My idea for a story is a musical/comedy about notorious depression era gangsters like John Dillinger, Al Capone, and Bonnie and Clyde being the main characters. So we get all the blood and action of a gangster style movie mixed with the general whimsy and happiness of a musical/comedy.

The story would start in Hell, since all the main characters are dead and supposedly would have gone to hell. The lead, John Dillinger, has a plan to escape. He plans a heist to steal the keys to the gates of hell, but he must get them from the devil. He puts together a team of other depression era gangsters to help him. The plan is successful and they escape the devil and hell.

Once back in the real world, however, they find it’s nothing like it was during the great depression. They try to get back into their old bank robbing careers but are unsuccessful because everything has changed so much. John Dillinger falls in love and Bonnie and Clyde break up. Everyone but Al Capone tries to go straight and make up for their pasts. Al Capone is a loose cannon and threatens to ruin everything.

Meanwhile, back in Hell, the Devil can’t keep souls down in Hell. John Dillinger took the keys to the gate with him so more souls are escaping. So the Devil comes to Earth chasing the gangsters to make them return to Hell and lock the gates again. He finds them, with the help of Al Capone, and discovers that they are good now, so he doesn’t want them around anymore and lets them stay on Earth, if they promise to return the keys to the gates of Hell.

John Dillinger sees all the damage caused by leaving the gate open so he takes his group and they hunt down all the other escaped souls to make them return to Hell.