THE CHARACTERS

BARNEY Dribble - Barney was an integral part of the bank heist. He drove the getaway car and even managed to get away - alone. If revenge is a drink best supped cold, Sid Shady and Sam Sham could look forward to a cool thirst quencher when they finished doing time.

SID SHADY - Sid Shady was big, mean and vengeful. He'd just served five years of prison time and he held Barney Dribble accountable for every minute of it - plus interest.

SAM SHAM - Sam also did time. Sam would be the first to admit that he had numerous fantasies about Barney Dribble - fantasies of revenge.

DETECTIVE SHADOW - When it involved murder, Shadow could quickly decipher the difference between fact and fiction. That was experience. That was intuition. That was Shadow.

CONSTABLE BUMLINER - Constable Bumlinger was at the crossroads of a mid-life crisis, yet he had barely managed to acquire the social development skills of a five year old. To Bumlinger nothing really mattered beyond immediate gratification - Bumlinger's.
AN UNSAVOURY DEMISE

The howling wind whipped the snow into long wavelike drifts. It was Buffalo, New York. The faded yellow fixtures of Drabble's Chicken Chicken seemed to sink slowly, consumed by a rising sea of frozen crystals. Inside, a neon light buzzed angrily at the empty street, declaring that it was open. Several small Alibi tables were scattered about, their wobbly legs defying gravity. An exhaust fan whirred, feeding smoke into the air. The dusty air was thick with the stench of greasy chicken and burned food.

Detective Shadrack Shell and Sam Stamm in that shadowy apothecary's den. Shell and Stamm, having braved the winter storm to investigate the murder of Drabble, knew their work was not yet done.

Oh, well; I'm calling Barney. I'm calling Barney, Drabble. What can I do ya for? A man's voice sounded exactly like George Bush's. Barney, you fly to your door, what can I do ya for? Drabble, how are you doing? Do you have a chicken in the fridge?...

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"You can't go and do this.

I'm never sure where the whole story is.

Mike, you're a real snoopy kind of interviewer.