

ACT I

SCENE 1

Lights up on a Bank. From USL to USR, there is a stack of boxes creating the tellers' windows. DSR is a stack of boxes that creates a table to fill out deposit slips. MARY and REBECA are huddled in the USL corner in front of the tellers windows scared for their lives. CONTESSA CONTEMPTUOUS is at the DSL shouting at the police.

CONTESSA

(mid-shout)

And so, if you DON'T like what happened to your precious "security guard", then you ought to LISTEN to my demands and no one else needs to be turned into a LEMUR! BWAHAHAHAHAHA! Believe in the name CONTESSA CONTEMPTUOUS ladies and gentlemen! The name GETS! RESULTS!

(walks over to the women)

As for the two of you left, I don't want anymore shenaniganery! I'd hate to have to turn any of you into a lemur... or perhaps an ocelot...ooo, a sugar glider! In fact, one of you think yourself a hero so I can turn you into a sugar glider! I need a new pet.

REBECA

N-n-no we're g-g-good.

MARY

Wait, what's a sugar glider?

REBECA

A stupid little rodent you would hate to be turned into! So shut up Mary!

MARY

(pulling up a video on her phone)

No, wait Rebeca, here you go. Just Youtubed a video. adorable.

Contessa notices her use of phone and hurries over.

CONTESSA

Yes! Ha! Thank you for being dumb enough to try your phone! I am DEFINITELY going to turn you into a sugar glider!

She points her gun towards the women, but as she does, REX ROCKSTEADY bursts into the room from SL and strikes a heroic pose.

ROCKSTEADY

Did somebody say they needed a hero!? Because REX ROCKSTEADY is in da house!

The women, at first surprised, then Rebeca is shocked.

REBECA

(after a confused pause)

Rick!? What? You're ACTUALLY a superhero!?

ROCKSTEADY

Shh Rebeca! That's my secret identity! I just pretend to be a bank clerk. But actually, I'm superhero.

REBECA

Yeeeeah, but-

ROCKSTEADY

And you can't tell anyone else, because I trust you so much. Because you're such a cool boss.

REBECA

Alright, but-

CONTESSA

(cutting her off)

Shut up! Sugar Glider!

Both girls scream.

REBECA

Rick, I don't care if you are or are not a superhero, JUST SAVE US!

ROCKSTEADY

But you said "hero", right? I could've sworn you said

"hero".

MARY

No.

ROCKSTEADY

No?

MARY

No.

ROCKSTEADY

Oh. It's just- I was like outside for like fifteen minutes waiting for an entrance line and I definitely heard "hero"

REBECA

(pointing to Contessa)

SHE said "hero"

ROCKSTEADY

Yeah, I got that one. Then one of you said "hero" and I burst in!

(starts heading towards the door)

But if no one said "hero"-

CONTESSA

Where are you going?

ROCKSTEADY

Gonna go back outside. Wait for a good line. Jus- you know what? Never mind. But so you know, not starting on the right foot. Okay? Whatever. Anyways:

(strikes another heroic pose)

STOP RIGHT THERE CONTESSA CONTEMPTUOUS! I swear, if even one of those girls gets even just a LITTLE sugar glidered, then so help me!

CONTESSA

So help you what!? What does the stupendous Rex Rocksteady think he can so to stop me? Hm?

ROCKSTEADY

I WILL USE MY TREMENDOUS **MIND POWERS** TO STOP
YOOOUUUU!

At this, he puts his hands to his temples and pulls a goofy face to concentrate and applies a lot of strain to attack her, but nothing happens. He struggles and grunts and groans and gets red faced, yet still nothing happens. He winds down and just walks over and grabs at the gun and throws it on the ground.

ROCKSTEADY
Ah ha! **MIND POWERS!**

REBECA

(skeptical)

You know what? If that get's us saved. I'm alright with that.

ROCKSTEADY
Yes! Go with that! Good idea!

(to Contessa)

So, now that you've seen what I can do with mere thought, I would suggest that you give yourself up to me.

(to the women)

Now ladies, don't you worry. Rex is taking care of everything.

MARY

(wooed by machismo)

Thank you Mr. Rocksteady, we would all be rodents without you.

ROCKSTEADY
(Ignoring the situation so he can flirt, he takes her hand)

Don't worry little lady.

(telling this as an anecdote to woo her)

When I saw on the news that some bitty was robbing the bank, I was like, "Heck no! Too rich for my blood" but when they released those photos of the hostages, and I saw that button nose, I knew there were lives to be saved... with my junk.

MARY
(successfully wooed)
ooh, Mr. Rocksteady.

ROCKSTEADY

Please, call Rex. Rex Rocksteady. Totally a superhero.

CONTESSA

(trying to cut in)

Can we get back to things?

ROCKSTEADY

(not breaking eye contact with Mary)

Quiet bitty.

As Contessa indignantly prepares to retort, SALLY SINISTER bursts in SL and strikes a pose

SINISTER

CONTESSA CONTEMPTUOUS! You thought you were SOOOO clever coming up with this bank heist! You thought you had aalll of the angles figured out with every "i" dotted and every "t" crossed. But there is one thing you did not count on: the mad genius of SALLY SINISTER throwing a monkey wrench into your-

(noticing Rocksteady)

Rocksteady!? What are you doing here!?

ROCKSTEADY

I've come here to vanquish evil! What are YOU doing here? You're usually the evil that I need to vanquish.

SINISTER

Yes! Ha ha! That's what makes this so delicious. With everyone caught up with the Contessa, all eyes focused on her, I crept in the back way AND WRECK IT ALL! I didn't expect you Rocksteady, but now I can kill two birds with one stone: with one fell swoop I can rid myself

(pointing to Countess)

of my greatest rival and

(pointing to Rocksteady)

my archnemesis! BWHAHAHAHAHAHA-!

ROCKSTEADY

(cutting in uncomfortable about things)

-wait. Did you say... "archnemesis"?

SINISTER

Yeah. Archnemesis.

ROCKSTEADY

Interesting. Welp. Here's the thing.

(said with a knowing look at Sinister)

I always thought of the *Contessa* as my archnemesis.

Because-

CONTESSA

(trying to get Sinister "back on script")

- yeah, we have a *raport* and...yeeeeah

SINISTER

See! THIS is why I'm doing this. THIS is why I came to stop you! I am so tired of being second string to you! Of being in your shadow! I am older than you by like three years, I was a mad scientist before you, I have cooler weapons than you! I should be on top! The top dog! But instead, while you're out robbing banks, I'm holding up 7/11s. Do you know what they have to rob at 7/11s?

REBECA

Like twizlers?

SINISTER

Twizlers! At most! I hate it, and I hate you guys! You guys suck and now it's MY turn to be on top!

ROCKSTEADY

(innuedously)

Hey, if it's about being on top....

REBECA

Gross Rick

ROCKSTEADY

It's Rex! Rex Rocksteady! Because I'm a superhero!

CONTESSA

You ALWAYS pull this! ALWAYS! This is Luxembourg all over again.

SINISTER

I TOLD you I was going to take over a small European country and use it as a foothold for my science army to

take over the rest of the world! I TOLD you!

CONTESSA

You said that in passing. How was I supposed to know that you meant Luxembourg.

SINISTER

Because-

ROCKSTEADY

(interrupting)

Ladies. As cute as it is to watch you two tussle, I'm gonna need you two to come with me. Now, assume the position.

REBECA

Please, Ri- er, um Mr. Rocksteady, for the love of god! PLEASE just stop this! I hate this! I just want to go home!

ROCKSTEADY

Oh, I'll make sure you get home little lady. That's a Rocksteady guarantee.

SINISTER

Yeah? Think so!?

(whips out a beaker of mysterious liquid)

SUPER VIRUS!

ROCKSTEADY

Yeah? well, SUPER VIRUS, MEET **MIND POWERS!**

Once again goes into his ridiculous posturing with accompanying faces and goofiness. Still doesn't actually have tangible results. Eventually, he just walks over and knocks the bottle out of her hand.

ROCKSTEADY

BOOM! Two fer two!

MARY

I am just so impressed by your **mind powers** Mr.- Rex.

ROCKSTEADY

(correcting her in a seductive tone)
Rocksteady. Rex Rocksteady.

REBECA

Is that bottle alright? That bottle with the super virus in? That bottle that got **slapped** out her hand?

ROCKSTEADY

By MIND POWERS?

REBECA

Yeah. That one. Are we in danger?

MARY

(pulling Rebeca aside)

Rebeca, don't screw this up for me. Rex Rocksteady is a really nice guy, and I want things to work out, okay? I need this right now and-

Suddenly, she stops mid-sentence and gets a horrified look on her face. Her body starts contorting. She lets out a primordial screech and then as suddenly as it happened, she snaps back out of it. Everyone stops what they were doing and looks at her.

REBECA

...what was that?

MARY

I don't know.

Just then, Contessa bursts out with crazed laughter.

REBECA

What's going on!? What did you do!?

CONTESSA

(calming down)

Haha ha hahaha you fools! You think I would lower myself to the standards of some petty bank robbery!? You think I NEED the paltry sums in this vault!? NO! It was all a clever cover for my real plan!

ROCKSTEADY

What are you talking about!?

CONTESSA

Can't you all feel it? Feel it coursing through your veins!?

SINISTER

WHAT!?

CONTESSA

Why my serum of course! This whole scheme was just an excuse for me to test my new airbone toxin; I now have the power TO TURN HUMANS INTO DINOSAURS!

ROCKSTEADY

DINOSAURS!?

SINISTER

WHAT?

REBECA

WHAT?

Instead of speaking, Mary just screeches. They all break into panic

ROCKSTEADY

Oh no! Turning into dinosaurs! That's terrible! Because We're breathing the same air and would be turned into dinosaurs!

SINISTER

ARE YOU SERIOUS!? DINOSAURS!? Of COURSE. OF COURSE. Did you happen to know that I am two weeks from a lizard powder. Planin' on turning San Fransisco into all sorts of lizards. But now-

CONTESSA

Oh god. Stop! Stop it! I beat you to it! Get over it! Alright!? GET OVER IT! I am not going to let this become another thing!

SINISTER

ANOTHER thing!?

CONTESSA

Yes, ANOTHER thi-

*Her words turn into raptor screeches as she
watches, horrified, as her arms come up into a
raptor pose.*

REBECA

Oh Jesus!

CONTESSA

No! I thought I was safe! I thought I had an antidote!

Now I too am a dino-

*She falls into screeches and raptor poses.
Meanwhile, Sally starts heaving. As the scene
progress everyone becomes more and more like
dinosaurs*

ROCKSTEADY

NO! Not another one! Run Rebeca! Run away before you
get turned into a dinosaur too!

REBECA

But Rex! I don't want to leave you!

ROCKSTEADY

You must! Leave us and be safe! And cancel work for the
rest of the day!

REBECA

Cancel work?

ROCKSTEADY

So no one else has to turn into a freak!

REBECA

(Only kind of convinced)

Oh-ok... cool. Alright. I-I'll go get the police.

ROCKSTEADY

(jumping in to stop her)

NO! I, ha, I mean that they don't need to get involved
or...whatever. I mean, I don't want them be dinosaurs.

REBECA

Are you sure?

ROCKSTEADY

YES! Yes. Just, go out the back wa-
(starts turning struggling to speak
through the transformation)

go out- back way- tell no one- don't want them to- turn
into dinosaurs- this is all totally real-

*At this he succumbs and is screeching with the
rest. Rebeca looks around panicked and decides to
run out SL. Right before she exits. She turns
back.*

REBECA

(with one last glance at Rex)
You're a real hero Rex Rocksteady.

*And she's gone. Rocksteady watches her leave and
everyone still dinosaurs for a few beats
afterward. Then, they start to slow down, and
finally stop. After double checking that the coast
is clear, they all take a breath.*

ROCKSTEADY

Alright. Ok. I think she bought it.

*Making sure that all of the audience can hear
this, because this is the money line.*

CONTESSA

Dude, you need to actually start going to work

*At this, everyone but Rocksteady picks up there
things and starts walking out, each of the others
reflecting Contessa's opinion.*