

ANGELS OVER BROADWAY 8.27.07

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1. Man in office, boss shows up, says your ex wife stole 3k from me, convinced you to give her, now she's run off with other lover. Man is distraught- mr Engels. Money by morning or police called.
2. He goes to kill himself, writes suicide note. Can't go over bridge.
3. Enters nightclub. Tips 20 to cigarette girl. Sits at table. Rita comes over, flirts. We are fairbanks- he's a small time hustler. He sits at table, starts chatting. Playwright in there, drunk.
4. Playwright gets coat, wrong one, funds suicide note. he comes by table, rita and Fairbanks go off, he talks to engels. Sees ex girlfriend goes over drunk, arguer, takes back 12k brooch. Gives to engels. Mentions his recent play failures.
5. Meanwhile Rita tries to pick up director, Fairbanks screws it up on purpose, says he wants her in on scam, steer engels to gambling house since he's a millionaire and take a cut.
6. Girl comes by playwright table, says brooch was a copy she had made, worthless. Engels and playwright distraught. Doug and rita come back, learn he's broke. Laugh. Playwright has great idea!! Go to play with gangsters but they let him win at first, then flee with money. Convinces everyone to go through. They are to meet at theater. Engels disappears. They all meet at theater. Rita and Doug long talk and flirting and fighting.
7. They finally fight engels. They go to mob bar, play act engels rich, playwright teaches him. They meet hard guys, get invited to card game. Success.
8. They prepare for go card game. Doug negotiates his cut of the winnings, anything over 3k. Playwright falls asleep upstairs drunk.
9. They go to card game. Engels argues on credit, they accept, start playing.
10. Rita returns to playwrights room to watch him calling ex wife. He begs to come home, says he can't write elsewhere. She agrees. He sees rita- doesn't remember her or anything. She let's him go. Doug comes in later stressed. Talks with rita. They kiss, then she slaps him.
11. Back in card game, cards are cold. They rig a good hand for Engel, he is

nervous, says he wants to check on playwright. Takes 3k and leaves 'winnings' on table. Goes to room, thug follows. Enters. Then Doug sees him, says he has to turn him in, it's lost cause. Rita says no, must do right thing, even if not rich they can be rich this way. Rita and engels go for window, Doug stalls at door with lie about managing thugs boxing career story for playwright. Door drifts open, thug sees escape, guys Doug. Doug stalls 3 thugs as engels escapes through window. Then main thug goes in, rita who was hiding exits, saves Doug. Gunshots, fade to black.

12. In night court judge harsh to early case- then lead in they have engels. Why does he have 3k? He says belongs to boss. They call boss. He confirms.
13. Rita and Doug in cafe. He's best up, she says don't you feel better now? She offers number, he doesn't want, says one beating a night. She says something wonderful happened tonight. People can be good.
14. He watches her walk out of cafe, he leaves big tip, runs after her, tells, hugs, kisses. 78 min. End