The Burglars

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SCENE 1 EXT HIGH STREET DAY

Establishing shot of the High Street, the High Street is urban with people walking round shops. Each one of the BURGLARS is being chased by the POLICE after trying to steal from the same place. They manage to find a DUMPSTER to hide in and evade the POLICE'S capture. The camera first follows ROB running down the street followed by NICK a few seconds later. JACK is the last one to run down the street.

SCENE 2 INT DUMPSTER DAY

ROB hides his stolen goods behind the dumpster just in case he accidently breaks any of the items. He then jumps into the dumpster. He has a look of relief on his face. But he is followed into the dumpster by NICK moments later, who also hides his stolen goods behind the dumpster.

> ROB (Relief suddenly turning to anger) Hey what do you think you're doing?! I found this dumpster first, get lost!

NICK I would get lost but there are a group of police officers out there looking for me!

ROB They're looking for me as well, join the club!

NICK It feels like we are in a club but it stinks!

ROB

Exactly like a club then!

JACK jumps into the dumpster a few seconds later taking his stolen goods with him. He doesn't seem too concerned about his stolen goods, which shows his lack of experience as a burglar.

JACK

(Surprised) Oh great, I try and find somewhere to hide and I end up with two other guys who are on the run! What are the chances of that?! ROB (Sarcastically) Cheers mate, feelings mutual.

JACK I'm not moving. Even if I look like Stig of the Dump at this moment in time, I'd rather be here than in the custody of the law.

NICK turns and looks at ROB. ROB shrugs his shoulders. NICK then turns back to JACK.

NICK (Sarcastically) So are you saying we're trespassing on your property?

Jack frowns at Nick.

JACK Are you trying to patronise me? Because if you are then you might as well get your ass out of the dumpster now!

JACK attempts to push NICK out of the dumpster. But NICK holds on tight to the side of the dumpster.

NICK

Get your hands off me Stig!

ROB

Oi! Maybe if you two stopped bickering the police won't be able to find and arrest us.

NICK You started it!

JACK You started it, you cheeky bugger!

While NICK and JACK are arguing, ROB can hear faint footsteps of the police officers nearby.

ROB Shut up I can hear them!

NICK and JACK stop bickering as the sound of the POLICE OFFICER'S footsteps edge nearer.

SCENE 3 EXT STREET DAY

POLICE OFFICER IN CHARGE They must've run around the corner!

POLICE OFFICER 2 Really? They didn't look like they could run that quick...

POLICE OFFICER 3 Unless they're Jamaican or Kenyan Olympic runners.

POLICE OFFICER IN CHARGE Stop wasting time with your jokes and follow me!

POLICE OFFICERS 2 AND 3 Yes sir, Sarge in charge!

The POLICE OFFICERS run down the High Street thinking the BURGLARS ran round the corner not realising they're hiding in the dumpster.

SCENE 4 INT DUMPSTER DAY

ROB Sarge in charge? I wonder if he makes them say such a stupid thing like that...anyway it sounds like they're gone.

NICK The Sarge in charge and his mates are dumber than I thought. Thank God for that.

JACK (Over excitedly) We did it! We fooled them!

NICK (Look of confusion) What do you mean `we'?

JACK Oh so you don't see this as a team effort?

NICK Team effort?! We've only known each other for a few minutes, how are we suddenly a team? JACK Fine, if you wanna be like that get out of the dumpster.

NICK (Sarcastically)I will! It's a dumpster after all!

ROB Hang on, don't you think we should lay low for a while in case the old bill are still out there?

NICK They won't be still out there, we fooled them!

ROB Yea I know that but they could have back-up and helicopters searching for us.

NICK I don't wanna sit in a dumpster for the rest of the day man!

JACK Unless there's a secret route out of here.

ROB Secret route? I reckon there could be one actually. It's better than laying low in this smelly dumpster with all of us sweating as well.

ROB, NICK and JACK make their way out of the dumpster and look for a secret route out of the town without attracting the POLICE'S attention.

SCENE 5 EXT ALLEYWAY DAY

ROB has a hunch that an alleyway may lead to a car park, where his car is parked.

ROB This alleyway looks like it leads to the car park.

NICK The alleyway stinks man! JACK That's why they nicknamed it smelly alley. It perfectly sums it up and has a ring to it.

NICK Ah man it reeks of dead fish!

ROB Look, we haven't got much choice. We're gonna have to just run through here holding our breath.

ROB, NICK and JACK run through the alleyway while trying to hold their breath and stolen goods. They make it out to the other side where the car park is.

SCENE 6 EXT CARPARK DAY

ROB, NICK and JACK then walk casually through the car park looking for ROB's car.

NICK The next time we have to go through an alleyway I'll bring a scuba diving mask.

JACK

I thought you said we weren't a team? Also a scuba diving mask sounds a bit daft don't you think?

NICK

Don't try and get clever with me, kid. We're three blokes who happened to have nicked stuff at the same time and need to get away from the police.

JACK

I think we're doing well for three blokes who happened to have nicked stuff at the same time. AKA a team.

NICK Argh stop saying that word, man!

ROB points out his car to NICK and JACK.

ROB Ok guys there's my car. Now if you could be so kind as to put your (MORE)

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ROB (cont'd) stolen goods in the boot as quickly as possible, the sooner we can get out of here.

ROB, NICK and JACK stash their stolen goods in ROB's car. ROB then drives off narrowly avoiding the POLICE who are searching for them at the other side of the car park.

SCENE 7 EXT HOUSE DAY

ROB drives NICK and JACK to his house, which he's lived in since it was abandoned. They store their stolen goods there for safe keeping. Matters soon turn to their next burglary...

SCENE 8 INT HOUSE LIVING ROOM DAY

ROB's abandoned house is detached, which is important as the burglars wouldn't want the neighbours to hear anything from the other side of the wall if it was semi-detached or terraced housing. It has moss and plants growing over the walls; as if it was smothering the bricks and pipes. But keeping the house in good condition and presentable to the outside world was the last thing on ROB's mind when he took up residence there.

NICK and JACK walk into the living room after storing the last of their stolen goods away.

ROB According to the news today, more people are becoming unemployed...

NICK Yea I saw it briefly on my TV upstairs.

JACK

The news always says that though doesn't it? And it doesn't exactly affect us really...

NICK

You're right, we may come under being unemployed but we still get by. By nicking stuff!

ROB Was that on your brand new TV you robbed?

NICK How do you know it's brand new? I could've nicked it from someone's house instead of a department store. ROB It's still got the price tag on it... JACK Damn he's good! NTCK Alright well done Columbo... I bet you're jealous of it though! ROB Actually I robbed a bigger TV than that the over day... SCENE 9 INT HOUSE ROB BEDROOM DAY ROB shows NICK and JACK his bigger TV in his bedroom. JACK Wow looks like I got some catching up to do with all these brand spanking new TVs! ROB (Being sly towards Nick) I actually robbed this from someone's house, you can't tell the difference. NICK

NICK So you think you're a master of burglary all of a sudden? Where's your graduation certificate?

JACK Someone probably jacked it...

ROB points at JACK showing his delight with JACK's clever answer.

ROB

Exactly!

NICK (Signs) I had a feeling you'd say something stupid like that. JACK Well you asked him a stupid question.

ROB Believe me; if I could study burglary I would be top of the class!

NICK Oh yea? How about we put ourselves to the test?

JACK What kind of test? How about whoever can still steal the most valuable thing wins?

NICK is quick to dismiss his suggestion and makes a noise sounding like the buzzing noise on Family fortunes when someone gets an answer wrong.

> NICK Good guess but no...

ROB Who steals the most things wins? Quantity over quality for a change?

NICK Another good guess but no again.

JACK What do you suggest then? Do we have to become cat burglars now?

ROB Now that sounds like a challenge!

NICK

Don't be ridiculous! My suggestion is going to a department store just before it closes and whoever manages to steal something in the quickest amount of time is the winner!

JACK

A department store? Are you kidding me? I've only jacked stuff from corner shops and the back of vans but a department store? I don't like the sound of that! NICK You haven't had that much experience have you? Call yourself a burglar?

ROB If you do this Jack it'll look good on your (Mimes speech marks) 'CV'.

JACK What if we get locked in?

NICK There's always a way out, we'll break into a vent like in Die Hard.

JACK (With a smirk on his face)Sounds like you've been watching too many action movies.

NICK takes it as a compliment.

NICK And what's so wrong with that? Love a bit of Die Hard.

ROB As long as we've got all the tools we'll need to break in and out we'll be fine.

NICK And who knows if we're successful we could go back and nick some more!

JACK Or end up being nicked by the old bill...

ROB Come on Jack, this is a step up for you! Once you've done it you'll feel confident you can rob anywhere!

NICK Come on Jack!

JACK Fine, I'll do it, but this better not go tits up otherwise... ROB Tits up? What like Barbara Windsor in Carry On Camping?

NICK raises his eyebrows and tries to ignore what Rob said as he wants to get to the bottom of what Jack is saying.

NICK

... Otherwise what?

JACK Well I'll have to find some other burglars to work with.

ROB Trust me Jack, other burglars round here combine burglary with murder and we don't go that far.

NICK Unless we encounter rival burglars...

JACK Please don't say that, me agreeing to jack stuff from a department store is enough for one day but having to think about killing other burglars is too much!

ROB Nick's just messing with ya, aren't you Nick?

NICK (Deadpan)Yea...

SCENE 10 EXT DEPARTMENT STORE NIGHT

The Burglars ROB, NICK and JACK wait in their stolen car discussing when to go inside to the department store.

SCENE 11 INT STOLEN CAR, CAR PARK NIGHT

JACK Right what's the plan Nick?

NICK When did I say I had a plan? JACK

You don't have a plan?! So I agreed to go in your stolen car, which is parked outside of a department store with security cameras watching our every move to hear you utter those words?!

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We don't need a plan it should be straight forward...

JACK

Straight forward?! If it was straight forward everyone would be stealing! Society would be chaos!

NICK

Alright pipe down Jackie boy! All we have to do is find a way up onto the roof and into the ventilating system.

JACK There he goes again with the action movies...

NICK Do you want to nick stuff or not?!

JACK Fine, but I'm warning you something's telling me something's going to happen tonight.

ROB Wasn't that a Cilla Black song?

JACK Oh yea didn't mean to make a reference to that...

NICK

Have you two finished your little trivia quiz? Come on let's do this thing!

ROB, NICK and JACK get out of the stolen car and look out for any eyewitnesses.

SCENE 12 EXT CAR PARK NIGHT

ROB, NICK and JACK then proceed to walk up to the side of the department store building.

JACK So how are we gonna get up onto the roof?

ROB gets his magnetic coat hangers out of his huge bag he robbed from a gadget shop. NICK and JACK look bemused.

ROB We're going to use these bad boys!

JACK You're having a laugh! Are you serious? Do you really think those magnetic coat hangers are gonna hold our weight?

ROB Have you got a better option?

ROB casually polishes his coat hangers while speaking to NICK and JACK.

JACK I dunno maybe get a ladder from somewhere?

NICK Oh yea because that won't look obvious...

JACK Have you got any bright ideas Nick?

NICK Those magnetic coat hangers look a bit dodgy but there's a first time for everything as they say.

JACK Am I the only sane person here?

ROB You'll be surprised how strong these bad boys are.

JACK Fine we'll use your bloody magnetic coat hangers! ROB attempts to climb up the side of the building first with NICK and JACK checking if there are no passers by who could report them to the police.

NICK Come on man the longer we stand here the more chance someone's gonna see us!

ROB Alright, alright I'm nearly there!

ROB nearly makes it on top of the roof. He uses one of the magnetic coat hangers to divert the security camera away from him. But one of his magnetic coat hangers slips and falls to the ground. ROB is left clutching onto the one remaining hanger, shouting for help.

ROB

Hellllppppp!

NICK Shut up! You're gonna attract attention!

JACK (Groans) I knew this was a bad idea...

NICK You're not helping! Rob you're only a few inches away from the roof, just try and reach up and hold on!

ROB I can't! Oh God I don't want to die!

NICK You're not going to die! Trust me you can do this, man!

JACK Tell you what mate how about I come up and give you a helping hand?

ROB Yes, please, anything!

JACK starts climbing up the side of the wall with the magnetic coat hangers.

NICK You better not get stuck up there too!

JACK I may've said this was a stupid idea but it's the only idea we've got at the moment.

JACK manages to reach ROB and gives him a hand by pushing his foot upwards.

ROB

A bit more Jack, a bit more.

NICK Come on guys your nearly there!

ROB Just a bit more...

JACK finally manages to give ROB one final push and leaps onto the roof to safety.

ROB Oh my God I survived!

JACK Yes thanks to me Gloria Gaynor, now can you help me up for a change?

NICK Ok guys I'm coming up now!

ROB Hang on I brought some rope with me!

JACK You had rope with you the whole time?

ROB Yea, so when we got up here I could throw it down to you guys.

ROB carefully lowers the rope down to NICK so he can climb his way up to the roof.

JACK My point is why didn't you just throw it up towards the roof in the first place? ROB Well that would be too straight forward wouldn't it?

JACK

Yes I know I said that but surely the rope would've been the easier solution to the problem than having to climb using magnetic coat hangers?!

ROB

Hey you're being part of the problem not the solution right now.

NICK pulls himself up and thanks ROB.

NICK Thanks mate.

JACK Have you got any other items you brought with you that you haven't told us about?

ROB Does your mum count as an item?

JACK Now you're just being childish.

NICK Guys enough with the squabbling! We need to find the ventilation system.

ROB gets his stolen phone out to search for the ventilation system on Google maps.

JACK What are you doing?

ROB I'm using Google maps to locate the ventilation system.

JACK Google maps? The vents are over here!

JACK gets out his torch out and points to where the vents are.

NICK He's got a point Rob, Google maps can't help you in this situation.

ROB This stolen phone will come in handy for something, just not at the moment.

SCENE 13 INT DEPARTMENT STORE NIGHT

ROB, NICK and JACK climb into the vent. They crawl through the vent until they're over the department store's aisles.

JACK So how do we get out of the vent?

ROB Very quietly.

JACK Stop trying to be funny you muppet.

NICK I assume Rob has another trick up his sleeve?

ROB I don't actually...

JACK Maybe if we had a gun we could shoot through the vents and break it open.

NICK We need to work with what we got so this may sound stupid but the magnetic coat hangers could maybe unscrew the nails in the vent.

JACK Wow watch out, we got a genius here.

ROB That's not a bad idea.

ROB starts unscrewing the screws by turning the magnetic coat hangers clockwise in the corners of the vent shaft.

JACK Well I guess my face is asking for an egg to be thrown at it.

NICK There's always a way round a situation you just got to work with what you got.

JACK If that means you guys then I'm not sure.

SCENE 14 INT DEPARTMENT STORE NIGHT

ROB and NICK jump out of the vent onto the department store floor. ROB and NICK wait for JACK to make his way down. But JACK is struggling and asks ROB and NICK if they'd give him a hand.

> JACK Could you guys give me a hand?

ROB and NICK grab hold of JACK's legs before he lets go of the side of the vent.

JACK Can't believe we actually made it through, I'm speechless.

ROB Well you're not actually speechless, as you're actually

talking.

JACK You know what I mean...

NICK What shall we nick first? Take your pick...

SCENE 15 INT DEPARTMENT STORE NIGHT

The BURGLARS start wondering round the store looking for items to steal. However JACK spots a few SECURITY CAMERAS and alerts ROB and NICK.

JACK (whispering) Guys...guys!

ROB (whispering) What is it?

JACK

(whispering) You see those security cameras up there? I kind of wish we brought disguises now...

NICK (quite loudly) Oh crap!

JACK

Shhh!

NICK The camera can't hear us, it can only see us!

JACK There might be security guards nearby.

ROB Whatever you do, don't look directly into the cameras. Quick there's gotta be something here we can use to dress up as!

NICK It's not like we'll turn to stone if we look directly at them.

ROB But if you do you may panic and that's close to turning to stone.

SCENE 16 INT DEPARTMENT STORE NIGHT

The BURGLARS cover their faces while they look for something to dress up as for a disguise.

ROB Hey guys check out what I found.

NICK Are those onesies?

ROB They're morphsuits.

JACK Do you really expect us to wear those? ROB Well it's either this or we're gonna get caught on camera, go to jail and be asked to pick up the soap. There is a short pause. Nick and Jack looked at one another. JACK I ain't picking up no soap. NICK Shotgun the blue one! ROB Ah man I wanted the blue one! JACK I don't care which one I have mate, better than going to jail. ROB Now that you mention it I'll have the green one. JACK I guess that leaves me with the red one. SCENE 17 INT DEPARTMENT STORE NIGHT The BURGLARS get changed into their MORPHSUITS in the changing rooms and come out walking like Reservoir Dogs. ROB Have any of you seen Reservoir Dogs? NICK Yea, what about it? ROB

Don't you think we're a bit like them? As we're wearing colours...

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JACK

I actually agree with you for once.

ROB

We could call ourselves 'Reservoir Morphs'.

NICK:

(Unenthusiastically) Great - I'm glad we've come up with a name for ourselves.

ROB: You'll thank me for it when you see the headlines in the papers. Reservoir Morphs strike again!

NICK

I rather avoid any media attention; we don't want to make it easy for the police to track us down.

JACK The police couldn't catch us when we first meet. I doubt they'll find any clues.

SCENE 18 INT DEPARTMENT STORE NIGHT

The BURGLARS start stealing items from the department store by placing them into their big bags. They start to run out of space and desperately shove items down their morphsuits making it uncomfortable for them.

> NICK Ah man, I can't move with all this stuff in my morphsuit.

> > JACK

Our morphsuits feel like sumo wrestling suits and our bags are getting too heavy.

ROB

Come on guys there's still a lot of stuff left to rob.

JACK That's easy for you to say you've only jacked up small things. 20.

ROB

That's because I'm gonna let the magnetic coats hangers do all the heavy lifting when we leave.

JACK (Sarcastically) Oh yea of course, why didn't I think of that being the lazy git that I am?

NICK Rob seriously mate I've actually started to chaffe!

ROB Ok, ok let just let me rob a few more bits...

The BURGLARS then make their way back to the vent. They first attempt to push their bags up towards the vent. It proved too heavy for each of them. Rob mentioned using the magnetic coat hangers earlier to aid him in taking the stolen goods back with him. That gives him another idea.

> ROB How about one of us climbs up into the vent holding a piece of rope with a magnetic coat hanger attached to it?.

NICK You and your coat hangers always seem to be the answer.

JACK If it saves me having to be the last one to go up I'll volunteer.

ROB and NICK give JACK a little lift into the vent. JACK clambers into the vent sounding like he hit himself on something but indicates to ROB and NICK he's Ok.

ROB Are you alright lad?

JACK I'm ok, just pass the rope to me.

ROB proceeds to pass the rope to JACK. JACK grabs the rope and holds it steady while ROB attracts the magnetic coat hangers. JACK pulls the rope up in a conveyor belt motion while ROB and NICK hold the other end. NICK I have to admit, you were right about the coat hangers. They're surprising strong.

ROB If only everything was magnetic it would make life easier wouldn't it?

NICK I wonder if we could use all the coat hangers we got and use them to pick up a person.

ROB Are you volunteering?

NICK Yea I am. I got so much stuff shoved down my morphsuit it hurts every time I move. Let's put this to the test shall we?

ROB Yea sure. (Shouts to Jack) Jack! Could you lower the rope down with magnetic coat hangers? We're gonna have a wee experiment.

JACK

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JACK lowers the rope. ROB attaches the coat hangers to NICK's body.

ROB Ok pull her up Jack!

NICK

Her?

JACK attempts to pull the rope with NICK attached to the other end. JACK is struggling.

JACK He's a bit heavy...

NICK (sings) But he's not my brother...

JACK You're not helping Nick. ROB You're doing a fine job Jack, keep pulling.

ROB You're doing a fine job Jack.

Meanwhile a security guard, who's strolling along on his patrol, can faintly hear a noise coming from inside the store. He opens the door with his security key. JACK spots him in the corner of his eye.

JACK Quickly now, I've just spotted a security guard making his way through the aisles.

ROB starts to hesitate and frantically pushes NICK up to the vent.

ROB Get ya arse up there Nick!

JACK manages to grab hold of NICK and pulls him into the vent. NICK decides to lower himself with JACK still holding onto him so he can help lift ROB to safety.

JACK

Grab onto Nick!

ROB grabs onto NICK, as ROB is the heaviest out of the three, NICK and JACK start to feel the strain.

ROB

Pull harder you wee buggers!

The security guard edges closer to them but he is still looking through the aisles for them.

NICK and JACK give one more almighty pull, which is just enough for ROB to grab onto the side of the vent. ROB, NICK and JACK make their way through the vent and back onto the roof, before the security guard realises he's just missed them. He only sees the remains of the broken vent. ROB, NICK and JACK use the rope to climb down from the side of the building and make a dash to ROB's stolen car. ROB speeds away in anticipation back to the house. Cuts to the BURGLARS' house.

The POLICE are doing a door to door search, after the department store reports there was a burglary.

SCENE 20 EXT BURGLARS' HOUSE DAY

One of the POLICE OFFICERS knocks on the BURGLARS' door.

SCENE 21 INT BURGLARS' HOUSE DAY

NICK (Pulls back the curtain window and looks out) Crap it's the cops!

JACK What are we gonna do?! We can't let them search the house!

ROB Calm down lads, I'll stall the cops while you hide all the stuff in case they search the place.

SCENE 22 EXT BURGLARS' HOUSE DAY

POLICE OFFICER 1 This is the police open the front door now!

ROB Not with that tone of voice.

ROB opens the front door slowly to try and stall the POLICE OFFICERS.

ROB Ah hello Officer, is this about the burglary?

POLICE OFFICER 1 Err...how did you know I was asking about a burglary?

ROB I heard about what happened. POLICE OFFICER 1 You heard about it before the burglary was reported?

ROB

(Feeling slightly nervous) Um well...my mate works at the department store and he rung me just a few moments ago about it.

POLICE OFFICER 1 I see...so is it ok if I come in?

ROB

No! I mean...um...we're having a little clean up round the house.

POLICE OFFICER 1 Don't mind us, we've been on plenty of drug raids.

ROB

Yea well you won't find any drugs here! (Nervous laughter) Ha ha

POLICE OFFICER 1 Can you just let us in please?

ROB Ok I've warned you it's a bit messy...

The POLICE OFFICERS try to get through the door but ROB pretends to stretch his legs.

ROB (Pretending to stretch his leg) Ah I just need to stretch my legs, (ROB looks up at sky) What a lovely day.

POLICE OFFICER 1 You're trying to stall us aren't you? I know how you criminals work!

ROB You're accusing me of being a criminal? A. I'm not a criminal and B. I don't work. POLICE OFFICER 2 Sarge, I'm getting a bit tired listening to this guy's excuses.

POLICE OFFICER 1 Agreed, right move over!

ROB slightly panics and sticks out his left arm to obstruct the doorway. He then proceeds to do an impression of GANDALF from Lord of the Rings.

> ROB (Does GANDALF impression) You shall not pass!

SCENE 23 INT BURGLARS' HOUSE HALLWAY DAY

The POLICE OFFICERS look at each other, shrug, then proceed to barge ROB out the way and start searching the house. NICK and JACK just about manage to hide all the stolen valuables in the basement.

> NICK Hello officers how may I help you?

POLICE OFFICER 1 We're searching your house for stolen goods.

JACK But we haven't stolen anything.

POLICE OFFICER 2 We suspect you of theft from the department store.

JACK We'd never do such a thing.

POLICE OFFICER 2 Never say never.

NICK But you just said it twice, you contradicted yourself.

POLICE OFFICER 2 Well tell that to the person who invented that saying. POLICE OFFICER 1 Can you stop talking nonsense to the suspects and help me search this place.

POLICE OFFICER 2 Sorry sarge...

SCENE 24 INT BURGLARS' HOUSE LIVING ROOM DAY

POLICE OFFICERS keep searching every inch of the house. They enter the living room and see the large plasma TV. They question where the BURGLARS got it from.

> POLICE OFFICER 1 Where did you get this Plasma TV from?

ROB Oh I see, just because we have a Plasma TV you automatically assume we can't afford it...how dare you!

POLICE OFFICER 1 Alright sunshine, no need to get offended by it!

POLICE OFFICER 2 What are these? They look like coat hangers.

ROB (enthusiastically) They're not just coat hangers...they're magnetic coat hangers!

POLICE OFFICER 2

Wow, I might have to get me some of these.

POLICE OFFICER 1 You can do your Christmas shopping another time, keep looking for anything that looks like it got nicked.

NICK

You're wasting your time guys, the real burglars have probably moved on after seeing your police car parked outside. JACK

Er...Yea and they're probably driving down the motorway and hiding out in a Travelodge or a Premier Inn with Lenny Henry.

POLICE OFFICER 2 They have got a point Sarge, we can't seem to find anything here, perhaps they have moved on... and maybe Lenny Henry's assisting them as well.

POLICE OFFICER 1 Instead of a swear jar, I think I'm going to start charging people every time they say something stupid. We've nearly looked everywhere and once we've looked everywhere and can't find anything that's when we consider looking elsewhere.

The BURGLARS are hoping the POLICE OFFICERS stop searching the house soon and fall for their lie.

POLICE OFFICER 1 You guys look shifty but we can't seem to find anything. Well I guess you're innocent...until proven guilty!

ROB What's that's supposed to mean?

POLICE OFFICER 1 I'll be closely monitoring all three of you, something tells me I've seen you before.

NICK

You've probably got us mixed up with some of other burglars.

POLICE OFFICER 1 (Looks at them judgingly)Hmm...

POLICE OFFICER 2 Come on Sarge we better check the other houses. POLICE OFFICER 1 I'll be watching you!

SCENE 25 INT BURGLARS' HOUSE HALLWAY DAY

The BURGLARS try to look innocent as the POLICE OFFICERS make their way out of the BURGLARS' house and they shut the door. The BURGLARS breathe a sigh of relief.

JACK That was a bloody close shave!

NICK The main thing is they didn't find anything, thanks to our hiding techniques.

ROB Where did you guys put the stuff we robbed anyway?

SCENE 26 INT BURGLARS' HOUSE KITCHEN DAY

NICK and JACK show ROB the basement they discovered in the kitchen with all the stolen goods shoved in there.

JACK We hid the stolen goods in the basement and shoved all the stuff we jacked up in there.

ROB Good work lads! I've never set foot in the basement before.

NICK and JACK open the basement to find some of the stolen goods damaged.

NICK Ah man! Please say some of it's ok!

ROB Why didn't you carefully put the stuff in the basement?

JACK We panicked man! We didn't know how long you could stall the cops for so we just quickly threw all the stuff in the basement. ROB Well I tried my best, thanks for believing in me!

NICK Calm down, let's just see if there's anything we can salvage.

ROB

(Picks up IPad) Why of all the stuff we stole did the IPad have to be damaged?!

JACK What about the Xbox? I was looking forward to playing on the kinect. I'll have to stick to the Wii I jacked up the other day.

ROB

At least the morphsuits didn't get ripped, we could use those again for our next robbery.

NICK

Mmm...

JACK What is it? Do you smell some tasty food?

ROB Mmm tasty food...very tasty!

NICK No I've thought of a plan!

JACK

Do tell...

NICK

We could pretend our stuff got damaged on the way home and go back to the department store to get our money back.

ROB

That sounds like a plan! You've done it again Batman!

JACK It sounds like a plan but won't they be a bit suspicious all these (MORE) JACK (cont'd) damaged goods are being returned the day after the burglary.

NICK Maybe if we take a few items back separately instead of altogether, it'll look less suspicious.

ROB They won't suspect a thing.

JACK It's worth a shot I guess.

NICK Ok guys, let's go get our money back!

SCENE 27 EXT CARPARK DAY

Cuts to the BURGLARS parked outside the department store and them deciding who takes what back there first.

NICK Ok, who wants to go first?

JACK I'd rather go second just to see how you do it.

ROB It's not that hard to get a refund...

JACK Well you know...in case I panic and blow our cover.

NICK Ok that rules you out, that leaves me and Rob.

ROB I'll go first I don't care.

NICK Ok that's settled then...

ROB I'll show Jack there's nothing to be afraid of. SCENE 28 INT DEPARTMENT STORE DAY

ROB gets out of the car, gets a handful of damaged goods and walks into the department store. But little does he know the POLICE OFFICERS who searched their house earlier are in the department store investigating the crime scene. ROB is greeted by the CUSTOMER SERVICES ASSISTANT.

ASSISTANT

Good afternoon sir, how may I help you?

ROB Yes I'd like to return these items I brought yesterday, as I found out they're faulty.

ROB quickly gives the items to the ASSISTANT while glancing over at the POLICE OFFICERS on the other side of the store.

ROB (Glancing at the police officers) Sorry I don't want to rush you but I'm in a bit of a hurry...

ASSISTANT That's OK; I just need you to sign this form sir.

The ASSISTANT gets a refund form from a draw underneath the desk. She then hands it to ROB who signs it quickly.

ROB (Signs form) Ok there you go.

ASSISTANT Thanks, here's your receipt sir, enjoy the rest of your day.

ROB

(While still glancing at the police officers) I'll try!

SCENE 29 EXT CARPARK DAY

ROB exits the department store and power walks to the BURGLARS' CAR.

SCENE 30 INT STOLEN CAR, CAR PARK DAY

NICK So did you get a refund?

ROB Yep, here's the proof (shows the receipt)

NICK Good, the plan's working...

ROB It's working so far. I seriously mean that guys as I saw those two police officers again in the department store.

JACK Did they see you?!

ROB

No luckily not, but make sure to not let them out of your sights in case they suddenly pop out of nowhere and spot you.

NICK Ok...deep breathe...let's do this!

SCENE 31 INT DEPARTMENT STORE DAY

NICK makes his way into the department store with his faulty items. While Nick walks in, there's a stranger watching him from a nearby car.

> ASSISTANT Hi how can I help?

NICK Hi I'd like to return these items, they're a bit faulty.

ASSISTANT

Oh that's funny we just had someone come in to return some faulty items.

NICK (Nervously) Yea...funny old world...(Glances at police officers still conducting their investigation) ASSISTANT

I suppose it's our fault really we should check our products more regularly.

NICK Yea well nothing's perfect is it?

ASSISTANT Sadly not, I wish things were perfect though, like between me and my ex-boyfriend...

NICK Sorry to hear about that but erm...could you hurry up please I'm on a tight schedule.

ASSISTANT Yes, yes ok I guess no one cares about my life problems...

NICK Well I kind of got my own problems at the moment love. (Keeps glancing at police officers)

The ASSISTANT gets out another refund form and hands it to NICK.

ASSISTANT Ok, here you go.

NICK Thanks love, sorry to hurry you, hope things work out with your ex boyfriend.

NICK signs the refund form and hands it back to the ASSISTANT. The ASSISTANT then hands the receipt over to NICK.

ASSISTANT (With a half hearted smile on her face) Thanks have a nice day.

SCENE 32 INT DEPARTMENT STORE DAY

NICK quickly walks out of the department store back to the car.

ROB Everything went OK?

NICK

Yea, apart from the assistant tried making small talk with me so I told her I'm on a tight schedule.

JACK Are the cops still in there?

NICK Yea, but they're at the back of the aisle when I was in there.

JACK Ok, wish me luck lads.

NICK

All you need to avoid is the cops and small talk with the assistant. That's all you need to do.

SCENE 33 INT DEPARTMENT STORE DAY

JACK takes his faulty items into the department store. As soon as he walks inside the mysterious person in the car gets out dressed as a POLICE OFFICER and follows JACK.

ASSISTANT

Hi, how can I help? (Looks at bag) Oh let me guess faulty items?

JACK How did you know? Have you been getting a lot refunds recently?

ASSISTANT

Yea, I've already had to refund two guys who came in before you! What's going on today?

JACK

I guess it's one of those days!

ASSISTANT

Yea I guess, it's weird ever since the store was burgled; most of our stuff seems to have gone faulty. If I found out who those burglars were I'd beat the crap out of them! JACK (Looking nervous)Yea those damn burglars, they come in here take what they want...

The mysterious POLICE OFFICER appears.

POLICE OFFICER Hello sir, is it OK if I look at those items as part of the investigation we're conducting?

JACK Oh god! I mean...sorry you scared me, didn't see you there. Yes, of course you can look at my items.

POLICE OFFICER Hmm yep, yep, yep...

JACK What does 'yep' mean?

POLICE OFFICER It means yes.

JACK I know it means yes but why are you saying that?

POLICE OFFICER Well these items seem to match the ones that were stolen.

JACK Oh really? Can't it be a coincidence?

ASSISTANT I have to say, I thought it was a bit weird that three of you guys came in to return stuff.

POLICE OFFICER I think you're gonna have to come with me my friend.

JACK What if I don't want to come with you?

The mysterious POLICE OFFICER gets out his pistol.

POLICE OFFICER Let me introduce you to my little friend.

JACK Ok fine, but you're making a big mistake.

POLICE OFFICER Move along now, outside!

JACK goes outside with the POLICE OFFICER pointing a pistol behind his back.

SCENE 34 EXT CAR PARK DAY

JACK starts to notice that this POLICE OFFICER isn't all that he seems. He turns out to be a RIVAL BURGLAR.

JACK You don't seem like the other police officers.

POLICE OFFICER/RIVAL BURGLAR Oh yea why's that?

JACK Well don't the cops have to say 'You have the right to remain silent etc' and then handcuff me? Instead of pointing a gun at me? I feel more like a hostage!

POLICE OFFICER/RIVAL BURGLAR (Chuckles) You finally noticed.

JACK Noticed what?

POLICE OFFICER/RIVAL BURGLAR I'm not a police officer.

JACK Well I've gathered that but who are you?

POLICE OFFICER/RIVAL BURGLAR I am...

JACK Please don't say you're my father... POLICE OFFICER/RIVAL BURGLAR No...I'm also a burglar.

JACK You're a burglar too? Why are you dressed up as a cop?

POLICE OFFICER/RIVAL BURGLAR A disguise, I'm not going to simply let the cops see my true identity.

SCENE 35 INT STOLEN CAR, CAR PARK DAY

ROB and NICK notice something is wrong when they see JACK being held at gunpoint.

ROB The cops got Jack!

NICK Why's he got him at gunpoint and where's the other police officers?

ROB Something tells me I've seen that guy before, I think he might be another burglar I bumped into a few weeks ago.

NICK If he is another burglar why's he got Jack at gunpoint?

ROB He's gonna try and rob the stuff we robbed! That sneaky bastard!

NICK Come on we gotta get that gun off him somehow and save Jack.

SCENE 36 EXT CAR PARK DAY

ROB and NICK get out of the car, pursuing the RIVAL BURGLAR and JACK. They hide behind a car discussing how they'll take down the RIVAL BURGLAR.

ROB We better make sure he doesn't get into his car otherwise we should've stayed in the car.

NICK Right, how about we split up? You could sneak around the left side of the car park and I'll do the right side of the car park. ROB Then what? Do we just tackle him with a gun in his hand? NICK Trust me I've tackled a bloke a carrying weapon before. ROB Like what? NICK Does a stick count? ROB A stick?! Who did you tackle an old man?! NICK Never mind we're wasting time when I give the signal that's when we jump this guy. ROB What's the signal? NICK gives a thumbs up as the signal. ROB Right ok NICK Get into position go, go! ROB and NICK get into their positions. ROB goes round the left side of the car park while NICK goes round the right side waiting for NICK's signal to jump the RIVAL BURGLAR.

But NICK sees the ASSISTANT looking outside the window wondering what's going on. So NICK gives a thumbs up to her, ROB sees this and thinks he's giving the signal to jump the RIVAL BURGLAR.

NICK

(Smiles and gives thumbs up to receptionist)

ROB That's the signal!

ROB runs out and jumps the RIVAL BURGLAR.

NICK Oh crap! Rob not yet!

RIVAL BURGLAR Ahhh! Who the hell are you?

ROB You mess with one of us you mess with all of us!

The RIVAL BURGLAR hits ROB with his pistol, JACK reacts by hitting the pistol out of the RIVAL BURGLAR'S hand. NICK runs along and quickly picks up the gun.

ROB Owww! You son of a bitch!

ROB falls to the ground in pain.

NICK (Picks up the gun and points it at the rival burglar)Get your hands up scumbag!

The RIVAL BURGLAR slowly puts up his hands while concealing a smoke grenade.

JACK Thank god you guys jumped him I thought that was gonna be my last burglary...

NICK No need to thank us mate we're like family now.

NICK tells the RIVAL BURGLAR to open up his hands. But the RIVAL BURGLAR quickly throws the smoke grenade on the ground and runs away taking all of JACK's stolen goods.

NICK (Coughing)Can't see a damn thing!

ROB (Coughing) Where did he get a smoke grenade from? NICK (Coughing) I think he must've nicked a few things from the cops.

JACK (Coughing) This guy must be a pro 'Jacker upper'.

NICK (Coughing)Get out of the smoke guys, we can't let that prick get away with nicking our stuff.

The BURGLARS manage to move away from the smoke and try to search for the RIVAL BURGLAR.

JACK Who cares if he jacked up our stuff, it's broken anyway.

NICK Some of it was broken but some of it was still in mint condition.

ROB Mint condition? Sounds like you've been using Ebay too much.

NICK Ok then it's still in good condition.

JACK

I thought we were just giving back the stuff that broken not the stuff that works?!

NICK Well we don't want the cops to trace anything back to us do we?

JACK

What's the point of stealing stuff if we're going gonna give it back? We may as well start a renting business!

ROB

Guys, we're not gonna be able to clear our name if that guy gets caught and starts dishing the dirt on us, we have to find him! The BURGLARS set off into nearby woods which they think the RIVAL BURGLAR went into. They get to a lake which has been frozen over and see a few bits of items that have fallen out of the box the RIVAL BURGLAR was carrying.

ROB

(Picks up broken item) Looks like we're on the right track.

JACK

I've always wondered where that saying 'on the right track' came from, did someone just change tracks to narrowly avoid a dead end?

NICK Is that really important right now?

PAUSE

JACK I'll ask later.

ROB

Stop!

NICK What is it?

ROB

Is it me or can anyone see something by the lake?

NICK I can see a figure, that's got to be him!

JACK

It looks like he's trying to cross the frozen lake. I thought this guy was a pro "Jacker Upper" but he seems nuttier than a jar of peanut butter!

ROB Quick before he falls in with the rest of our stuff! SCENE 38 EXT THE WOODS, FROZEN LAKE DAY

The BURGLARS run through the woods down to the frozen lake to stop the RIVAL BURGLAR from crossing it and potentially falling in.

> NICK (Shouts) Hey! What do you think you're doing?!

JACK You're literally skating on thin ice!

RIVAL BURGLAR Wha-(Falls over on the ice)

ROB The ice looks like it's gonna crack!

NICK Get off the ice now!

RIVAL BURGLAR Say farewell to all your stuff!

The ice breaks with the RIVAL BURGLAR falling in and the BURGLARS want to try and help him get out but think it's too risky.

NICK We gotta get him out!

ROB No mate it's too risky! You don't want to fall in and join him!

JACK He's right, you don't want to freeze to death!

NICK This is crazy man! We try to do the right thing for a change and something bad happens!

ROB Well maybe we shouldn't have robbed stuff and not returned it to where we stole it from... JACK Let's go home and enjoy what we managed to salvage.

THE BURGLARS go back through the woods and back to the car park.

SCENE 39 EXT LIVING ROOM, BURGLARS' HOUSE DAY

ROB, NICK and JACK return through the woods to their car. It cuts to the RIVAL BURGLAR dragging himself out of the frozen lake and laughs to himself while shivering. Meaning this is only the beginning of a rivalry that will only grow in the future.

SCENE 40 EXT LIVING ROOM, BURGLARS' HOUSE DAY

The next day the BURGLARS start discussing which place to burgle next.

ROB

So what place do you fancy robbing next?

NICK Anywhere apart from the department store again, I don't want to steal from there anytime soon.

JACK I could do with some new clothes and maybe some bling...

ROB So are you saying rob Topshop or H Samuel?

JACK Why not both?

NICK Two places sounds better than one.

ROB

Ok then, we have two new targets.

JACK This time we should wear disguises like that burglar did, we nearly got caught last time. 44.

NICK We've still got those morphsuits.

ROB I'm with you on that one.

SCENE 41 EXT LIVING ROOM, BURGLAR'S HOUSE DAY

The BURGLARS go to their trap door in the kitchen and get out their morphsuits.

ROB Well I think we should be safer this time.

NICK Reservoir morphs assemble!

JACK

Woohoo!

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