

THELMA & LOUISE by Callie Khouri

SCENE 1

LOUISE

We gotta be inconspicuous. Do you know what that means?

THELMA

Yes.

LOUISE

It means you don't talk to anybody. You don't draw attention to yourself in any way. Do you understand that? Tell me you understand that. We have to think this through. We have to be smart. Now is not the time to panic. If we panic now, we're done for. Nobody saw it. Nobody knows it was us. We're still okay. Now all we have to do is just figure out our next move.

THELMA

Our next move? I'll say one thing, Louise. This is some vacation. I sure am having a good time. This is real fun.

LOUISE

If you weren't so concerned with having a good time, we wouldn't be here right now.

THELMA

Just what is that supposed to mean?

LOUISE

It means shut up, Thelma.

THELMA

So this is all my fault, is it.

LOUISE

Just shut up.

THELMA

I have to go to the bathroom. I... Sorry.

SCENE 2

THELMA

Hi.

LOUISE

What happened to your hair?

THELMA

Nothing. It got messed up.

LOUISE

What's wrong with you?

THELMA

Nothing. Why? Do I seem different?

LOUISE

Yes, now that you mention it. You seem crazy. Like you're on drugs.

THELMA

Well, I'm not on drugs. But I might be crazy.

LOUISE

(shaking her head)

I don't think I wanna hear what you're gonna tell me.

Thelma is just about to shriek when the Waitress comes over and puts a coffee cup on the table and pours some. Thelma gets a grip on herself for a moment then loses it as the Waitress goes away.

THELMA

Oh my God, Louise!!! I can't believe it! I just really can't believe it! I mean... whoa!

LOUISE

Oh, Thelma. Oh, no.

THELMA

I mean I finally understand what all the fuss is about. This is just a whole 'nother ball game!

LOUISE

Thelma, please get a hold of yourself. You're making a spectacle.

THELMA

You know, Louise, you're supposed to

be my best friend. You could at least be a little bit happy for me. You could at least pretend to be slightly happy that for once in my life I have a sexual experience that isn't completely disgusting.

LOUISE

I'm sorry. I am happy. I'm very happy for you. I'm glad you had a good time. It's about time. Where is he now?

THELMA

Taking a shower.

LOUISE

You left that guy alone in the room?

LOUISE

Where's the money, Thelma?

THELMA

Ummm... it's on the table. It's okay. I don't remember.

SCENE 3

LOUISE

Thelma.

THELMA

Yeah.

LOUISE

I want you to call Darryl.

THELMA

What for?

LOUISE

To find out if he knows anything.
If you think he does, you gotta hang
up because it means the police have
told him and the phone is probably
tapped.

THELMA

Jeez, Louise, tapped the phone? You
think so?

LOUISE

(agitated)

Oh, come on! Murder one and armed robbery, Thelma!

THELMA

Murder one! God, Louise, can't we
even say it was self-defense?

LOUISE

But it wasn't! We got away! We
were walkin' away!

THELMA

They don't know that! It was just
you and me there. I'll say he raped
me and you had to shoot him! I
mean, it's almost the truth!

LOUISE

It won't work.

THELMA

Why not?!

LOUISE

No physical evidence. We can't
prove he did it. We probably can't
even prove he touched you by now.

THELMA

God. The law is some tricky shit,
isn't it? How do you know 'bout all
this stuff anyway?

LOUISE

Besides, what do we say about the
robbery? No excuse for that. No
such thing as justifiable robbery.

THELMA

Alright, Louise! Let's get it over with.

LOUISE

I'm not kidding, Thelma. If you
think he knows, even if you're not
sure, hang up.

THELMA

Darryl. It's me... He knows.

LOUISE

Darryl, this is Louise. Are the
police there?

DARRYL

Uh, no! No, why would any police be
here? Hey, where are you girls,
anyway?

LOUISE

Let me talk to whoever's in charge
there?

DARRYL

What are you talking about, Louise?

HAL

Hello, Miss Sawyer. I'm Hal
Slocumbe, Chief Investigator,
Homicide, Arkansas State Police.
How are you?

LOUISE

(chuckling)

I've been better.

HAL (V.O.)

You girls are in some hot water.

LOUISE

Yes, sir. I know.

HAL

You're both okay? Neither one of
you hurt? You're bein' careful with
that gun?

LOUISE

We're both fine.

HAL (V.O.)

Good. You wanna tell me what happened?

LOUISE

Sure. Maybe over coffee sometime. I'll buy.

HAL

I just want you to know, neither one of you are charged with murder yet. You're still just wanted for questioning. Although, now, Mrs. Dickinson's wanted in Oklahoma for armed robbery.

LOUISE

No kiddin'. Listen, we gotta go. I'll call you back, all right?

HAL (V.O.)

Miss Sawyer, I don't think y'all are gonna make it to Mexico. We should talk. Please. I wanna to help you.

LOUISE

That J.D. kid is a little shit.

THELMA

What.

LOUISE

How'd they find out we're going to Mexico, Thelma, how they know that?

THELMA

I... I...

LOUISE

You told that thievin' little shit where we were goin'?!

THELMA

I just told him if he ever gets to Mexico to look us up. I asked him not to tell. I didn't think he would tell anybody.

LOUISE

Why not?! What's he got to lose? Other than my life's savings, that is. Shit!

THELMA

I'm sorry. I mean I...

LOUISE

Goddamnit, Thelma! Let me explain something to you. Right now we have only two things goin' for us. One, nobody knows where we are, and two, nobody knows where we're going. Now, one of our things that was going for us is gone! Just stop talkin' to people, Thelma! Stop bein' so open! We're fugitives now. Let's behave that way!

THELMA

You're right.