

Billy / Amos CHICAGO HIGH SCHOOL EDITION**BILLY**

Well, hello, Andy.

AMOS

Amos. My name is Amos.

BILLY

Right. Did you bring the rest of the five thousand dollars?

AMOS

Well—here's five hundred on my insurance. And three hundred dollars that I borrowed from the guys at the garage. And seven hundred out of the building and loan fund—

BILLY

That's two thousand.

AMOS

And that's all I got so far.

BILLY

What about her father?

AMOS

I phoned him yesterday and he told me he'll probably be able to raise some money later.

BILLY

You're a liar. I spoke to her father myself. You know what he told me? That his daughter went to Hell ten years ago and she could stay there forever before he'd spend a cent to get her out.

AMOS

I'll pay you twenty dollars a week on my salary. I'll give you notes with interest—double, triple—till every cent is paid.

BILLY

You know, that's touching. But I've got a motto, and that motto is this—play square. Dead square. Now, when you came to me yesterday, I didn't ask you was she guilty. I didn't ask was she innocent. No foolish questions like that, now did I? No. All I said was, "Have you got five thousand dollars?" And you said yes. But you haven't got five thousand dollars so I figure you're a dirty liar.

AMOS

(taking the money and certificates back)
I'm sorry, Mr. Flynn.

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BILLY*(taking the money back from AMOS)*

But I took her case and I'll keep it because I play square. Now, here's what we're gonna do. By tomorrow morning I'll have her name on every front page as the hottest little jazz slayer since Velma Kelly. Then we announce we're gonna hold an auction. To raise money for her defense. They'll buy anything she ever touched—shoes, dresses, underwear. Plus, we tell 'em that if by due process of law she gets hanged—

AMOS

Hanged?

BILLY

—The stuff triples in value. I'll give you twenty percent of everything we make over \$5,000. And that's what I call playing square.

AMOS

I don't know, Mr. Flynn.

BILLY

You see, it's like this: either I get the entire five thousand—

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