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Loser and Wannabe Hero

All your life, you've been on the losing end of every deal. You've been picked on, you've been overlooked and you've been forgotten about. But never have you been recognized, congratulated or respected.

Take your current job, for example. You work far too many hours doing something a trained monkey could do. You're far overqualified, but how can you find a better job in this economy? So you're stuck doing menial tasks for far too little pay.

And you're sick of it. You always wanted something greater in life than a dull hourly pay job, or even a crummy white collar job. You wanted to be someone people respected and talked about.

You think this might be your chance. You don't know how, but you know that events like this only come once in a lifetime. One minute you're just waiting in line in an anonymous bank, the next you're in some kind of bank heist. Just like in the movies. So you're going to figure out how to be the hero of the day. Stand up to the criminals and show them who's boss. Then you'll be able to make your life better – maybe go on talk shows or get a book deal or something. Or at the least you'll be respected and admired.

Maybe you can wrestle a gun away from a robber. Actually, that sounds really dangerous – you don't actually know anything about how to fight. Maybe you can manage to contact the police outside. Are the phones still working? Can you keep your cell phone hidden from the robbers? Could you sneak outside or something? Or maybe you can rally all the hostages together to overrun the guy with the gun?

You've got to think of a way to get out of here alive, and make yourself look good in the process. You're not sure yet if this is worth sacrificing your life to be a hero. At the same time, your life has so little going for it that losing it might not be all that bad. At least you'd be a hero after your death, right? Still, better to figure out a way to both be a hero *and* live. If you can, that is.

Customize your character:

What crummy job do you work at right now? Why are you overqualified to do this job? You don't know how to fight or use a gun, nor anything about bank security. But you have enough knowledge in some field to sit stewing in your own sense of superiority. What are you an unrecognized expert of?