

# Prison Break Leader

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4 *This steely-eyed lifer discovers one of the men involved*  
5 *in a carefully planned prison break has gotten cold feet.*  
6 *One gets the feeling the hesitant con is in hot water.*  
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8 You asked to come in on this Shorty. You volunteered.  
9 You knew in advance we might have to waste a few  
10 people and now you get second thoughts. That don't  
11 register too good with Barney and Hank here. They  
12 don't want any weak links. The question is — what  
13 are we gonna do with you now? Do we just say okay . .  
14 fine . . we still got a few minutes to get someone else?  
15 Like Joey Taylor if he wants to come? Too late, Shorty.  
16 The boat's sailed kid. We're in this up to our eyeballs.  
17 The plan's been finalized since two days now. You  
18 were there. In this same exercise yard over in the corner  
19 you said "Okay . . no sweat" I think you said . . or  
20 "no problem" I forget which. Maybe I shoulda'  
21 stuck with my instincts then. When somebody says  
22 no problem or no sweat there's usually lots of problems  
23 and plenty of sweat. Because it's a stupid thing to say  
24 especially about a prison break in a top-security,  
25 break-free joint with screws comin' out of your ears  
26 and cannons everywhere. Tell yuh what Shorty,  
27 instead of you takin' care of McGuire while Hank  
28 backs up the truck we'll give that chore to Barney.  
29 And since you're kinda nervous you stick close to me  
30 as I break through the kitchen. Very close cause I  
31 might want to use you as a shield. How does that grab  
32 you? Good . . cause we got about fifteen minutes till  
33 our last breakfast on the house at this school of hard  
34 knocks. What are you lookin' so worried about Shorty?  
35 No problem.