

Bloody Mary and the Gentleman Make a Deal
Writing Sample

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CHAT CHARACTER	Gentleman (phone)	Bloody Mary (phone)
Gentleman	Hello, Bloody Mary	
Gentleman	If you're reading this you've received my gift	
Gentleman	If you consider turning the phone into the police don't bother	
Gentleman	This is a private connection	
Gentleman	If you ignore this, you lose a lead to the missing scientists	
Gentleman	And if I suspect this is anyone else, I'll disconnect	
Bloody Mary		You fiend
Bloody Mary		It's astounding you leave glib messages
Bloody Mary		After I disconnected you from your hand
Gentleman	What's a body part or two between associates?	
Bloody Mary		Then I may claim a second?
Gentleman	Twice ruins the artistry of the first	
Gentleman	One moment I had the remote to success in hand	
Gentleman	Victory under my thumb	
Gentleman	And the next, blood	
Gentleman	Yours, solidifying into a crimson blade	
Gentleman	Mine, as that blade severed the wrist	
Bloody Mary		I hoped that were enough
Bloody Mary		Both to stop your plans and to deter you
Bloody Mary		But it was a mistake
Gentleman	I am a villain	
Gentleman	It's my duty to sow havoc	
Gentleman	Just as it is yours to hobble me	
Gentleman	I just can't see why we can't be cordial about it	
Bloody Mary		Fair words
Bloody Mary		But you've garnered too many strikes
Bloody Mary		It was terrible enough to create

		freeze rays
Bloody Mary		Rob banks
Bloody Mary		Rig elections
Bloody Mary		And melt the ozone layer
Bloody Mary		But now you've preyed on the innocent
Gentleman	You judge me too harshly	
Gentleman	The scientists live	
Bloody Mary		In one piece?
Gentleman	Of course! I'm not a monster	
Gentleman	They receive rest and meals	
Gentleman	While they complete my projects	
Bloody Mary		A conditional courtesy
Gentleman	It's a better deal than many other villains would offer	
Gentleman	Give me that much credit	
Bloody Mary		Save your justifications for the authorities
Bloody Mary		However, there is hope for you
Bloody Mary		You reached out to me
Bloody Mary		A change of heart?
Gentleman	One day, but not today	
Gentleman	I want to negotiate	
Gentleman	With you alone	
Bloody Mary		An audacious demand
Bloody Mary		You are aware I hold no authority over the city
Gentleman	I have no interest in such things	
Gentleman	I would've gifted the phone to the police otherwise	
Bloody Mary		Very well
Bloody Mary		Speak
Gentleman	I have a new line of toys and devices	
Gentleman	Made by the scientists actually	
Gentleman	They require a field test	
Gentleman	I want you to be the tester	
Bloody Mary		Be straight with your words
Bloody Mary		You desire a guinea pig
Gentleman	If you like	
Gentleman	But it's crude way of putting it	
Bloody Mary		It has another name:

Bloody Mary		Trap
Bloody Mary		Surely you don't take me for a fresh faced fool?
Gentleman	Of course not	
Gentleman	I'm not low enough to throw in an amateur	
Gentleman	Whereas, you, my dear	
Gentleman	I have faith you will get to the end	
Bloody Mary		You inspire dubious flattery
Bloody Mary		But my senses remain unconvinced
Gentleman	I'll be blunt then	
Gentleman	I'm keeping the scientists in my personal factory	
Gentleman	They're guarded my toys	
Gentleman	Should you agree to come alone	
Gentleman	I'll give you the address	
Gentleman	Should you pass all my defenses	
Bloody Mary	You can take the scientists	
Bloody Mary		Truly?
Bloody Mary		You would allow them to go that easily?
Gentleman	I'm a fair man	
Gentleman	They've done good work for me so far	
Gentleman	But captivity isn't a long-term motivator	
Bloody Mary		Indeed
Bloody Mary		But what will happen should I fail?
Gentleman	Why, it'll no longer be your concern	
Gentleman	So I see no point in answering that	
Bloody Mary		Inexcusable!
Bloody Mary		You ask far too much faith
Gentleman	It's part of the job	
Gentleman	And it doesn't hurt when you hold the upper hand	
Gentleman	The question is, do we have a deal?	
Bloody Mary		...Very well

Bloody Mary		Though let there be no mistake
Bloody Mary		This is under duress
Gentleman	Of course	
Gentleman	I'll send you the coordinates	
	ATTACHMENT SENT	
		TRANSFER COMPLETE
Bloody Mary		Will you be there too?
Bloody Mary		If only to sadistically gloat
Gentleman	I'll be with you in some form	
Gentleman	Don't disappoint me, Grisly Hero	
	BREAK	
Gentleman	How do you feel about mechanical sharks?	
Bloody Mary		BUSY
Gentleman	Do you like them?	
Gentleman	They respond to blood the same way real sharks do	
Gentleman	It seemed like a natural enemy for a blood manipulator	
Bloody Mary		You, foul fiend
Bloody Mary		Are an asshole
Gentleman	You survived to reply	
Gentleman	I'd consider that a success	
Bloody Mary		For me
Bloody Mary		But not for you
Gentleman	No, also for me	
Gentleman	It means you live long enough for the second test	
Bloody Mary		You refer to the spike pit that was beside the shark pool, correct?
Gentleman	Oh, so you survived that too	
Gentleman	With a rope made of blood, based on the replay	
Gentleman	That is a very convenient ability of yours	
Gentleman	With a mere scratch, you release it	
Gentleman	Form it into a solid or fluid	
Gentleman	Then, with a snap of your wrist, it re-enters you	
Gentleman	Don't you worry of infection?	

Gentleman	Is it even possible for you to bleed out?	
Bloody Mary		Many fair guesses, but for naught
Bloody Mary		As if I would tell you my secrets
Gentleman	It would help greatly if you did	
Gentleman	Video footage and data can only go so far	
Bloody Mary		If you weren't a villain
Bloody Mary		If I were to tell you, you
Bloody Mary		COBRAS?
Gentleman	Spitting, mechanical cobras	
Gentleman	Are they better or worse than the sharks?	
Gentleman	A no answer will be seen as 'worse'	
Bloody Mary		Both
Gentleman	Noted	
Gentleman	Thank you	
Bloody Mary		You have cameras on me, correct?
Bloody Mary		Why persist in these questions?
Bloody Mary		Is it part of a plot to distract me?
Gentleman	Interviewing is significant data	
Gentleman	Short responses often denote stress	
Gentleman	While normal responses denote the test is too easy	
Gentleman	And angry responses denote particular areas of interest	
Bloody Mary		I see
Bloody Mary		But I refuse to confirm any of those suppositions
Gentleman	Of course	
Gentleman	But you did respond while passing through the buzz saw room	
Gentleman	While dismantling said sheers	
Gentleman	Very rude. Those took a long time to install	
Bloody Mary		I am not fond of being chopped at
Bloody Mary		Despite my name's sake
Gentleman	I'll take that into account for next time	
Bloody Mary		If there is a next time

Bloody Mary		This would end tonight, if I have it my way
Gentleman	We will see, my dear	
Gentleman	I have a different sort of question	
Gentleman	If you caught me tonight	
Gentleman	Would you miss these encounters?	
Bloody Mary		No
Bloody Mary		It would be insane to say I would miss the cobras
Bloody Mary		The freeze rays
Bloody Mary		The bank robberies
Bloody Mary		Or the tests
Gentleman	I consider those the petty details	
Gentleman	To rephrase, would you miss me?	
Gentleman	If I were locked away?	
Bloody Mary		Why would I, a hero,
Bloody Mary		Miss one of the remoras of the city's underbelly?
Gentleman	Such an unappealing metaphor	
Gentleman	I'm almost hurt	
Bloody Mary		There are many where that came from
Bloody Mary		You are the rot hidden inside a fruit
Bloody Mary		You are the phone call at the crack of dawn
Bloody Mary		You are the jerk texting at the movies
Gentleman	Correction, I am the person pirating those movies	
Gentleman	Or rather, I can afford to buy them out	
Gentleman	And anything else I please	
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