

Examples Of Composition

Caged Heat

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Caged Heat (1974)

directed by Jonathan Demme

photographed by Tak Fujimoto

The selection being offered here is a long shot down the corridor of a prison. It is shot with backlighting and very low-key to accentuate the dream state of the character. To add to this quality in the mid ground you can see a drift of fog spilling out of one of the cells. This corridor shot is seen with more typical exposures and is a central plot setting through the movie.

The character's dream includes her boyfriend coming to rescue her from prison, and the image of wish fulfillment has them racing down the corridor in escape. This is from Jonathan Demme's directorial debut under the production of Roger Corman. It exhibits the demands of low budget, but Demme has also managed to inject elements of the surreal into an otherwise typical sexploitation genre movie.