

Mack the Knife

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Mack is now in the spirit world, and he has been there for a good while. Mack once had a little shoe stall, in Stratford market, selling 'ladies-only' shoes. Mack grew up with The Krays and Reggie and Ronnie he always referred to as 'The Twins'. Mack lived in Valance Road where The Krays also lived, and he used to play Pool with them in their bedroom.

Mack in his younger days was also a Pimp in the West End of London, as he put it "*I used to get the punters in for the girls*".

Anyway, one day Mack needed some stock for his stall. He knew of a warehouse where shoes were stored, so he and a mate broke into a local warehouse not far away. Once inside the warehouse, they found stacks and stacks of cardboard boxes. But when Mack opened the boxes, to his surprise instead of the shoes that he was looking for being there, instead he found 'Rubber Dolls' with detachable heads! So the burglars tipped the dolls out of their boxes, and filled their sacks up with the stock and made for home.

On the way home, Mack had a quick idea. He thought that in the morning, he would find the Kray Twins, and see if they wanted to buy the dolls from him. So the next day, in the early hours of the afternoon, Mack found both the twins in their lock-up, with a lot of stock that they sold on their stalls in Petticoat Lane.

Mack went in with his sack of dolls and asked them if they wanted to buy them for twenty-quid. They had a quick look at the dolls and agreed to pay him twenty-quid, and said that they would bring the money round to him that evening. Mack was quite happy with that. Come the evening and after a long wait, Mack and his mate realised that they were not coming, and they probably never had any intentions to anyway.

By midnight and quite bravely, Mack broke into their lock-up. He found the sack of dolls and luckily he had brought another empty sack with him. So he took all the heads off the dolls and put them in his sack, then quickly hurried home. Then he put a note through their front door, saying '*if they wanted the dolls heads they should come and knock for him the next day in the morning*'.

The following day by approx midday, there came a knock at his door, and looking through the frosted glass of the door, he could see that it was Ronnie and Reggie standing together. Mack grabbed the sack with the dolls heads in it, which was in his front room and opened the front door, and still there were The Twins on his front door step. He gave the sack to Reg who then grabbed it, and Mack said "*you got me money?*" But Reg gave him ten quid instead of the agreed twenty quid, and told Mack it was a fine for breaking into their lock-up. As Mack went to grab the two five pound notes which were being held out to him, Ronnie gave him a smack on the nose, which put Mack on his backside, and said "*that's for being cheeky*".

Ol' Mack got off lightly there me thinks!