Barbarians within the Gate: Pillage of a Rare Book Collection?

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Abstract
The title of this article combines the title of Bryan Burrough and John Helyar's best-selling book, Barbarians at the Gate: The Fall of RJR Nabisco (New York: Harper and Row, 1990), and the following quotation from the self-published leaflet of a highly articulate, but soundly disgruntled Kansas Citian who was lambasting the public library for selling its collection of rare books.

Legend has it that barbarians looted the great library of ancient Alexandria, but today, to a considerable extent, it is the librarians themselves who are discarding our literary treasures.

Somehow the title just seemed to fit the story of . . .

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