

THE CREW & CAST
(in order of appearance)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - Rick Chavez

AV/POWERPOINT - Ashlee Richman

SCOREKEEPER - Liz Mabry

NARRATOR

Betty Resch

GABE THE GAMBLER

Carlos Jimenez

DUMB (a small-time enforcer with a big scar on his left cheek)

Joe Poklemba

INNOCENT BYSTANDER

Nazli Matt

911 OPERATOR

Farah Lolagne

OFFICER DUNKIN (not the sharpest donut in the box)

Rachel Katz

MAMA (one tough cookie)

Amy Fischer

DUMBER (DUMB's brother - same build and hair color, but no scar)

Mark Greenberg

ATTORNEY GOODFELLOW (he has "criminal defense lawyer" all over him)

Greg Salnick

BIG BOSS (a Tony Soprano type)

Zilvinas Mardosas

SUSPECTS IN LINEUP

Anyone without a part

MEMBERS OF THE JURY

Anyone without a part

PROSECUTOR PRINCESS

Terrill Pyburn

ATTORNEY NEWBIE

Lisa Lullove

JUDGE DORIGHT

Edward Shipe

PROPS

ATM sign [???)
Paste-on scar (Dumb) [Joe]
Costumes (Dumb, Dumber) [Joe/Mark/Terrill will collaborate]
Fake nerf/squirt gun (Dumb) [Mark]
Monopoly money (Gabe, Dumb, Big Boss, Mama) [Liz]
Crown Royal Bag (Dumb, Big Boss, Mama) [Liz]
Cell phone (Gabe) [Carlos]
Cell phone (911 Operator) [Farah]
Headset (911 Operator) [Liz]
A donut (Officer Dunkin) [Rachel]
Policeman's hat (Officer Dunkin) [Rachel]
Handcuffs (Officer Dunkin) [Rachel]
Business cards (Goodfellow) [Greg]
Fedora or snazzy fur hat (Big Boss) [???)

Seating placards for Inns [Betty]
Prizes (if we have them) [Betty]

THE BACK STORY

or

IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT AT THE ATM

(read by NARRATOR)

GABE THE GAMBLER was robbed at gunpoint late one night after taking money out of an ATM. Everybody knows that Gabe has been on an epic losing streak at The Lucky Star, a casino owned by BIG BOSS - and Gabe owed Big Boss some big dollars.

DUMB is an enforcer and "collection agent" for Big Boss. Dumb saw Gabe at the ATM machine and took the opportunity to get some of the money Gabe owes Big Boss. DUMBER is Dumb's hapless brother.

The brothers live with MAMA and she calls the shots in the family. Dumb supports Mama and his brother with his "job" doing collections for Big Boss.

After Gabe calls the police and the brothers are taken into custody, it becomes clear that somebody has to take the rap for the robbery. Dumb has a serious criminal record, but Dumber has no priors. Mama, her sons, and Big Boss decide that Dumb should stay out of jail and keep making money, while Dumber does some easy time. Attorneys get involved, and mayhem ensues.

THE SCRIPT

SCENE I

NARRATOR

Late one night, Gabe the Gambler is at an ATM in downtown West Palm Beach withdrawing money.

There is an ATM SIGN on the podium. GABE THE GAMBLER punches in his PIN code and withdraws a STACK OF MONEY. As Gabe turns to leave, DUMB approaches, shoves a GUN in Gabe's ribs and holds his hand out for the money. DUMB's scar is clearly visible.

DUMB

Looks like you got more money than you can fit in your wallet. Let me help you with that.

Gabe hands the money over, shrugging his shoulders. He is more exasperated than scared.

DUMB

(laughing at Gabe)

See you next time, sucker.

Dumb pulls a CROWN ROYAL BAG from his pocket and puts the money in it. He puts the bag back in his pocket and walks off. Standing about 50 feet away, hiding in the shadowed doorway of a nearby building, is INNOCENT BYSTANDER.

NARRATOR

Innocent Bystander saw the whole thing - but Gabe barely noticed her.

Gabe stands for a minute, thinking, then makes up his mind.

GABE
(angrily)
Why shouldn't I call the cops? That's
what they're there for.

He pulls out his CELL PHONE and punches in 911.
Before hitting "call", he pauses.

GABE
OK, what do they say in the movies?
(exaggeratedly panicked)
Operator? Help! Some guy just mugged
me! I'm so scared - I don't know what
to do.
(chuckling)

Gabe hits "call" and waits while the phone rings.

The OPERATOR, seated with a HEADSET on, picks up
the call.

911 OPERATOR
911, what's your emergency?

GABE
(dramatically)
Some guy with a gun just jumped me and
took all my money!

911 OPERATOR
Are you in any danger now sir?

GABE
No, the guy ran off, but I don't know
what to do.

911 OPERATOR
Where are you now?

GABE
I'm at the ATM machine outside Publix,
on Rosemary and Fern.

911 OPERATOR

Just stay where you are. I'll have an officer out to you shortly.

NARRATOR

About 15 minutes later, OFFICER DUNKIN approaches Gabe.

OFFICER DUNKIN

(excitedly)

I'm Officer Dunkin. I've already been briefed about the incident. Did you see your attacker?

GABE

Yeah, I got a good look at him. He was really ugly, dumb-looking, had a scar on his left cheek.

OFFICER DUNKIN

Was there anyone else with him?

GABE

No. I mean, there was somebody else hanging around, but he was the one with the gun, that dumb-looking guy.

OFFICER DUNKIN

What did the other person look like? Man or woman?

GABE

I don't know - it's so dark. Kind of average height, average weight - dark hair, maybe?

OFFICER DUNKIN

I bet you dollars to donuts it was Dumb and Dumber. Always causing trouble, those two.

GABE

(smirking)

Dollars to donuts, Officer Dunkin?
Wow. I wouldn't bet you on that. Well,
I guess you don't need me anymore
since you know who did it.

OFFICER DUNKIN

Keep your cell phone on. I know those
boys and I'll be needing you for a
line up.

GABE

(smoothly)

Sure thing Officer Dunkin. I am a big
fan of you law enforcement and I want
to help any way I can. I got a good
look at both those guys. Sure thing
I'll be able to pick 'em out of a
lineup.

SCENE II

NARRATOR

About half an hour later, Officer Dunkin knocks on MAMA's front door. Mama answers.

MAMA

(belligerently)

Why are you bothering me Officer Dunkin? You always show up bringing trouble.

OFFICER DUNKIN

It's not me bringing trouble Mama. It's not my fault your boys are always in the wrong place doing the wrong thing. Where are they?

MAMA

They're inside watching Ice Road Truckers. They been at home all night.

OFFICER DUNKIN

They need to come with me, Mama. If they've been home all night, I'm sure I'll have 'em back home real soon.

MAMA

Boys! Get out here.

(sarcastically)

Gotta go down to the station with the nice lady.

Dumb and DUMBER come out of the house, and Officer Dunkin takes them out to her squad car.

NARRATOR

ATTORNEY GOODFELLOW, a criminal defense lawyer who happens to live in the neighborhood, is out walking his dog and sees Officer Dunkin taking the boys out of the house. Boys!

Attorney Goodfellow walks up to the brothers and flips both of them a business card.

ATTORNEY GOODFELLOW
Give me a call, I've never lost a case
yet with this bozo of a cop.

Freeze scene for Questions 1 and 2.

SCENE III

NARRATOR

Half an hour passes. Goodfellow has just finished walking his dog when his CELL PHONE rings.

MAMA

I just got a call from my boys saying you offered to help.

GOODFELLOW

And help them I will - if they can pay for my services. What are they in for?

MAMA

I don't know, but I can tell you right now that whatever it is, Dumber didn't think it up. He doesn't have the brains. I guarantee you that my Dumb talked Dumber into this. Come over here so I can give you what you need.

GOODFELLOW

I'll be right over.

NARRATOR

Goodfellow knocks on Mama's door. Mama opens it and takes him into the living room, where BIG BOSS is sitting.

MAMA

Let's get down to business. I know you need to get paid, and I need you to take care of this.

Big Boss says nothing, but hands a CROWN ROYAL BAG to Mama.

MAMA

(proudly)

At least Dumb did one thing right. He gave me the money he took, so I've got the cash to pay you.

Mama hands the CROWN ROYAL BAG to Goodfellow.

MAMA

There's more where that came from when you need it. I want you to make sure my sons get treated right. Big Boss and I both need Dumb cut loose - he can't make any of us any money while he is sitting in that jail. We hear you got an inside track on getting this case thrown out because of what you know about that cop. And since you play cards with the judges, that means you're the only choice for this job. Got it?

Mama winks broadly at Goodfellow. Big Boss nods ponderously.

Freeze scene for Questions 3 and 4.

SCENE IV

NARRATOR

Meanwhile, at the police station, Officer Dunkin has put together a lineup, which consists of Dumb and Dumber (standing next to each other) and a host of other people who look nothing like the brothers - including a few women. PROSECUTOR PRINCESS is observing the lineup when Gabe is brought in.

PROSECUTOR PRINCESS

I love prosecuting these scumbags. You can tell they're guilty just by looking at them.

(to Gabe)

Do you recognize anyone in the lineup?

GABE

(questioningly)

Um...yeah, the one with the scar?

OFFICER DUNKIN

(to Gabe)

What about the guy next to him? Was he the other one you saw?

GABE

Maybe...I really didn't focus on the other guy.

PROSECUTOR PRINCESS

(meaningfully)

Look again - real close - do you think it was him?

GABE

Yeah, okay. I guess so. Sure. Yeah, it was definitely him.

SCENE V

NARRATOR

Officer Dunkin has arrested Dumb and Dumber, and Prosecutor Princess has charged them both with robbery. Attorney Goodfellow meets with the brothers at the jail.

DUMB

We talked to Mama and she says that Dumber should take the rap for this one because his record is clean. I could go to jail for a long time with my record. Mama depends on me to take care of her and she'll be on the street if I can't work.

DUMBER

(nodding placidly)

Mama's so smart.

DUMB

So make a deal. Get the prosecutor to let me go, and Dumber will plead guilty.

GOODFELLOW

(to Dumber)

Is this what you want?

DUMBER

(nodding again)

I guess so.

GOODFELLOW

Look guys, I can't take direction from Mama. I --

DUMB

(interrupting)

You gotta understand, Mama runs this family. That's the way it is.

DUMBER
(smiling vacantly)
Yep.

DUMB
(to Goodfellow, menacingly)
We do what Mama says, and you should
too - if you know what's good for you.

Freeze scene for Questions 5 and 6.

SCENE VI

GOODFELLOW

(to NEWBIE)

Listen, I gotta get my hair cut. Take care of this hearing for me. They're brothers and they know how they want to plead. I'll give you all the notes. You'll be fine - it's easy.

NARRATOR

At the hearing, Newbie tries to talk to Prosecutor Princess about the deal, but she gets confused.

NEWBIE

(nervously, to Princess)

So...how about we make a deal. Dumber didn't know anything about this, it was all Dumb's fault - hold on, wait a minute...

(checks notes)

Wait, no, I have it all wrong. Dumb did it - I mean - he didn't do it. I mean, Dumber wants to see if he can make a deal with you.

(looks hopefully at Princess)

PROSECUTOR PRINCESS

(smirking)

I have a solid eyewitness - there is no way Dumb is walking out of this one. No deal.

NARRATOR

The hearing is a mess. Afterwards, Mama calls Goodfellow in a fury.

MAMA

(angrily)

I hired you to defend my boys. I gave you the money. What right did you have to send that baby lawyer to that hearing? Big Boss is so furious he's talking about messing you up. You know Dumb is his best man, right? If I was you, I'd lock up tight tonight.

Freeze scene for Questions 7, 8, and 9.

SCENE VII

NARRATOR

At trial, Gabe is on the stand. The jury is seated and JUDGE DORIGHT is presiding.

PROSECUTOR PRINCESS

(to Gabe)

Tell us what happened.

GABE

Well, I was standing at the ATM getting some money out to donate to my church, like I do every week, and I got held up. The guy had a gun so of course I gave him my money. I have no idea why he picked me.

PROSECUTOR PRINCESS

Do you see your attacker in the courtroom?

GABE

No, but I know it was Dumber.

PROSECUTOR PRINCESS

You mean Dumb, right? He is the one you picked out of the lineup last week.

GABE

(nervously)

Oh...no, I was confused. It was definitely Dumber.

PROSECUTOR PRINCESS

(disbelievingly)

I'm sorry. Maybe I don't understand. When you made the identification last week you were sure it was Dumb, and now you're saying it was Dumber?

GABE

(even more nervous)

Um...you know, I was coming down with a cold that night and I took some NyQuil, so maybe I was a little foggy. I guess I can't really be sure who it was. Maybe you should just forget about the whole thing.

NARRATOR

Unfortunately, Innocent Bystander, the only witness, could not be found, and the video on the ATM had malfunctioned and could not be accessed, so the case depends entirely on Gabe's testimony. Prosecutor Princess sees her easy conviction slipping away.

PROSECUTOR PRINCESS

(to Judge Doright)

Judge, I'd like to request a recess.

JUDGE DORIGHT

Okey-dokey.

NARRATOR

Prosecutor Princess and Attorney Goodfellow step outside the courtroom.

PROSECUTOR PRINCESS

(to Attorney Goodfellow)

You know, we all should try to help each other out, right? I'm willing to drop the charges on this one - I scratch your back, you scratch mine.

Freeze scene for Question 10.