

A Dollar, by David Pinski

The characters of this play see themselves in a certain light, and thus, they are dressed in mismatching time period outfits to better demonstrate their illusion. The Comedian thinks he is hilarious, but most of the time he is simply obnoxious. The Villain considers himself an artful mastermind when in reality he is no better than anyone else. The Heroine sees herself as tough, strong-willed woman when she is really only another sissy. The Tragedian believes he knows about the trials of life more than anyone else, but he probably only gives other people more trials. The Old Man and Old Woman seek respect from the others because of their years, but they are childish in all their ways. Finally, the Ingenue believes she is the picture of innocence and purity, but she is actually a pampered crybaby. Together, they are a band of travelers, tired and hungry, going who knows where.

Despite their different personalities and airs about themselves, when they find one dollar bill on the road, their identical greediness and idolatry come out in the worst ways. They worship the dollar and the person who has the dollar, wreaking havoc and acting utterly ridiculous, and it is obvious that they had the potential for evil all along. In the end, none of them are satisfied, and they are even worse off and farther behind traveling schedule since they've wasted so much time fighting each other.

It's interesting that so much debauchery is on account of a single dollar – not 100 or 1000, but just one measly dollar. The characters show us a picture of ourselves with just how big of a deal we can make over little things compared to the grand scheme of life. Often, if we are honest, we will risk hurting others in our selfishness to gain a trivial earthly pleasure. If we put others before ourselves, and worship only God, putting Him first above everything, we would realize what things are of true worth in this life, and be better off for it.

1 Tim. 6:10 "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

Pr. 23:5 "Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven."

Ex. 20:3 "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me."

Pr. 22:1 "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold."