

A ceramic vase with a detailed snake head design, including scales and a hood, sits on a rustic wooden table. A carving knife with a wooden handle and a metal blade lies horizontally in front of the vase. To the right of the knife, there are several small, fresh-looking drops of red liquid, resembling blood, on the wood grain. In the background, a window looks out onto a lush green landscape with rolling hills and trees under a clear sky.

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