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The scene is the Death Row in a penitentiary. Willie, a moronic thug; Juan, a young Mexican; and the Captain, are the occupants of the cells. Willie's voice is heard in complaint.

WILLIE: Say, Greaser, cut out de noise! Dere's people round here what wants tuh sleep.

JUAN: My Lord in thee heaven. O Lord, have thee mercy upon me.

W.: Yuh greasy snipe, stop dat noise, or I'm goin' tuh come over an' beat the lights outuh yuh, see?

J.: Padre de Christo, help me!

W.: Cut it out, Greaser!

CAPTAIN: Willie, would you mind keeping quiet?.

W.: Who? Me? Geez, it ain't me what's makin' de noise.

J.: Senor Capitan, help me. Please help me to leave from thees place.

C.: I'm afraid I—can't do that, Juan. The only way we'll ever go out is—(nods toward green door) through that door.

J.: (Pleadingly) But, Senor Capitan, me—I 'ave do notheeng.

W.: Naw, we're in here 'cause we're all a bunch of good boys. Haw!

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