LUCKY HARRY

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INT. HOUSE - NIGHT

Large smart lounge. Sitting in his wheelchair is HARRY, 60s, grey hair. He takes the last sip of his whiskey as he places the glass on a side table next to him, from where he picks up a 38' revolver. Pulling back the hammer he places the barrel to the side of his head. Finger closing down on the trigger...

He pauses to the sound of the floorboard creaking. A shadow of a person appears before him. It steps into the light. Wearing all black, balaclava included. Gun in hand. ROBBER.

Harry is bewildered by what he's seeing.

HARRY

What the fuck?

Robber startles.

ROBBER

What the...

He's quick to turn and point his gun in the direction of the voice - on Harry.

ROBBER (CONT'D)

Drop your gun! Or I'll shoot you.

Harry, still with his revolver to the side of his head.

HARRY

You gotta be shitting me!

ROBBER

Drop it! Drop the gun!

HARRY

Fuck you! And get the fuck out of my house.

ROBBER

Remove the gun from your... Wait!? What the hell?

HARRY

You want me to drop my gun. From wanting to shoot myself. Or you'll shoot me?

Harry now points his gun to the robber.

HARRY (CONT'D)

You drop it!

ROBBER

No! You drop it! I swear... I'll shoot you!

HARRY

O' Make my day! Save me the trouble.

(Pause)

Headshot. Please.

Robber thinks for a moment. Then lowers his gun.

ROBBER

Sorry. Carry on.

HARRY

What?

ROBBER

With what you were busy with. You know.

HARRY

Wow... That's so considerate of you.

Harry puts his gun to the side of his head. Pulls the trigger - CLICK!

HARRY (CONT'D)

What the fuck?

Robber staring at him. Shaking his head.

ROBBER

A dud bullet! Its a revolver, keep pulling the trigger and one of the other five bullets should do it.

Harry lowers the gun.

HARRY

Fuck!

ROBBER

Fuck?

HARRY

I only have one bullet loaded.

ROBBER

Only one!?

HARRY

Yeah. I wanted to go with the one life - one bullet thing. You know.

ROBBER

Right... hows that working out for you.

HARRY

Fuck you. And get out of my house!

ROBBER

Loser.

HARRY

Loser? You the loser. Dumb ass robber. What, you going to steal my T.V? Walk down the road with it?

ROBBER

No! Cash and jewellery. Now, where's the safe?

HARRY

Cash? Ever heard of credit cards? Jewellery? I'm not married. Dumb ass!

ROBBER

You old rich folk always have cash in a safe. Where's the safe?

HARRY

Up my ass. You want the code?

ROBBER

If you don't tell me where it is I swear I'll shoot you.

Promise!

ROBBER

Arggg... Damb you!

HARRY

Dumb ass!

Harry, looking at robbers gun.

HARRY (CONT'D)

Say, that a 38' revolver?

ROBBER

Yeah?

HARRY

Mine too. Can I have a bullet? Please.

Robber thinks about it.

ROBBER

Okay. Tell me where the safe is. And the code. No! Wait... You do have cash in there, right?

HARRY

\$10,000. We have a deal then?

ROBBER

Yes. Okay. Where is it?

HARRY

Main bedroom wardrobe, third from left.

ROBBER

Code?

HARRY

Bullet!

ROBBER

How do I know I can trust you?

Says a robber... Look, I have nothing to lose that I can't take with me after you give me a bullet.

ROBBER

Fair enough.

HARRY

So, there we have it then. It's a Win-win. Now give me a bullet.

ROBBER

Fuck! Fuck! Arggg...! I don't have any bullets!

HARRY

What?

ROBBER

My guns empty. No bullets.

HARRY

You came to a robbery with an unloaded weapon? Is that even a real gun?

ROBBER

Yes, it's real. Hay! Loaded guns are not safe you know! Besides, if caught with an unloaded weapon. You get two years less.

Harry shaking his head...

HARRY

Unreal! So, are you a locksmith?

ROBBER

What?

HARRY

Did you bring an angle grinder?

ROBBER

What - NO!

Nothing! Not even bullets! Jesus... I'd love to meet your mentor.

Robber sits down on a nearby chair.

ROBBER

Fuck! Fuck!

HARRY

Yeah, I'd say.

Robber looking at Harry's "old" revolver. He stands, walks up to him. Extends his hand.

ROBBER

Let me see that.

Harry gives him his revolver. Robber opens the spiral chamber, taking out the bullet - examines it. Then the revolvers "loose" chamber.

ROBBER

Look. The bullet has no indent from the hammer.

He shows Harry the bullet. The loose chamber to.

ROBBER (CONT'D)

This second world war revolver of yours is... Bust!

HARRY

So, the bullets good? And you have a working, functional revolver, a 38'

ROBBER

Oh No. Hell no! This is my personal licenced gun! Forget it!

HARRY

You want the code to my safe?

ROBBER

Yes! No...! Cops can trace my gun.

Okay. Look. I give you the code. You take the \$10,000. You shoot me in the head and take your gun with you as you flee. Simple.

ROBBER

I... I, can't shoot you. I'm a
thief, not a killer.

HARRY

Yeah okay, I can relate to that. Okay then. I'll give you the code, you take the money. I shoot myself with your gun and then you take it and leave.

ROBBER

Okay. Deal!

Robber is about to put the bullet into his revolver... The bullets head falls off as its gunpowder runs out onto the floor.

ROBBER (CONT'D)

Really now! World war two bullet as well!

HARRY

Shit!

ROBBER

Shit? Is that all... what next? Nazi, German world war two money in the safe?

HARRY

No! And, Fuck you!

ROBBER

Yeah... I'm outta here. I'm writing this one off. Try the wrist thing, Old timer.

Robber turns to walk out...

HARRY

Hold it! Not so fast.

Robber stops. Turns to look at Harry, who removes a lanyard panic pendant from under his shirt. His finger on its button.

HARRY (CONT'D)

Panic button! Not the silent one! I push it and all hell breaks loose. Neighbours... And yeah they armed. Armed security response, cops. You wont make it off the block!

Robber goes to sit back in his chair. Pointing his gun at him.

ROBBER

Okay... What do you propose?

HARRY

What are you doing?

ROBBER

What?

Robber sticks his gun in his back.

ROBBER (CONT'D)

Yeah... Forgot about that.

HARRY

Dumb ass! I'm thinking there's a way we can get around this--

DING-DONG. The doorbell rings. Harry and robber stare each other...

ROBBER

Expecting someone?

HARRY

No, I live alone.

Robber looks through a window. Sees a PIZZA GUY at the front door. Pizza in hand.

DING-DONG.

ROBBER

You ordered a pizza!? When were you planing to eat it? In the after-life?

I didn't order no pizza! Answer the door and tell him to... Fuck-off.

Robber walks towards the door.

HARRY (CONT'D)

And take the fucking balaclava off your face. Dumb ass!

Robber removes his balaclava.

ROBBER

Call me dumb ass one more time! And I swear I will--

HARRY

Dumb ass! Answer the fucking door!

Robber gives him a look. Then opens the door to the pizza guy before him.

PIZZA GUY

Extra-large meat feast with extra chilli's. \$30.

ROBBER

I did not order any pizza. You have the wrong address. Bugger-off!

Robber, about to close the door...

PIZZA GUY

Yes you did. Mr. Delport, 281 West street.

ROBBER

Look, kid. I did not order any pizza. And this is not Delport... Hold on.

Robber turns his head indoors. Shouts out.

ROBBER (CONT'D)

Delport?

HARRY (O.S)

Smith!

PIZZA GUY

\$30.

ROBBER

Look, kid. You got the wrong--

HARRY (O.S)

Just pay the fucking pizza guy!

ROBBER

Hold on.

Robber walks up to Harry. Puts out his hand.

HARRY

No, cause not. Why would you have brought your wallet along!

Harry takes his wallet out of his pocket, giving it to him.

Robber at the door. Shuffling through the \$100 notes, he find a \$50 that he gives the pizza guy.

ROBBER

Here.

Pizza guy takes the \$50. Gives robber the pizza. Turns and walks off.

ROBBER

Hay! My \$20 change!

HARRY (O.S)

Leave it!

PIZZA GUY

Prick!

Robber, pizza in hand. Slams the door shut. Goes back to sit down in his chair. Opens the pizza box. Takes out a slice

ROBBER

You were saying?

Robber eating a slice of pizza.

HARRY

Give me back my wallet.

ROBBER

Why?

HARRY

Right...

ROBBER

You wanna slice? You don't want to die on an empty stomach now do you?

HARRY

Really?

ROBBER

Really! Yes. The last supper. And Jesus said to his desciples--

HARRY

You! you, gonna biblical phrase me about--

ROBBER

I'll phrase the whole bible if you like? Catholic orphanage. Released at age eighteen. To this.

HARRY

Soppy! Sorry to hear about your shit.

Harry stares at robber that's stuffing his face with pizza. He looks long and hard at this idiot that probably has not had a decent meal in a while...

HARRY (CONT'D)

Hay!

Robber looks up. Chewing...

ROBBER

What?

HARRY

What's your name?

ROBBER

Robber.

Harry.

(Pause)

Fine then... You got kids? A Mrs. Robber at home?

ROBBER

And what the fuck does that have to do with you?

HARRY

Nothing. Just asking.

ROBBER

Sorry. That was rude of me. Mrs. Robber and three kids.

(Pause)

Pizza is darn good! Sure you don't want a slice?

Off Harry's side table, he picks up the whisky glass and bottle - pouring himself a drink. Robber looks at this.

HARRY

To your left. In the cabinet are glasses.

Robber stands, takes a glass out the cabinet, and walks up to Harry who pours him a double.

ROBBER

Thanks.

Robber goes to sit back in his chair.

HARRY

So, I was thinking. You must know some people with bullets. Guns. You know, the guys you Sunday BBQ with.

ROBBER

Yeah?

Harry gives him a dumb stare.

ROBBER (CONT'D)

Right. Yeah.

Robber takes out his Cell phone. Swiping - tapping - phone to ear...

ROBBER (CONT'D)

Bruce, how's it hanging dude?

(Pause)

Yeah same here. Say, you still got that 38'?

(Pause)

Well, I'm in a situation and need a

bullet. Make it two, or three.

(Pause)

Your cousin did what!?

(Pause)

Target practise on a dairy farm.

(Pause)

Bad drugs. Yeah, I'd say. Okay.

(Pause)

See you then.

Robber ends the call. Harry looking on, frowning.

ROBBER (CONT'D)

Don't ask!

Robber on his Cell phone. Swiping - tapping - phone to ear...

ROBBER

BIG DOG. How's it going?

(Pause)

look Dog, I'm on a job. Big take.

And I need a handgun. Now.

(Pause)

House in-break, Westside.

(Pause)

\$2,000

(Pause)

You on your way to a Seven-Eleven!?

You shitting me right? That's

like... \$500 If you lucky?

(Pause)

Okay! Do you know if Snakes has a

piece I can borrow?

(Pause)

Shit... A drive-by!

(Pause)

Yeah. I'm gonna miss him too.

(Pause)

You too. See you Sunday, BBQ at

your place, right?.

(Pause)

See you then.

Robber ends the call. Harry shaking his head.

ROBBER

What? So my friends are--

(Finger over he's lips)

Shhh....

A faint sound upstairs. Harry and Robber are holding their breath. Staircase floorboard creeks. Robber tucks away behind a wall. He takes out his gun. A figure wearing all black walks into the lounge with a gun by his side. Our robber comes up behind him and sticks his gun to his back.

ROBBER

Hold it right there! Hands-up. Raise the gun nice and slow.

This robber does as told. Our robber takes the gun from him, sticking it behind his back.

HARRY

No! Tuck your gun!

Robber is quick to swop the guns around.

HARRY (O.S) (CONT'D)

Dumb ass.

Our robber grips and pulls off the robber's balaclava. Her long blond hair rolls out over her back.

Our robber comes around to stand before her. Gun on her, he takes a look at her. Gasps...

ROBBER

Sandy!

SANDY

Lucky!

HARRY

Lucky?

They all three bewildered look at each other.

LUCKY

Harry. Sandy.

SANDY

Hi there, Harry.

HARRY

Hi.

LUCKY

So, Wow. Last time I saw you was on that...?

SANDY

Galaxy Jewellers. Two years ago.

LUCKY

That's right. That was a good take. Say, you still got that necklace?

SANDY

Nah... I hit a dry spell. Had to sell it. Twenty cents to the dollar!

LUCKY

Daylight robbery I tell you.

SANDY

So, look we gotta hook-up again sometime. Do a Seven-Eleven or something?

HARRY

(Cough. Cough)
Ah, excuse me. Guys. Young lady--

SANDY

(To Harry)

Young lady? Ahh... You so sweet.

HARRY

Thank you. Now, what the fuck is this!? Family reunion?

LUCKY

Yeah, sister-in-law.

HARRY

Cause yes. Family trait.

SANDY

Lucky, hay look I didn't know you were busy here. I'll leave. Of cause.

LUCKY

Yeah, what's the odds on that. Say, when I was scouting... The face-brick house up the road, number 261. Looks like a winner.

SANDY

261. Thanks, man!

LUCKY

Sure. We look out for each other right.

SANDY

Sure thing.

(Pause)

Ah... My gun back, please.

HARRY

ROBBER! I mean, Lucky! \$10,000... Bullet... Gun... Hello!?

LUCKY

Ah yeah. Forgot about that.

Harry shaking his head.

SANDY

\$10,000?

HARRY

0303!! Now take the money and then get the fuck outta my house. Both of you!

Lucky gives him a look.

LUCKY

Thanks. By the way, I been meaning to ask you. Why do you want to kill yourself?

HARRY

That's non of your business!

LUCKY

Really? After all we been through?

Harry just stares at him.

LUCKY (CONT'D)

(To Sandy))

This peace yours? Licenced to you?

SANDY

Do I look like a dumb ass to you?

HARRY

Well said, girl!

Lucky gives Harry a dirty look.

SANDY

I took it off a gas station cashier.

Lucky checks to make sure it was bullets.

HARRY

I'll give you \$5,000 for it!

SANDY

What? I mean, yeah, sold!

Harry frowns. A smile almost. Lucky walks up to him, gun by his side.

LUCKY

Alright Harry... fair is fair. We made a deal! I'll give you this gun. Just answer my question. Why?

Harry sighs...

HARRY

I was sleeping with a woman that I did not know was married. Her husband found out... tracked me down. He's threatened to kill my grandchildren if I don't pay him \$10,000 now, sunrise.

LUCKY

Shit! Why not just pay the guy!? You got the \$10,000 in your safe.

Sandy gives Lucky a raised eyebrow, dirty look.

SANDY

Hay! That's \$10,000--

LUCKY

Quiet woman!

HARRY

That's why I have the \$10,000 in cash. Then I figured that if I gave it to him? We'd just keep asking for more and more till I have nothing left. Then kill my grand children!

Harry takes a sip of his whisky.

HARRY (CONT'D)

So I figure if I'm dead? Then the threat is gone. He'd have no gain in going after my grandchildren. They will be safe.

SANDY

That's so sad. You poor man.

LUCKY

Jesus... Go to the cops--

HARRY

No. There's no messing with this muffia boss! He's not called KILLER TONY for no reason!

SANDY (O.S)

Killer Tony!!

LUCKY

Uncle Tony!!

HARRY

Uncle?

LUCKY

Yes. My father's brother. Uncle Tony. Nicknamed "killer Tony" from his army days. The old fart is a Micky Mouse con-artist! he sure is no muffia boss!

SANDY

Martha?

Yes! That's her name.

LUCKY

Martha is his partner in crime, not marriage. This is what they do!

Harry is jaw-dropped shock faced.

HURRY

Bitch! Fuck him... this, Tony! He's not getting a cent.

HARRY

Whooo... Not so fast. Uncle Tony is still not someone you gonna want to fuck with.

SANDY

And the bitch will want her cut!

HARRY

Look, I'm not well-off, rich. It just looks like it. I inherited this house from my brother.

Sandy walks over to a mantel. Picking-up a framed photo of a young married couple with two young girls. She shows it to Lucky.

SANDY

(To Harry)

This your grandchildren?

HARRY

(Sad tone))

Yes.

Sandy gives Lucky a look. Harry takes out his cell phone. Swiping - tapping - phone to ear...

HARRY

Uncle Tony. Lucky here.

(Pause)

You won't believe who's house I'm at, busy robbing? Well, trying to. Harry Smith, West street.

(Pause)

Yeah, the old-timer in a wheel chair.

(MORE)

HARRY (cont'd)

(Pause)

Yes. That's why I'm calling you Uncle Tony. Trying to rob this guy, it turns out he's not wealthy. Not healthy neither. He's sitting here with a gun to his head.

(Pause)

Because he told me of you, Martha, the \$10,000 demand.

(Pause)

Correct. If he shoots himself? You get nothing!

(Pause)

Because I feel for him. Okay. (Pause)

Harry gives him a raised eyebrow look. As does Sandy.

LUCKY (CONT'D)

He has the \$10,000 in cash. (Pause)

Thank you, Uncle Tony. And I'll tell him.

Lucky ends the call.

LUCKY

(To Harry)

Uncle Tony says; You should not be poking your meat around at your age. And, you'll not hear from him again, after the \$10,000. A driver will be here in an hour to collect.

Harry gives him a look of relief.

HARRY

Why?

LUCKY

Why what?

HARRY

That \$10,000 could have been yours?

LUCKY

And you'd have shot yourself. Or, Uncle Tony would have shot you?

HARRY

What do you care?

LUCKY

Wouldn't want those two beautiful young girls growing-up without their grandfather. Now would we?

Harry gives him a pleasant smile.

SANDY

(To Lucky)
You owe me \$5,000!

Lucky gives her back her gun. She takes it.

LUCKY

No, I don't.

SANDY

So, you say that face brick house up the road looks promising?

LUCKY

Yeah, let's go check it out. And, there better not be an old crazy man there!

Lucky turns to Harry.

LUCKY (CONT'D)

Well, old-timer. Sure was interesting meeting you.

HARRY

Yeah. Likewise.

Lucky and Sandy walk-off to the front door. Lucky stops. Turns to look at the flat-screen. Unplugs it and takes it.

HARRY (CONT'D)

Really now!?

LUCKY

It's what I do.

HARRY

You know you still a... Dumb ass!

- CREDITS -

EXT. BIG DOGS HOUSE - DAY

INSERT: SUNDAY

Low/medium income suburb. Back-yard. Women are sitting around a large outdoor table. Their children play nearby.

Nearby, are their men hanging around the BBQ, chatting, drinking beers. Amongst them is Lucky, and Harry in his wheelchair.

HARRY

(To Lucky)

You sure Uncle Tony is not coming to the BBQ?

LUCKY

Yeah, I'm sure.

HARRY

You unreal, you know that! First you break into my house. Then you return, wheeling me out to your Sunday BBQ.

LUCKY

You did say you live alone. So, I thought you'd enjoy getting out a bit?

Nearby, flipping patties on the grill, is Big Dog, 40s, well built.

BIG DOG

And next Sundays BBQ is at your place, Harry.

HARRY

Ah... Shit!

FADE OUT.

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