

## ***Chronicle of a Death Foretold—Timeline***

### **52 Years Before the Murder**

- Ibrahim Nasar buys a warehouse.
- Ibrahim Nasar is married, and converts the warehouse into a home.

### **21 Years Before the Murder**

- Santiago Nasar is born.
- Ibrahim Nasar seduces Victoria Guzmán when she is an adolescent.

### **3 Years Before the Murder**

- Santiago Nasar's father dies suddenly.

### **6 Months Before the Murder**

- Bayardo San Román arrives in the village.

### **5 Months Before the Murder**

- Bayardo sees Angela Vicario outside his boarding house and asks about her.

### **4 Months Before the Murder**

- Bayardo buys all of the raffle tickets to win Angela the music box.

### **2 Months Before the Murder**

- Bayardo buys the widower Xius' place.
- Angela's mother won't let her go out alone with Bayardo to check out the house.

### **1 Month Before the Murder**

- Nasar turns 21 the last week in January.

## **February**

### **Sunday**

#### **Wedding Day**

- General Petronio San Román and family arrive on the National Congress' ceremonial boat.
- 18:00 - Formal activities end, the guests of honor leave on the boat.
- 22:00 - Angela sends for a suitcase of personal things and regular clothes.
- 23:00 - Pura Vicario goes to bed, after cleaning up after the party.

### **Monday**

#### **Day of the Murder**

- 00:00 - The "after-party" breaks up.
- 01:00 - Bayardo knocks at Pura Vicario's door, returns Angela.
  - Angela is subsequently beaten.
- 02:00 - Nasar drinks/serenades with Cristo Bedoya, Narrator, Luis Enrique, and others.
- 03:00 - Pura Vicario summons her twins home.
  - Angela tells them that it was Santiago Nasar.
  - They go to the pigsty and get knives.
- 03:20 - The Vicario brothers go to the meat market to sharpen the knives.
- 04:00 - Cristo Bedoya is with Santiago Nasar and the Narrator.
  - Colonel Lazaro Aponte wakes up.
- 04:10 - The Vicario brothers go to Clotilde Armenta's.
  - The Narrator goes to the brothel; his brother stops by the milkshop to buy cigarettes; the twins tell him they're going to kill Santiago; they offer him a "fatal drink" of "liquid fire"
- 04:20 - Santiago Nasar enters his house, sleeps for 1 hour.

- At some point, someone slips a note warning Santiago under the Nasar's front door.
- 05:00 - Clotilde Armenta sends final warning to Victoria Guzmán via the beggar.
- 05:30 - Santiago Nasar wakes up from a dream on the day of his death.
  - Victoria Guzmán wakes him up.
  - Santiago reports his dream to his mother.
  - He goes downstairs to drink his coffee, while Victoria and Divina Flor butcher rabbits.
- 06:05 - The bishop's boat sounds, and all of the following happen almost simultaneously:
  - Santiago Nasar leaves his house.
  - The Vicario Brothers awake on a bench, see Santiago Nasar pass by.
  - Luis Enrique briefly awakes in his bathroom, but falls asleep again.
  - Flora Miguel awakes, soon finds out about the murder and the twins' motives, and she cries.
- 06:15 - The bishop's boat passes, without stopping (time estimated).
- 06:20 - Cristo Bedoya gives Nasar the final cost estimates on the wedding.
- 06:25 - Nasar decides to change clothes before he eats breakfast at the Narrator's/Margot's house.
  - He says he will be there by 6:40.
- 06:26 - Santiago and his friend Cristo Bedoya go walking away from the docks.
- 06:30 - Santiago's closest friend, Indalecio Pardo, doesn't warn him.
- 06:35 - Yamil Shaium, hereditary counselor of the Nasar family, trades words in Arabic with Santiago, but does not warn him directly.
- 06:40 - Yamil tells Cristo Bedoya that Santiago's life is in danger; Cristo doubles back to find Santiago.
- 06:45 - Nasar enters Flora Miguel's house. She yells at him.
- 06:58 - Still searching for Santiago Nasar, Cristo Bedoya takes Nasar's gun to give to him.
- 07:00 - Pedro tells Cristo they're going to kill Santiago; Cristo wants to shoot him, but can't use a gun.
- 07:01 - Victoria Guzmán finally tells Plácida Linero that her son's life is in danger.
- 07:01 - The mayor tells Cristo he's going to intercept the twins, but checks on a domino date in the social club.
- 07:01 - Cristo goes toward the Narrator's house, thinking Santiago might have gone there for breakfast.
- 07:02 - Divina Flor says that she saw Santiago return to the house and go up the stairs, carrying possibly roses.
- 07:02 - Cristo spends 7 minutes with the Arangos, helping with their father, so cannot stop the murder.
- 07:05 - Santiago Nasar is "carved up like a pig."
  - The twins see him and run across the square. A crowd has gathered.
  - His mother bars the door, thinking they're trying to break into the house to kill Santiago.
  - The sounds of the stabbing and pounding are heard; the twins are killing Santiago; he falls to the ground.
  - Santiago stands up, walks to the back door of his house and collapses, holding his intestines.
  - Almost immediately, the Narrator enters, awakened by the alarm. They lock the dogs in the stables.
- 07:10 - The Vicario Brothers enter the parish house, pursued by angry Arabs, and turn in their knives to the priest.
- 08:00 - The Vicario Brothers are behind bars.
- 12:00 - The dogs escape; Plácida Linero orders them killed.
  - The body starts decaying rapidly; Col. Aponte orders the autopsy.
- 18:00 - The autopsy is performed on Santiago Nasar's body. It is a grotesque, botched affair.

## **Tuesday**

### **1 Day After the Murder**

- The Narrator goes to Maria Alejandrina Cervantes's, dreams—then they don't have sex.
- Throughout the day, everything smells of Santiago Nasar.
- 03:00 - Purísima Vicario says goodbye to her sons, they are transferred to Riohacha. The whole family leaves.

## **Saturday**

### **5 Days After the Murder**

- The mayor and company break into Xius's former house, to find Bayardo in a poor state.

## **Sunday**

### **12 Days After the Murder**

- The investigating magistrate returns.

### **3 Years After the Murder**

- The Vicario brothers are released from prison in Riohacha.
- Prudencia Cotes and Pablo are married. Pablo becomes a goldsmith.

### **6 Years After the Murder**

- Pedro Vicario reenlists in the army. (Eventually he goes missing on a patrol.)
- Angela Vicario sees Bayardo San Roman in a hotel and subsequently writes letters to him on a regular and frequent basis.

### **23 Years After the Murder**

- One August day—Bayardo returns to Angela.
- The Narrator speaks with Bayardo, but nothing comes of it.
- The Narrator sees Angela has become an embroiderer; she tells her story

### **27 Years After the Murder**

- The Narrator returns to the village to “put the broken mirror of memory back together.”

**Built upon a timeline found at: <http://www.rogerroll.net/coadf/timeline/>**