

the Backroom

Act 1

Scene One

(Midnight. A dark stark room with two cots, a table and two chairs. MONICA and HELENA ARE asleep on the cots.

MONICA is sensual and curvaceous; she has dark hair.

HELENA'S hair is dyed blond. She's thin.

Both women wear military uniforms.)

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(Enter GUARD in military clothes and carrying a rifle)

GUARD

*(Examines the women on their cots and
starts prodding HELENA)*

Get up! Get up! Wake up! COMANDANTE wants to see you.

(MONICA sits up and rubs her eyes)

MONICA

I'm coming, just a minute.

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GUARD

(Continues prodding HELENA)

Not you, he wants this one.

HELENA

Hey, stop it! I heard you.

(Sits up)

What time is it? What the hell do you want?

GUARD

COMANDANTE wants to see you.

(A gunshot is heard close by)

HELENA

You're not going to shoot me, are you?

THIS IS A TRICK! I'M NOT COMING! NO!! NO!!!

(The GUARD pulls HELENA out of bed)

HELP! HELP!

GUARD

(Slaps her)

SHUT UP OR I'LL SHOOT YOU!!

(Takes HELENA away)

BLACKOUT