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Off-duty Cop

You are an everyday police beat cop. You wear a uniform and carry a gun and generally deal with domestic disturbances and drunken teenagers and the like. Whenever something big or important happens, the guys in charge call in a squad of detectives and you get stuck minding barricades. You hope to eventually make detective yourself, but that day hasn't come. And it more and more looks like it isn't going to, unless you do something that makes you stand out. Something that makes you some sort of hero.

You have a spouse and a young son at home. He wants to be a cop someday, too. You want to do him proud, but that means you don't want to leave him fatherless (or motherless).

The only people you know here are the bank's employees. Samuel / Susan is the bank's security guard. (S)he tries to pretend like you're comrades, but you as a proper police officer think these Rent-A-Cops are jokes. As far as you're concerned, (s)he's mainly there for show and the real bank security is in its security systems.

You remember seeing the bank's manager, Martin / Marilyn Kirkwood. (S)he was brought into the station for questioning two or three years ago on something, but eventually got cleared of all charges.

The teller's name is Eleanor, though you only know that because it's on her name badge. You don't know her story beyond that. Wait, who is that guy talking to her? Didn't you arrest that guy a while back? You're sure you did, though you can't recall his name. Is he with the robbers? If so, why is he acting like a hostage? What was he saying to the teller that made her upset?

You were just here at the bank to make a deposit. Nothing to do with being a cop, so this comes totally unprepared. On the other hand, nothing identifies you as a cop, either, so maybe the robbers will underestimate you, giving you a chance to do something. But without a gun on you, what are you going to do?

Define your character:

It's up to you why your character can't make detective. Is he out of shape? Is he incompetent, or cowardly, or does he have a bad temper? Alcoholic? A suspect in an Internal Affairs probe?

Whatever it is, give your character a flaw and try to play it up.