Rock the Jail—Alternate 2nd Version Revised

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Characters

Krokodyle- Inmate 1
Bigguy- Inmate 3
Nebraska- Inmate 4
Rapper- Inmate 6
MHW- Mental Health Worker
Nurse- Medication Nurse

Snake- Inmate 2
Handball-Inmate 3
Fist- Inmate 5
C.O.- Correction Officer
Doc-or Dr.- Mental Health Doctor

ACT 1

SCENE 1

The scene is set in a county jail where the inmates are at recreation playing handball against the wall while a jail guard is overlooking them on the roof above.

Krokodyle: Hey Snake! It’s cool that you Nebraska, Handball, Bigguy and I can play handball. I felt kind of out of it on meds but at least it’s better than sitting around inside. I get kind of claustrophobic sitting inside all the time.

Snake: You’re right Krok. Those guys like Nebraska, Fist, and Rapper are always on my case. Too bad you have a cellmate like Rapper instead of me.

Rapper: Hey Krok. You play handball like a girl. Ha ha ha.

Fist: Yeah. Who taught you to play? Must have been someone lame.

Then Nebraska, Handball, Bigguy, and Krokodyle start fighting against Nebraska, Fist, and Rapper. The C.O. comes in and breaks it up.
Scene 2

*The inmates are back in their Block A and Krokodeyle, Snake, Bigguy, and Handball are talking in Snake and Bigguy's cell.*

Snake: Like I said Krok, that Rapper is all messed up. I can’t believe have to bunk with him. He’s so annoying. He and Fist started to fight and screwed up our recreation time. So tell us again how you got in jail again Krok?

Krokodeyle: Your’e right about Snake. Well I got Jail about 6 months ago on charges of robbery with a weapon, a gun, and then I went to one of those mental places since they thought I was nuts. I dressed up as a military guy so they thought I was crazy for doing that. There they put me on all kinds of meds.

Bigguy: That’s cool Krok. Now your’e one of us so if you have any trouble with Rapper, Fist, or Nebraska, just let us know.

Krokodeyle: Yeah sure. Did you guys know that I can do some rap too? I was doing that on the outside.

Handball: Cool Krok. Rap some of your stuff Krok! It’ll be cool to hear it.  

*Krokodeyle starts to rap his song, “On Vacation”.*

This brother wanted to get away  
Get some some sun, wanted to play  
Then the brother got caught in a web  
And now the law is taking steps  
One night this brother was cruising around  
Then he started hear those siren sounds
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Then they called the paramedics
This brother thought he was gonna get it
Chorus
This brother was on vacation
Enjoying some of lifes creations
Then they put him on probation
And he got caught on violation
Now you could see him on every station
Verse 2
This brother was having fun
Having fun in the sun
Then they caught the brother with a gun
Now the brother has to pay a ton
Yeah the brother wants a flight back
Or the brother might get a heart attack
Chorus

Snake: Wow Krock. That’s a cool rap.

Krock: Thanks Snake. At least it’s something to do around here. That Rapper is a pain. He keeps on asking me about my case. He’s always trying to provoke a fight.
Snake: Don't tell him anything Krok. And don't start fight with him either. I've got a lot of priors myself and so does Bigguy, Handball, and Nebraska. You know how tough we are. So did you do anything else Krokodyle?

Krokodyle: Well I don't have any other priors and I can't talk about anything else.

Rapper is outside their cell and listening to everything they say. Then Krokodyle, Snake, Bigguy, and Nebraska, start to rap "Brother of Block A".

Verse 1
One brother got shot
One brother cars were hot.
One Brother hit a copper
One Brother was a robber
If you do the crime
You got to do the time
Chorus
We're the brothers of block A
So what do you say
Get in car wreck and
Break your'e neck We'll beat you up and say what's up
Verse 2
One brother had a gun
One brother took his son
If you do the crime
You got to do the time
One brother got nailed
While the brother was in jail

Chorus
Krokodyle: That was a kickin’ rap. That’s a good point snake. I’m not going to tell Rapper anything. Like I said, I didn’t do anything else but they can’t prove what I did now since they can’t find the gun as evidence. The witness told them that I had a gun during the robbery so that would give me a lot more time. Why do you say I shouldn’t say anything to Rapper?

Snake: Well Rapper is in for a lot of time and if he gets something from you, he can rat you out, make a deal with the state, and get his sentenced reduced.

Krokodyle: That’s really low down and dirty Snake. So that’s why he’s putting a lot of pressure on me. This is the first time I got into to so much trouble so I better be careful. Even the police are putting a lot of pressure on me by asking a lot of questions.

Snake: So tell us more about the mental place where they sent you before you got here Krok.
Krockodyle: Yeah that mental place was like a resort or an experiment in social engineering. It was a utopian attempt to deal with criminal where everyone is walking around all drugged out. At least I got good meds and the nurses were cute.

Bigguy: Yeah like all the nurses here huh.

Handball: Yeah I can’t wait until we get our meds soon.

SCENE 3

This scene take place in the dayroom of Block A.

Over the loud Speaker

C.O.: Time for medication. Everyone come down for you medications.

All the inmates who are on medications come to door of the block and form a line.

Snake: Time for those medications again. Ooh. That nurse is really cute huh.

Krokodyle: She sure is.

The inmates start to rap “Psycho Inmate”.

This brother has got paranoia
This brother has got schizophrenia
This brother has got claustrophobia
This broth has got arachnophobia
Chorus
Yeah it’ Psycho inmate
It’s Med Med Medication Time
The inmates go back to their cells and an hour later they get messages from the loud speaker.
C.O. Head count time. Head count time.
All the inmates go outside their cell for headcount.
Then an hour later the inmates get another message.
C.O. Time for chow. Everyone come down an get your chow. It’s chow chow chow time.
All the inmates come to the door for chow and make a line.
Krokodyle: Aghhhh. Time for some more jail food or if you can call it that.
Snake: I know what you mean. Wonder how much longer I can last one this.
Bigguy: Yeah! I swear I thought I saw something moving in my food before.
Handball: How are we gonna play handball with this kind of stuff?
Krokodyle: So what’s for lunch? Dogfood(and inmate term) or Catfood?
Snake: I think its either black death or brown death or even yellow death.
Then the inmates start rapping.
This stuff tastes like black death
Yeah this stuff gives you bad breath
Yeah this stuff tastes like brown death
This stuff really taste like lead
This stuff tastes like dog food
This stuff ain’t no good
This stuff tastes like cat food
This stuff puts you in a bad mood
Chorus
Yeah it’s chow
Chow chow chow
Come and get it..chow
End of Act 1

ACT 2

Scene 1

The scene starts Krocodyle and Rappers room.

Rapper: You can’t rap Krok. I’m the only one who can rap around here. This is my room anyway.
Krokodyle: You can’t talk to me like that. Who made you owner of this room?

Rapper: Now tell me what happened when you robbed the guy and tell me what you did with the gun Krok. If you don’t I’ll keep the lights on all night.

Then the inmates hear something thing over the loud speaker.

C.O. Everyone get into your cells.

Then a few minutes later.

C.O.: Shake down. Time for a shake down. Everyone get into you shorts with no underwear and get your bunk ready.

Some of the inmates start throwing things out of their cells. Then a group of 8 C.O. s come into block A and go through every room and throw things out of the cell that they feel should not be their.

Snake: This is all b.s.. The C.O. s threw out all my cool magazines.

Bigguy: Yeah. They threw my extra toilet paper as well.

Krokodyle: Yeah. Why should we get treated like this.

Then the inmates start rapping.

Verse 1

This brother’s locked up in a cage

This brother’s going through a lot of rage
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Where they put the brother on a stage
Who is gonna turn the brother’s page
Where they put the brother in cell
And the brother is going through a lot of hell
And you know you can never tell
What they’re trying make the brother cell
Where they make the brother take off his clothes
Brother can’t bring in the girls that he knows
They check the brother up and down to his toes
Where there are the brother’s friends and brothers foes

Chorus
Today let’s shake it down...yeah shake it down
Get down Turn around Get down Shake it down
Yeah Shake it down

Verse 2
How did brother get stuck in this place
Where no one wants to look at the brother’s face
Brother felt all disgraced
After the Brother almost got tazed
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One day brother is gonna get out of this phase
And brother is gonna set the world ablaze
And everyone is gonna be amazed
The brother is gonna get drunk and crazed

Chorus

Scene 2

This scene takes place one week after the fight during recreation and then in Snake and Bigguy’s cell.

Over the loud speaker.

C.O. There will be no recreation. No recreation today. I repeat no recreation.

Handball: I can’t believe no recreation guys.

Snake: Yeah what kind of place is this anyways. We have rights don’t we?

Krokodyle: This isn’t fair for us. I get claustrophobic being in the jail all the time just staring at the white walls. It even feels suicidal like I want to jump off a building. I need to get out and get some air.

Some of inmates like Snake, Bigguy, and Handball start throwing thing out of their cell and on to the day room. Once again over the loud speaker.

C.O.: There will be no throwing things out of the cell.

Krokodyle: This place drives me crazy. Reminds me of the mental place I was in.
Scene 3

The scene is a flashback and takes place in the mental institute Krokodyle was in. Krokodyle is in a meeting the doctor, a psychiatrist and some mental health workers. The doctors and mental health care workers are on one side of a table face Krokodyle who is sitting by himself.

Doctor: So Krokodyle, what are you suffering from?

Krokodyle: I feel like the whole world is against me. It seems like nothing is going my way and it makes me do strange things.

Mental health worker: It seems so. You’ve done some strange things like the crime you committed.

Krokodyle: Yes. Whenever I feel things are going against me I snap and I do bad things.

Doctor: Perhaps I can give you some medications that will help you.

Krokodyle: That’ll be fine. I didn’t think anything could help me. Sometimes I feel very depressed about how this who jail system and entire world is. All they want you to do is fight in jail and it’s even more dangerous than the outside world. It seems that the punishment is worse than the crime itself. That society purposely does things so you get thrown in jail and then they try to hurt or kill you in jail or prison. All I wanted is to have a normal life and look what happened.

Doctor: I can understand what you are saying so what I’ll do is start you on these medications and we’ll talk next week about how you are doing. Right now you are too incompetent to go a trial so we have to get you ready.
Scene 4

The scene is back in Snake and Bigguy’s cell after the flashback.

Snake: I can’t believe they canceled rec(recreation). I hate this place. They can’t do this to us.

Handball: You know how much I want to play handball. Even my name is handball.

Bigguy: Yeah. We got to do something to stop those C.O.s.

Krokodyle: Yeah. How about if we refuse eating chow for a few times and they might get the message?

Bigguy: I think it’s better if we throw stuff out the cells and bang on the doors as well.

Snake: Yeah !!That sounds like a good idea.

Over the loud speaker.

C.O. : Everyone to your cells.

Then the inmates start banging and yelling and screaming.

The inmates start to rap “Rock the Jail”.

It’s been a week since we had rec

What the hell What the heck
So the brothers are going have a sit down
The C.O.s better shape up or get out of town
The brothers are going to make it hell
Banging on the doors and starting to yell
The C.O.s locked the doors without warning
Instead of giving rights they are warring
Chorus
The brothers want to fight
The brothers have the right
The brothers are going to rock the jail
This ain’t no heads or tails
Verse 2
Yea the brothers all feel trapped
Where the rules of the game are a bad rap
Yeah the rules of the game are a bad rap
Chorus
Scene 4

Then the C.O.s open the cell doors and the inmates come out and how a sit down in front of their cells. They yell and scream and last for ten minutes.

Snake: Yeah we want our rights. We want rec now.

Bigguy: Yeah. Where are our rights?

The inmates start throwing water down on to the dayroom. The C.O.s then burst in with machine guns.

C.O.: You inmates better stop this nonsense.

Snake: No. We want our rights now.

The C.O. picks up his machine gun and shoots Snake. Snake dies.

The inmates start rapping “C.O. Stein.

Verse 1

They come in at all hours of the night

They give the brothers a fright

It’s C.O. Stein

C.O. Stein

They come in with their machine guns

When the brothers are having fun
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It' C.O. Stein

They come when it's time a shake down
They come and turn the place upside down
It's C.O. stein

They come in when the brothers are working out
They come in and tell the brothers to turn the T.V. down
It's C.O. stein

They come in and tell the brothers to put their shirts on
They come when the brother's wristbands are gone
It's C.O. stein

They come in and shoot a brother down
They come in and give the brothers a frown
It's C.O stein it's C.O. stein

After Snake is killed, paramedics come in to take Snake away and the rest of the inmates are in shock. The security cleans up the blood and mess and after ten minutes, the inmates are left to themselves.

Krokodyle: So what will we do without Snake. I can't believe they did that. The C.O. will be coming around and give us forms to fill out what we know about what happened. Even T.V. reporters might be around.
Bigguy: Yeah I know. I think we should honor Snake and show the rest of the world that he is like a martyr to us and should be for the rest of the world. Even though Snake is in heaven, we all should not forget him or the things he stood for. His death will not be forgotten.

Handball: Yeah. Let's continue our sit down so when the T.V. reporters come, they'll report our sit down and maybe this might help change the jail and prison system so inmates are treated more humanely.

The inmates continue their sit down with signs and singing and T.V. reporters come and interview them.

The End.
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CHARACTERS

S-Cool: Basketball Player  Krokoodyle: S-Cool's friend
Snake: S-Cool's friend  Fist: drug dealer
Rapper: Drug Dealer  Student 1: S-Cool's student
Student 2: S-Cool's student  Coach: S-Cool's
Police 1: police officer  girlfriend: S-Cool's
Big guy: Inmate  girlfriend

ACT I

Scene 1: At a basketball game
between S-Cool's team and rival high school
team. Snake and Krokoodyle are in the stands.
Snake: Great shot S-Cool. That's the
30th point S-Cool has made and it's
only the 3rd quarter.

Krokoodyle: S-Cool is definitely going
to get a scholarship to any college.

Snake: Yeah. Let's hang out with
S-Cool after the game and get
some milk shakes!!

Krokoodyle: Cool!!
Snake: At least S-cool has a chance to make it out of the hood.
Krocodile: Basketball is the the world to S-cool.
Girlfriend: Go S-cool!
Krocodile: Being S-cool's girlfriend, you must feel special.
Girlfriend: Yea! But I get jealous with all those cheerleaders in hyper up swim suits cheering him on.

Scene 2

After the game at the burger joint in the hood.
S-Cool: It's cool to see you here. Kroke Snake. And my girlfriend is here too.
Kroke: You played great. We're so proud of you. You're a shoe in for a college scholarship.
Girlfriend: Yea with all those cheerleaders and college girls,
The Coach

by Kristen sunny

Girlfriend: you'll probably forget about me.
School: you know I won't do that sweet heart.

Girlfriend: I'm not your sweet heart.
Just let's forget it and go cook something.

School: That's how I got my name.
My cool raps and basketball.

School: The brothers wanted some recreation
To improve their reputation
So they decided to play some b-ball etc.

Girlfriend: Forget it school. You
and I are in different worlds.
Let's just break up now.

Girlfriend Leaves.

Kool: Well school. You got
Snake and I. It's late so we got
to go home.
Snake and Krok leave
S-cool: So what am I gonna do?

Fist: Hey S-cool. You look down maybe we can help you out

S-cool: Huh?

Rapper: You know, we got some drugs do make you feel better
S-cool: Well maybe it'll help

Fist: Here some stuff that'll make you happy.
S-cool: Fist, and Rapper do drugs together.

Scene 3

A S-cool school's basketball court.

Coach: Where have you been S-cool, I haven't seen you
for 2 weeks. Been calling
The Coach

by Kirk Scr

Coach: everywhere and couldn't find you.

S-cool: you know basketball is the world for me coach. The bounce of the ball and the rubber band it makes going in the net. The rubbery scent and the feeling of victory.

Coach: You missed the last 2 games and you looked like a jitter before practice.

S-cool: you know coach we still live in the hood and that's how we act around here. You know how it is in the hood with the rundown building and dealers on every corner, you can feel the tension with the police sirens on full blast.

Coach: If you don't show up for the next game you're off the team.

S-cool! Sorry! It's the way it goes.
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Scene 4

Take place at the Burger Joint.

Drug Dealer: This place stinks like a greasy kitchen. You can even see roaches crawling around.

S-cool: My coach told me if I don't go to the next game, I'm off the team.

Drug dealer: So?

S-cool: So who cares about basketball. Gimme some more of the drugs.

A police officer in his car sees S-cool and his friends doing drugs and arrest S-cool.

Police officer: S-cool, you are under arrest. You have the right... etc.

S-cool is seen handcuffed and feet chained as he is put in the police car.
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Act 2

Scene 1
Takes place in jail.

Bigguy: So s-cool doin' alight
S-cool - yea sure, Being handcuffed
and locked up is like being led
around like an animal. It's
a zoo in jail and so overcrowded.

Bigguy: Well you know if you lead
a spiritual life, you'll have a
chance.

S-cold: okay, I'll try it.

Scene 2
At recreation, jail's basketball
court 6 months later.

Bigguy: How are you doing S-cool?
S-cold: I'm doing great. Playing
b-ball again and ready to set out.
Scene 3

2 years later. Back at the school.

Coach: I heard you got the Coah's job here School! How did you manage that?

School: In jail, I turned to god and my life turned around. I started playing B-ball again and was coaching teams in jail.

So now I'm back and ready to coach and win!

Student 1: Yes. School makes a great coach. He motivates us and tells us to stay off drugs.

Student 2: School is our hero. We'll win for him.

The End