

Summary Night at the Museum Part 1:

Larry Daley is running late and finds a ticket on his car. There is also a "boot" on his car, so he can not drive it. He gets to his son's school and is surprised to learn that Nicky has already gone home. It is a half day of school because it is parent career day. Larry goes to Erica's, his ex-wife's, house. He talks with Erica and her fiancé. When he asks why no one told him about parent career day, Erica asks, "Nicky said he would tell you."

Nicky and Larry go to Nicky's hockey game. After the game, Larry tells Nicky that he is pretty good at hockey. "I think the NHL is a distinct possibility." Nicky says that he doesn't want to be a hockey player anymore. He wants to be a bond trader, like Don, his mother's fiancé. He says, "Hockey is a fall back."

Nicky asks his dad if he is really moving again. Larry explains that things have been difficult for him recently. He knows this has been hard for Nicky, but he really thinks things are going to get better soon.

The next day Larry is at a job placement center. The woman he talks to, Debbie, says that she doesn't have any jobs for him. He tells her he really needs a job. She says she has one possibility. They have turned down everyone she has sent over so far, but maybe.....

Larry goes to the Museum of Natural History. He meets Rebecca Hutman, who directs him to the security office. Here Larry meets Cecil Fredericks, Reginald and Gus. They tell him that the museum is downsizing. It is replacing all three of these night guards with just Larry.

Cecil shows Larry around the museum. He shows him the diorama room where the miniature scenes from history are. He scares Larry by wearing a mask and costume and jumping out at Larry. Then he tells Larry, "No fooling around!" The stuff in here is really old. He shows Larry Atilla the Hun, Easter Island Head and the Hall of African Mammals. Then he shows Larry the temple of the Pharaoh Ahkmenrah. In the tomb is the Pharaoh and the Tablet of Ahkmenrah. It is 24 karat gold. It is worth a fortune. Larry needs to report for work at 5:00 the next afternoon. Cecil and his friends will walk him through his duties.