



\$5 DOLLAH, \$5 DOLLAH

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\$5 Dollah, \$5 Dollah received in world premiere as a part of The Players Theater Short Play Festival, produced by Be Bebold Productions in 2020. It was directed by Nicki Hesin. Rachel Ekstrand read the stage directions.

AVON: Max Herzfeld

DALE: Molly Parker Myers

VOICE: Molly Parker Myers

CAST OF CHARACTERS

AVON: 27-year-old bag seller.

DALE: 30ish-year-old New Yorker; originally from Texas.

VOICE: Can be played by a male or female of any age.

SETTING: Chinatown

TIME: 4pm

\$5 dollah, \$ dollah

(AVON is standing behind a table of bags on a street in Chinatown. His hair is slicked back and he is wearing tight jeans. There is a walkie-talkie in his pocket.)

AVON

\$5 dollah, \$5 dollah! I got the best designer bags coming at ya'. I got bags for your mothers. I got bags for cousins. I got bags for you. Cause you got to take care of you.

(He says as passerbys walk by his table.)

I got Gucci. I got Fendi. \$5 dollah, \$5 dollah designer bags.

C'mon, c'mon, c'mon get them while they are hot.

(No one stops at his table. A VOICE talks through his walkie-talkie.)

VOICE

Yo, Avon? Avon, you there?

AVON

(Pulls it out from his pocket)

Where else would I be?

VOICE

How's it going out there? Making a killing, man?

AVON

Shitty. I haven't made a sale all day.

VOICE

Damn. But you got the Gucci! You got the Fendi!

AVON

Yea, I know what I got. I don't know what's up. No one wants a bag or something.

VOICE

Well, G is getting restless. You better get your hustle on.

AVON
(Laughing to himself)

Bro, my hustle never stops.

(AVON sees a woman, DALE, coming close to his table. She is wearing an I love New York T-shirt and a frilly skirt.)

Let me go, bro. I see something I like.

(He puts the walkie-talkie back in his pocket)

We got \$5 bags designer bags!

(DALE stops and looks at the table.)

We got Gucci, we got Fendi, we got Prada.

DALE
(Touches some of the bags)

Oh, my word! Is this really Gucci? Like Gucci, Gucci?

AVON
No doubt. It was made by the man, the myth, the legend: Greg Gucci.

DALE
Well, now! I never knew that was his first name.

(Inhales the bag and smells it)

I just love the smell of new bags.

AVON
Yo, lady. You smell it, you buy it!

DALE
I have to smell a few of them before I find the one that's right for me.

(Goes through the table and picks up and touches them. She smells them before she puts them down.)

AVON

You can't really do that.

DALE

My mama always says that you have to smell a bag before you should even think of buying it.

AVON

That's some whack shit.

Look, lady, this is the best deal in NYC. You can't beat a \$5 dollar bag.

DALE

Whack shit?

AVON

You know, messed up!

DALE

You think I'm messed up?

AVON

No.

But smelling bags is....unusual.

DALE

Have you ever tried it?

AVON

No, lady. I guess I haven't.

DALE

Well, then you shouldn't knock something down you know nothing about. My mama...she told me that, too.

AVON

Your mama is filled with all sorts of gems.

Say, where are you visiting from?

DALE

Why do you think I'm visiting?

AVON

Cause you're all flared out in that garb. No one wears an I Love New York shirt who actually lives here.

DALE

(Looks down at her outfit)

Maybe I overdid it.

AVON

It's aight here -- in the touristy part of Chinatown-- but expect a few eye rolls if you go anywhere else in that look.

DALE

You're quite rude. That's not a way to make a sale.

AVON

I'm just telling it like it is.

DALE

That must get you in a lot of trouble.

AVON

You have no idea.

DALE

You know, I'm actually not a tourist.

(AVON starts to laugh)

I'm not kidding you. I moved here 3 years ago. I was supposed to be an actress or something. But, now I'm just a hostess. A pretty shitty one at that.

AVON

It's all good. I was supposed to be a lawyer...or something. And look at me now. I'm a professional bag hawker. Living the dream!

(To other passerbys)

\$5 dollah, \$5 dollah! We got the best bags in the city. Gucci, Fendi, Hermes- right here!

(to DALE)

Say, where'd you move from?

DALE

What's it to you?

AVON

Nothing. Just trying to make a conversion.

DALE

I do like that.

I'm from a small town in Texas where everybody knows my name.

AVON

Like *Cheers*?

DALE

What's that?

AVON

Nothing.

(Whispers)

Since you're clearly a lady of style and sophistication, I wanted you to know that I have some other bags...in the back.

DALE

The back?

AVON

Yea, I got some real nice bags in the back. Real leather bags, practically right off the cow. You'll be sniffing up a storm back there.

DALE

You're making fun of me.

AVON

Of course not. I just never met anyone like you...a genuine bag sniffer.

DALE

I sure hope not. I don't like to be made fun of.

AVON

No one does.

DALE

(Looks away)

So you're telling me these bags aren't real?

AVON

Is anything real anymore?

DALE

(Looks down the alley)

I've seen enough episodes of *Law and Order* to know that this is a mighty shady operation.

(DALE starts to walk away.)

AVON

Wait!

I have something you've got to see! It's a one-of-a kind, custom Hermes. There's only 10 like it in the whole world!