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Part II of the Oakwood Mutiny that happened at the Manila Peninsula Hotel has become a new topic for wags and comedians. Even on the Internet, people are sending or forwarding jokes like these two sets of Top Ten Reasons why the coup plotters packed up and why they should have gone to Victoria Court, a motel, instead. But as one stand-up comedian e-mailed this writer, perhaps it is not yet the end of Trillanes-led coup, as his full name is Antonio Trillanes IV. He has still Acts III and IV to do. Perhaps the third time would be a charm?

But even Act I of the Oakwood Mutiny was called by the same pundits, wags and comedians as a Comedia (AKA Moro-Moro). To read about it, please go to [Anatomy of a Filipino Coup \(Part 5 of "Reinventing the Military" Series\)](#)

It seems that the biggest casualty in the "Manila Pen" coup is the presidential dream of Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV. The dream has become a comedy of a nightmare. Even his followers have been reduced drastically, i.e., from 321 armed soldiers at the Oakwood Mutiny to around 30 soldiers in Act (Part) II.

If readers do not know what a Filipino Comedia is, please read [The "Moro-Moro" or "Comedia" Again Is the National Pastime of the Philippines](#)

So, here go the one-liners . . .

Top Ten Reasons Why Trillanes and Company Packed Up

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- 1) Not even Senator Trillanes' mother joined them.
- 2) Oakwood had a better lobby.
- 3) CNN was not there to cover it.
- 4) The hotel had run out of ice cubes.
- 5) The APCs were parked in the lobby and not the parking lot.
- 6) Trillanes realized being tear gassed was not part of his mandate as senator.
- 7) Guingona thought it was an anti-Erap, or pro-Erap pardon rally, whatever . . .
- 8) Surrender was better than the company of Father Robert Reyes.
- 9) Trillanes noticed people were crying not because of the tear gas but because of him.
- 10) Even GMA was beginning to look better the longer they stayed.

Top Ten Reasons Why They Should Have Gone to Victoria Court Instead

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- 1) They were only gonna stay for a 'short time' anyway.
- 2) Bishop Labayen and Fr. Robert Reyes could have heard confessions.
- 3) They could have wet the towels in the Jacuzzi to combat tear gas.
- 4) There are no wedding receptions in Victoria Court. Only honeymoons.
- 5) It always has more people than Manila Pen.
- 6) The APC won't know which garage to park.
- 7) The ceiling mirrors would have thrown off the raiding party.
- 8) ABS-CBN could have done an episode of XXX and The Buzz while covering the coup.
- 9) 'What happens in Victoria Court stays in Victoria court.'
- 10) It is a good place to get screwed.

(To be continued . . .)

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