIE

650!

TATIANA

700!

BILLIE

EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS!

Beat.

ALEX

We have 850 going once, twice, SOLD!

ADRIAN approaches ANDY.

ADRIAN

Please, just a dollar.

ANDY

No.

ADRIAN

Please.

ALEX

Sir, we are trying to hold an auction.

ADRIAN

Just a dollar . . .

ALEX

We don't have money for you.

ADRIAN

Fine. How's this?

*ADRIAN pulls gun and shoots ALEX. All is still for a beat.
Then, the bidders clap.*

ANDY

That was incredible!

ADRIAN looks down at gun. Then makes way to the podium.

ADRIAN

Do we have a starting bid?

End.