

## BANKING BUDDIES A LOVE STORY

Lovely Lucy and Handsome Henry worked for two huge banks in a major coastal city. They met at a bank training course at the State University and had a torrid love affair. Since both were married and with children it seemed the only thing to do was to try and embezzle a sizable amount of money in their daily work, store it in a suitable site and when they had enough fly away to some foreign country or South Sea Island or maybe even an Island in the South Pacific. Both worked very hard on a daily basis securing the funds and sending them to an address in an old house they had rented in an area near the beach. The first money was used to purchase and stock a large boat with supplies that would last for several months. In the meantime they discussed their plans over the phone and vowed not to even talk with each other until time to fly away to their love nest in the South Atlantic. They each had maps and finally agreed on a very small island that had no inhabitants, therefore no modern conveniences. They reasoned that a life on the boat stored and camouflaged in a small deep cove would be the ideal little love nest while the big scandal created by their stealing and leaving together blew over.

Both were very respected and trusted employees of the banks where they worked. They intended to work up to the time the first suspicion of missing funds began to show up. They both had jobs at their banks that would place them in a position to be up in the know. In just a few short weeks the pair had amassed enough money for them to live on for the rest of their lives in a situation where a lot of money was not

needed. After all they were both in their mid-life crisis years, and had entered that period when middle age seemed to be a new teen age time. A lot of money was far from their expected needs. Love had clouded their thinking. They only had one little one night fling when their banks sent them to a two day meeting and there they finalized their plans. Each had been going to the old house and putting the money they had mailed on alternate days and stored the money in a rented small warehouse. They located a boat suited to their needs, took out the money, paid cash and docked it in a near by coastal town. The man who sold the boat was a little suspicious, but was so glad to get that much cash he promptly forgot it. The IRS would not know about this money.

One bright and sunny Friday Handsome Henry came to work and the place was awash with activity. He knew something was fishy. He called Lovely Lucy and they planned their get-a-way for that afternoon. Both took the afternoon off and met at the warehouse, picked up the money and fled to their boat. When they arrived and tried to start the boat it would not start. They decided for Lovely Lucy to hide in the boat and Handsome Henry would seek out a mechanic. The mechanic found the problem fixed it and then informed Handsome Henry that storm warnings were posted for that night and next day.

The lovers decided to stay in the love boat for the night and then abscond late Saturday night when the storm had passed. Both had lied to their spouses and were supposed to be at a banking meeting and would be home late Sunday night.

The storm arrived but it soon turned into a hurricane. The love boat was lifted from its dock and carried by the wind through the air and deposited in front of the local police station. Handsome Henry and Lovely Lucy were unharmed but the money stored in a large briefcase was hurled through the glass window of the police station onto the desk of the Chief of Police. The chief promptly arrested them with the large amount of unexplained money. The next day they read in the paper that both Handsome Henry and Lovely Lucy were scheduled to be given grand promotions with large pay increases by their respective banks. They also found out that Handsome Henry's wife and Lovely Lucy's husband had run away together on Friday morning leaving notes for their spouses they could be reached in Mexico City. Neither would need any financial help from the other, and to send them divorce papers written as they liked and they would sign them. They had been saving for the day for five years and finally had enough money to live high on the hog especially since both had secured part time jobs working from the US Embassy there. Both spoke Mexican fluently. They learned the language during the five years their families lived in Mexico working for American companies. Lovely and handsome got ten years in jail each. After getting out of prison they were broke but married anyhow and worked at a local Wal Mart for Minimum Wages.