

### The Bugatti

Isaac Bell is now 62 years old, retired, and is pursuing his hobby of collecting rare cars. He is on the hunt for a Bugatti 57 on the continent of Europe. He found out about this extremely rare car in a newspaper article stating that it was being sold by a private owner.

Bell travels to Europe and meets with the owner Diego Vasquez. As they are going to look at the car at a garage in Paris they discover that the car has been stolen. At first Bell is shocked, but then realizes that something doesn't seem right. He begins to wonder if Diego had something to do with the theft or not. He turns to Diego and can see that he is troubled as well. Trying to calm down, Diego tells Bell that he had hidden a stash of stolen jewels in the car and that is why it was stolen and he needs help getting both the jewels and the car back. Without thinking twice, Bell agrees to help, figuring they could deal with the stolen jewels once he had the car back.

Diego and Bell discussed where the jewels were stolen from in the first place, and that meant they had to go to Madrid. They set off to Spain to hunt for the car and investigate who could have done this. While they are investigating they catch one of the men who had stolen the car in Paris. His name is Pedro Ortiz, a dangerous and wanted criminal throughout France. He claims that he has already sold the car to a man headed to Rome.

After turning Ortiz into the local police, Diego and Bell set off to Rome to find this man with the car. From Madrid to the coast they hop a train and when they hit the water they get on a boat and set out for the city of Rome. After two days of travel, they finally reach their destination. Now in Rome, they began to ask people about any suspicious activity in the area. They come across a man in the central marketplace who was rambling crazy about dangerous looking people heading under the Colosseum with a car and guns.

Bell and Diego assume that these are the hoodlums they are searching for so they so they entered the tunnels of the Colosseum to find them. After nearly an hour they had searched through almost four tunnels and were about to turn around and go back when they heard voices that were talking about the car and what they were going to do with it. Quickly Bell and Diego pretended to be a new buyers interested in the car.

When they make an attempt to negotiate for the car, one of the crew members recognizes Diego Vasquez from Paris and realizes that they might be trying to steal the car back. A gun fight breaks out and bullets go back and forth. Diego is hit in the crossfire and he and Bell are forced to flee. As Bell helps Diego recover from his wounds, they get word that the crew has moved the car to Dublin, Ireland.

After a couple of days, Diego is well enough to travel to Ireland and they head north already two days behind the gangsters. Using one of Bell's old connections, they

found out that the gang's hideout is in a small town outside of Dublin. With great stealth and the help of the darkness they are able to enter the town undetected. In search of the car, they had to sneak to the front of the hidout and begin taking out guards one by one. Their is long battle and they are able to enter the house.

As they search the house,they realize that they have to make it to the garage to reach the car. Bell and Diego make a dash for the garage door. Bell finds the Bugatti in the garage looking as nice as he had imagined. While Diego holds off the men from behind cover, Bell fills the car with gas. With the car now filled and the engine running Bell yells for Diego to jump in. They race out of the garage and head out of town. With the bullets and gangsters long gone, they stop the car and are satisfied that they had escaped with both the car and the jewels.

On the way back to Paris, Bell gives Diego a choice. Bell tells him that he will pay him for the car as long as Diego returns the jewels to where they were stolen, or he can keep the car and Bell will turn him into the local police. Diego realizes being a thief is not a good way to live life and thanks Isaac Bell for teaching him a good lesson. He accepts the money for the car and he and Bell sneak in and return the jewels from where they were stolen. In the end Diego learned a good lesson and Bell got to keep what he came for in the first place....his Bugatti 57.