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- And Finally, Texas, That's A Mess is brought to us this week by *Keenan v. Robin*, in which the Supreme Court of Texas set the scene in the first sentence of its opinion, which reads, "This case arises from a dispute between neighboring property owners in an unusual subdivision, most of which is now used as a cattle ranch." That is indeed an unusual subdivision. Surprising no one, the dispute concerns the "most of which" part of that sentence, as the other-than-most part is the Keenan household, the only actual dwelling on what is now a 34-acre cattle ranch/subdivision. The court also provided us with this glorious, only-in-Texas, statement, "The Keenans never noticed cattle or manure on their lot prior to the Ranch's purchase, and they did not consent to cattle being run on their lot." Us non-Texans might have assumed that both of those things should go without saying, but apparently not. So Mr. Keenan busts down a gate preventing him with leaving the 'hood and is charged with "criminal mischief of a livestock fence." Seems like an oddly specific crime, but what's a little mischief between neighbors? Turns out that this type o' mischief is A STATE JAIL FELONY. We'd call bullshit, but is that even a pejorative in this context?

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