



ROBBERY SQUAD (with apologies to the Bard)

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A short play by

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Characters

Carter A Detective

Chief A senior Detective

Villain A robber (non-speaking)

Run time 15 - 20 minutes

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Scene 1

Int: A police Office

Carter excitedly enters the office; the Chief is sat at his desk reading a newspaper.

Carter Sire, Sire

Chief It is before ten in the forenoon, you should knowest that up until that hour, I am not to be disturbed.

For I must peruse these pages for to know which wagers to place.

These noble steeds of the Sport of our esteemed Kings do not publish who will be the fastest across the hallowed turf and I must concentrate on their past endeavours to ascertain which of these fine equine corrivals will win me a handsome purse.

Carter My humblest apologies Sir, but this is a matter of great import, one that cannot await and rest until some later hour.

Chief (*short-tempered*)

Very well. What sayest you?

Carter

As thou knowest sir, I have a turncoat, a tattletale, a man with a roguish nature, who for the price of a few flagons of ales has proffered numerous clues as to the intentions of various miscreants, information that has landed more than a few villains before the learned Magistrate.

And indeed it is worthy of note that several of these rogues will be celebrating their birthdays for many a coming year in the company of their fellow villains and their gaolers as guests of the Crown.

Chief

Say what you will and be smart.

For the Courses will not delay their start

If perchance I am not ready to place my wagers.

Carter

The information is that the Henry family, that infamous band of

thieves and incorrigible scoundrels will perform a daring robbery of the local Monetary deposit one day this very week.

And I have been informed that during their criminal enterprise they will carry arms. Each one a musket foreshortened in the way that those rogues do.

Chief And what else doth thou know as to this planned felonious deed?

Carter That there will be three of them and a carriage with a driver, in which they plan to make good their escape from this endeavour..

Chief Could thou enlighten me any further as to their intentions?

Carter I can sir, I know that they plannest to have a second carriage charged and ready for them to exchange for the first, which will be stored at a warehouse, Edifice number six on the old wharf.

Chief You should carry out such covert superintendence as thou may. Watch them as you can and when these villains strike, we will catch them as they make their flight.

I believe that you should watch and give alarm when they leave their abode.