THE TWIN THIEVES

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EXT. PRISON BASKETBALL COURT - DAY

KHAN and AKBAR --- WEAR: Prisoner Jump-suits -- they swish the basketball net with the big orange basketball.

A PRISON GUARD grabs both KHAN and AKBAR, cuffs them and harshly pushes them inside the prison.

INT. PRISON CELL PATHWAY, ELLIS UNIT - DAY

KHAN and AKBAR with their hands cuffed walk with the PRISON GUARD behind him.

AKBAR stops for a second.

PRISON GUARD
Keep it moving AKBAR!

The PRISON GUARD grabs AKBAR by his orange shirt and threatens to shoot him as he puts a HANDGUN to his head.

AKBAR
Oh go on then. Shoot me. See if I care.

KHAN smiles.

PRISON GUARD
I will shoot you so keep it moving.

AKBAR
Wise guy. My feet are moving. That means I am walking.

PRISON GUARD pushes AKBAR and KHAN and holsters his HANDGUN.

PRISON GUARD (whispers to himself)
Idiot.

CUTS TO:

INT. INTERROGATION CENTER, ELLIS UNIT - DAY

DETECTIVE RAJ -- WEARS: white dress shirt, rolled up sleeves, black trousers and dress shoes.

-- Looks at the table -- daggers, handguns, glasses, military radio

-- HE then he looks at the white board: 4 PICTURES -- KHAN and AKBAR next to each other
below GHOST THIEF (Under: KHAN) and PANTHER (Under: AKBAR):

GHOST THIEF -- black thief eye mask, black winter cap, un-zipped black jacket, black t-shirt, black gloves, dark blue jeans (military radio attached) and backpack

PANTHER -- black shades, hoodie - black with green skeleton, dark cap (underneath hood), dark gloves, dark blue jeans (military radio attached) and backpack

An OFFICER walks in.

OFFICER
These are the Twin Thieves?

RAJ
Yeah. Childhood friends. They spent most of their life together after their parents dumped them. All I've got is their former military. Probably Special Forces.

OFFICER
Why'd they become thieves then?

RAJ
Probably because there was nothing for them when they came back home.

OFFICER
Keep going.

RAJ
They've hit banks, museums, galleries, casinos, $ exchanges, jewelry stores, tech stores. They haven't killed anyone. They haven't even touched anyone. In and out in 50 seconds. Every time. They were ghosts. Nobody knew them.

OFFICER
Well if these two are such hot shots how'd you get them?

RAJ
Got a call from a witness. Ambushed them and then I jumped them before they escaped. They are the best. After that they lost everything they once owned.
OFFICER
Police property?

RAJ
Government property.

OFFICER
So what happens now?

RAJ
They are going to be rot here in prison

OFFICER
For how long?

RAJ
Probably 6 to 8 years.

6 YEARS LATER:

EXT. ELLIS UNIT PRISON - DAY

KHAN and AKBAR: shorts and t-shirts. They see PRANAV -- stands with his arms crossed -- collared t-shirt and shorts -- very angry.

PRANAV
Chop Chop! I've got a very busy schedule.

PRISON GUARD
We are coming Mr. Pranav.

PRANAV
One more word and I'll sew you and kill your prisoners.

KHAN and AKBAR quickly walk to PRANAV.

PRANAV (CONT'D)
Get some rest. It's a 3 and a half hour drive back to Big D.

GOES TO:

EXT. DRIVEWAY, PRANAV'S HOME - NIGHT

PRANAV stomps down on his driveway and storms to the door. KHAN and AKBAR look around.

PRANAV
Get inside! NOW!
KHAN
Einstein, we don't have the key.

PRANAV
The doors open you loser. Next time you say something stupid I'll shoot you. Understood?

KHAN
Yeah. Out and clear.

PRANAV
Oh and call me Mr. Pranav. I have royal blood in my veins.

AKBAR
Shut up!

PRANAV takes out a HANDGUN from his jacket pocket and points it at KHAN and AKBAR.

PRANAV
What did you just say to me? Shut up huh? You want me to shut up? Fine.

PRANAV reloads his HANDGUN -- very threatening. KHAN and AKBAR put their hands up (half).

AKBAR
Okay. Okay.

KHAN and AKBAR put their hands in their pocket and quickly walk into the room -- they walk with purpose.

FADES TO:

INT. ROOM, PRANAV'S HOME - THE NEXT DAY

KHAN and AKBAR sit on the bed and KHAN gets up -- suddenly and with ferocity, walks to the window and stares outside.

KHAN
We've got to break out of here.

AKBAR
Yeah you think Mr. Cops and Robbers is going to go for that? Good luck.

KHAN
You have a better plan? He threatened to kill us yesterday.

AKBAR
I guess so. But how are we going to pull it off? But we have nothing.

(MORE)
AKBAR (CONT'D)

No money. No equipment. I mean, heck, we got these clothes from a prison guard.

KHAN puts the back of his head against a wardrobe and then starts walking around the room. He suddenly stops and turns around towards AKBAR.

KHAN
Isn't Pranav starting a store?

AKBAR
(looks confused)
What?
(gets it)
No. It's not possible.

KHAN
Why not?

AKBAR
Are you crazy?

KHAN
No. I'm nuts.

AKBAR
You done? Pranav will be expecting us there. He knows Raj and his dispatch unit.

KHAN
You're afraid of Raj? His dispatch unit is 2 officers.

AKBAR
With Navy S.E.A.L training.

KHAN looks at AKBAR, chuckles, opens the door and suddenly he is kicked directly into the bed (We don't see Pranav kick KHAN) (It is presumed)

PRANAV
It would be best if you sit quietly. I have to go out for some work.

PRANAV salutes at KHAN and AKBAR as he walks out and slams the door shut.

KHAN
You want to live like this for the rest of your life? He is debuting his store with gold coins. It's a $400 mill take.
AKBAR
And you know this how?

KHAN
The coin he was holding. It's a gold sovereign.

AKBAR
So it seems the Twin Thieves are back. Just one question. What will we wear? We have nothing else other than this.

KHAN
Easy. Steal clothes from his wardrobe. Let's get to work.

AKBAR
Fine.

CUT TO:

INT. PRANAV'S STORE - LATER(DAY)

AMERICAN EMPLOYEE (unknown at the moment that it is AKBAR) opens the door for the store.

PRANAV(O.S.)
Go away. I'm busy.

AKBAR (AMERICAN EMPLOYEE) (American accent)
But sir. I am trying to find a job.

PRANAV turns around and looks at the EMPLOYEE, walks to him and shakes his hand.

PRANAV
Pranav Ganesh.

EMPLOYEE
John Scott. I just graduated from UT.

PRANAV
So why do you want to work here John?

EMPLOYEE
I like jewelry and of course meeting new people.

PRANAV and EMPLOYEE walk away from glass display. Suddenly WE HEAR: glass shatter and both PRANAV and EMPLOYEE turn around.

Smoke fills up the place and ALL WE CAN SEE is mainly the
smoke. The SMOKE goes away shortly and PRANAV is in the "GHOST THIEF" clothes.

PRANAV(GHOST THIEF)
What the..? Who..?How? WHAT!

PRANAV looks at the door and through a window: KHAN the GHOST THIEF and AKBAR the PANTHER salute at PRANAV and run in different ways.

SHARPLY CUTS TO:

EXT. WAREHOUSE - DAY

DETECTIVE RAJ gets out of his COP CAR.

RAJ
FREEZE!

THEY run in opposite directions. RAJ runs after PANTHER and even shoots at him -- miss fires.

RAJ (CONT'D)
GET GHOST THIEF! NOW!

2 COPS run after GHOST THIEF.

SHARP CUT TO:

EXT. GRASS AREA, BACKYARD OF WAREHOUSE - DAY

COPS and RAJ -- armed -- bump into each other.

COP 1
They must be in the warehouse if they aren't here.

GHOST THIEF(O.S.)
(from unknown distance)
Guess again officer.

RAJ
Where are you Khan?

PANTHER(O.S.)
(unknown distance)
Close by.

TWIN THIEVES drop smoke pellets and HEAR: punches, yells of pain and shots being fired. The smoke disappears and TWIN THIEVES are gone.

RAJ and COPS shakes HEADS and in pain get up.
RAJ
Get inside the warehouse. Find them and kill them. No prisoners men.

COPS(2)
Yes sir!

CUT TO:

INT. UPPER FLOOR OF WAREHOUSE - DAY - 5 MINUTES LATER

SNIPER is on the ground and looks at the floor (1st floor) and TWIN THIEVES run fast.

The SNIPER -- takes two shots -- hits the TWIN THIEVES in the spinal cord -- YELL in Pain and collapse to the ground.

SNIPER
Yes!

RAJ limp walks to the TWIN THIEVES. Crouches and takes off black thief eye mask (GT) and black shades and hoodie (P) -- it is PRANAV and a COP.

RAJ
What? WHAT?

SNIPER
Sir, is there a problem?

RAJ
WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE OFFICER?
First they steal a package of gold coins worth $400 million, then they use an officer and Pranav as bait?

SNIPER
What do you want to do?

SNIPER -- Headshot -- killed.

FADES OUT:

INT. TOP FLOOR OF WAREHOUSE - EARLIER -- (5 MINUTES)

RAJ searches floor with his REVOLVER and suddenly GHOST THIEF comes out of nowhere. LEFT SHOULDER gets shot by a BULLET -- he yells in pain.

GHOST THIEF then snatches GUN with other hand. It's empty and so he throws it down. Punches RAJ directly in the ribs and side-kicks him into a wall -- knocks him unconscious.

GHOST THIEF takes a cloth and tightens it around his arm groans in SEVERE pain -- closes his eyes tightly.
CUTS TO (SHARP)

INT. BOTTOM FLOOR OF WAREHOUSE - DAY - MEANWHILE

PANTHER puts the SKELETON HOOD on a SECURITY GUARD (P suit). Shoots 2 Taser probes at PRANAV (GT suit) and GUARD (P suit)

GUARD(P) and PRANAV(GT) -- electric shock -- so severe that they move directly into the SNIPERS sight

SNIPER. Looks at PRANAV(GT) and GUARD(P). Fires two shots. GUARD(P) and PRANAV(GT) -- shot in the shoulders -- YELL in PAIN and collapse.

      SNIPER
       Yes!

      GOES TO:

INT. T.V. ROOM, BOTTOM FLOOR OF WAREHOUSE - DAY

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SHARP CUT:

GHOST THIEF sits on a couch. Touches his ear.

      GHOST THIEF
      Now.

PANTHER shoots and kills SNIPER (Do not see SNIPER).

GHOST THIEF crawls up behind RAJ -- takes his handcuffs. Cuffs his hands.

RAJ turns around and GHOST THIEF puts the keys in his pocket. HE turns around.
GHOST THIEF (CONT'D)
See you soon Detective.

GHOST THIEF throws the keys to the couch.

GHOST THIEF (CONT'D)
(points in a direction)
Hey look over there.

PANTHER walks next to GHOST THIEF. RAJ -- handcuffed and his feet are tied with a ROPE.

RAJ
I'll get you two. Believe me I will.

GHOST THIEF takes off his thief eye mask and throws it to RAJ.

KHAN
(sarcastic)
Don't get too attached Raj.

KHAN and PANTHER walk away.

FADES TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM, KHAN'S MANSION - DAY - 5 WEEKS LATER
KHAN -- t-shirt and shorts -- watches a MOVIE on his APPLE T.V. -- AVENGERS -- movie theater room.

CUTS TO:

INT. AKBAR ELECTRONICS - DAY - SAME TIME
AKBAR -- dress shirt -- is in a meeting -- 3 people.

AKBAR
Alright guys. Let's get to work.
We've got a product to sell.

AKBAR -- black trousers -- gets up. Looks out the window.

FADES OUT.

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