

## **DILLINGER (1945) 8.15.07**

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1. Newsreel playing in theater on robbery career of Dillinger. His dad comes out, says he was normal kid, but never wanted to settle down, do same thing every day. He left to become broker.
2. Dillinger in bar, chatting with girl, talking about big scores in market, utilities good investment, blathering. Orders more drinks but can't pay up front. Girl wants drink. He says hold on, goes to cigarette store, holds up the place, runs into cop, is immediately caught.
3. Goes to jail, gets in cell with Specs Green, who kicks him as he walks in, puts him in place. Specs reading bank mags. Later in commissary, he takes Specs' potato. German guy tells him, say that is Specs, smartest bank man in the country. Later in cell he's nice to Specs, apologizes, says he's in for stickup, lies about shootout. Specs got big money. Later, he learns from specs in prison, who give him philosophy, Specs has moral code. Intros him to gang- minelli, doc, kirk. Says he is getting out soon, they should be gang, he will bust them out. They're rude, Spec orders him away. They say he's a punk, Specs' see potential. Later, John talking, says he'll get them out, montage he's almost out, a few months, etc.
4. He's out, goes to movies. Meets ticket taker girl, flirts. Then sticks he rup, takes money. Writes letter to specs, sends money. Girl looks at mugshots in police station, IDs John, then they bring him in lineup, she says she was wrong.
5. John and Helen are in bar together, flirting, she doesn't know why she likes him. He's very confident.
6. In prison, Specs and gang get letter. Tells them in code he'll spring them Sep 26.
7. John buys cement, bribes guy to get crate since trade only. Writes jail symbol on barrel. In jail Specs tells guy about white cross. Later cops going in freight depot, hear car horn, distracts them. They see john's barrel on back of truck, drive it back to depot as he spies on them, learns.
8. Specs and gang doing hard labor. It's the day, one doesn't believe. Still working, then lunchtime. Specs still believes. Then end of day. Truck drives up. Guard yells at crew to pick up shovel properly. They spot white cross on back of truck barrels. Take barrels off back, start unloading. Guard looks up, they hit him in head. Crack open barrel, a cache of guns

- inside. They shoot their way out of jail. Then robbing banks in montage. Manhunt goes out. Newspaper headlines, roadblocks, etc.
9. In hideout, Specs wants to hit bank, he's boss. Says Dillinger must go case bank. Dillinger wants to go in strong, Specs says too easy with gun. They stay and play cards. John clashes with Specs, goes out, picks up dame. Driving in car, says he's taking her somewhere. Enters bar he was thrown out of in beginning. Waiter comes over. He orders 3 beers. What for? You'll see. Guy comes back. He tells girl wait in car. Asks guy to sit, have a beer. He asks guy remember me? Guy doesn't, finally does. He smashes glass and cuts guys face, kills him. Guy is pathetic and we feel it's wrong.
  10. John visits bank, meets with manager, says he worries cause of robberies. Manager shows him all security systems, bank is impenetrable. He leaves. Back at hideout, Specs hatching plan. Goes to hall to call friends. John meanwhile comes up with own plan. Specs comes back, tears up plan, says don't think. But guys like plan. They hit bank in rain and assault armored cars outside. Works, they get big loot. Back at hideout guys say they did as John told them. Specs tries to take double share, John takes it, he is in power now. Guys follow him, his plan worked. They agree to meet in 30 days at creek. John orders Specs out hardway, he's going out front.
  11. Montage dragnet out, checkpoints, etc.
  12. John and Helen in fur at jeweler. John buys her 8k bracelet. She leaves, he sticks up owner.
  13. Dragnet continues, busting through roadblocks. John and Helen arrive at country hideout, he goes in, tells everyone to stand, takes control, Specs upset. Place owned by members parents.
  14. Later guys complain, Specs tries for power, they say no, we follow John. Then they hear cops are out, they go running, hit a series of banks, John shooting everyone. Another ingenious scam, cleaning windows, then they befuddle cops, steal loot.
  15. Later in hideout, John has toothache. Specs offers dentist. John enters dentist, give him laughing gas. Police come and capture him. Specs buys newspaper and smiles. John lead to prison. Press asks what now? He says can't hold me. Later he talks to black guy in cell who is whittling. Buys his knife and wood for a dollar. Whittles out a gun, paints it. Guard comes by, he sticks him up. Breaks out. Goes back to see gang, finds Specs. Pulls wooden gun on him. Specs says I swear I didn't set you up,

- got new man Tony. Then he shows wooden gun, they all laugh. Then he kills Specs.
16. In barbershop barber asks about Specs, told he's dead. Later in hideout, John hatches plan to rob reserve bank shipment. Crazy score they say. He says they should hijack mail train. What about gov? It's worth it. 300k. Helen comes in with Tony. In kitchen John senses affair, she says, you jealous?
  17. They get on train. Elaborate robbery where John impersonates conductor. Tends to 'sick' crew member. Then they make a run for the car, but are shot up by officers on the train. They escape in car, but John is wounded in back. Otto, whose parents run hideout, is killed. John says that's how it crumbles, we must go back hideout.
  18. Radio announcer says FBI doing biggest manhunt ever. Otto's parents listen on radio, hear son is dead. Say maybe it's better. John and crew enter. John sick, looks at parents, says what are you looking at. Later, wakes up and sees them calling police. Shoots them both. Helen sees, goes back to bed.
  19. Tony grabs helen says cops everywhere, let's flee together. John overhears, kills Tony, then arrives in car to pickup Helen, she sees it's him, he smacks her twice. They drive off. Remaining crew in hideout surrounded by cops, they surrender.
  20. Papers mention dragnet. Helen walks street, sees 15k reward posters for John. Goes up to apartment. He drinks. She wants to go out, he gives her money. She sees reward poster again. He stays in apartment. She goes down and plays with kids, dec 24th. Calendar shows 6 months go by, he has moustache. Puts on sunglasses, disguise. Decides to go out. Rips down wanted poster. Runs into Helen on stairs, says let's go out. She says movies? Yeah. They go to theater. Inside, John watches, they laugh, he seems very human. Outside police with guns drawn, waiting for him. He finally comes out. She moves away, they gun for him. He shoots back, runs, gets to alley. They run after and shoot him down. Inventory his possessions. He is dead.

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