

"Jinx and Rio, Served with Brio!"

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DareDoll Rio breaks in. She contacts CrimeBase with her wristcomp.

RIO
CrimeBase, it's me, DareDoll Rio.
I'm in.

CRIMEBASE
Swell. Have a look around and
report back to me.

RIO
Will do. Over and out.

But Rio is instantly taken from behind with a chloroform cloth...!

DareDoll Jinx shows up to investigate. She stands before the door to the old, abandoned magic factory, and calls CrimeBase.

JINX
No sign of Rio yet, CrimeBase. What
should I do?

CRIMEBASE
She could be in trouble, Jinx.
You'd better break in. But try not
to follow too closely in Rio's
boot-steps, or you might get
captured, too.

Jinx looks around, and then we see a lightbulb switch on over her head.

JINX
Okay. I've got an idea. This might
require me to do something
radically different from our usual
standard break-in procedure, but I
think it's worth a try.

CRIMEBASE
Be careful, Jinx.

Jinx simply rolls open the door to the warehouse and enters.

JINX
(v.o.)
How long has this thing been unlocked?

She shakes her head slowly--bemused, but then, from off-camera, she hears

RIO
Jinx! Over here!

Jinx discovers Rio stuck in a giant web. A spider slowly lowers from the ceiling to her neck....

RIO
Watch out, Jinx! Don't try to get any closer to me or you'll get me killed! There's no escape for me, I know it. You must save yourself while there's still a chance! Don't you see? It's a diabolical trap! It's impossible for anyone to reach me! The floor is criss-crossed by invisible lasers--invisible to the naked eye! And if someone breaks a beam, this entire web will be zapped with 20,000 volts. Of electricity.

Jinx dispenses a small bit of powder, illuminating one of the lasers.

JINX
Yep. That's a laser all right. And where there's one, there's bound to be others. But I think I can step over them if I take my time.

RIO
That's just it! There's no time! This spider is filled with poison and as soon as it reaches my exposed jugular vein, I'll be dead. Dammit! Why didn't I wear a turtleneck today?!

JINX
Damn and double damn! I also seem to be out of powder. I'll just have to take my chances and step carefully. Man, I wish I could see those lasers....

RIO
No! You fool! Call for back-up!

JINX
Too late. I'm rolling them dice, baby!

RIO

No! Nobody can stop the mechanism lowering the spider. It can't be stopped! I'll be killed the moment it reaches me. No, it's hopeless! Don't do it, Jinx! I tell you it's hopeless. Believe me, Jinx. It's no use! Please don't come any closer! It's all over for me. It's the end for all of us! Give it up, Jinx. It's no use! It's too late!

Jinx makes it to Rio before the spider, and cuts her down.

JINX

Don't worry, Rio. I'll have you free of this nefarious fiber in a jiffy!

They hug like sisters.

JINX

What a relief. CrimeBase thought that you might be bait for a Peeper Brothers double-cross.

RIO

Now would I let something like that happen to you, Jinx baby?

Rio pokes Jinx with a dart to the butt. It was all a trap!

Jinx wakes up to find herself tied to a chair. A Peeper or two and Rio (wearing "evil twin" make-up) stand beside her.

PEEPER

Guess you didn't see this coming in your crystal ball, Jinxie. I know it sucks, but now you are our helpless captive.

JINX

What is your game, you fiend?

PEEPER

We've decided to complete our DareDoll collection, my dear. It's kind of a fascination of ours.

JINX

What have you done to Rio, you monster? Scrambled her brain like an egg?

PEEPER

Nothing so permanent, Jinx. We merely subjected her to the Peeper Brothers brainwash machine and made her bad, just like DareDoll Lash in a previous episode.

A siren goes off in a distant corner of the warehouse.

PEEPER

That's either a battery that needs replacing or the very next doll for our collection.

(to Rio)

Rio, keep an eye on your beautiful girlfriend, and make sure she doesn't go anywhere.

Bad guy(s) exit.

Jinx skillfully unties herself while distracting Rio.

JINX

Rio. Shake yourself awake! You need to get the blood flowing back to your brain.

RIO

That doesn't sound very pleasant.

JINX

You're not your usual self. You're....

RIO

Slower? I feel a little sluggish today.

JINX

No, that's not it. You've never had a quick day in your life. No, you're...someone else. You're bad!

RIO

Yes. I am bad.

Jinx unties herself, and stands up.

JINX

And you're even worse at tying knots, sister.

RIO

Should you be up?

JINX

Your orders were that I not go anywhere. I'm not going anywhere.

RIO

Yes, that's true, I guess.

JINX

Say, I could really use a stretch. Let's do some partner-assisted exercises while we wait for your friends to come back.

RIO

Okay.

They help each other stretch, and after a while, Rio regains her senses, moaning.

RIO

Jinx! I just regained my senses!

JINX

Stretching keeps muscles supple and ballerinas on their toes, Rio. Now let's get back on ours!

They rise for action but are immediately overtaken by a Peeper, who tosses onto them a self-vacuum-sealing fabric swatch; they are instantly a cocoon in stretchy silk! They are next escorted to our final deathtrap: the radar grill!

The Peeper sets up the trap and then leaves. The girls struggle.

JINX

I don't think I can take much more of this.

RIO

Neither can I! I may be the spiciest DareDoll, but I never dreamed I'd be grilled to delicious perfection on a giant radar grill. I wish this thing had an on/off switch.

JINX

(looking over the side)

It does! But I can't reach it. If only I had a rope or something!

RIO

I've got it! Use your teeth to
shred off a leg of my tights. You
can lower the nylon down far enough
to snag the switch if your aim is true.

JINX

We'll have to try it!

RIO

Do it quick, Jinx! Or we'll be
stewing in our own juices just in
time for some kinky Peeper Brothers
barbecue.

Will it work?!