

Alexandria:

I hope your "difficult times" are getting better. Sometimes all we have is HOPE, altho' that's something that's hard to hang onto at times. I'm glad I could lift your spirits, whatever it was I said. I try to stay up by laughing at something every day. And if I can't find something to laugh about I laugh at someone! Make fun of someone stupider or uglier than yourself. Laughing's laughing, right? Luckily I'm in a place full of stupid ugly people! And that's just the guards!

Nicki

What kind of job did you have that had you working in prisons and jails? I've been stumped on that. Here in the U.S., at least in California, no prison employee, freestaff included, can correspond in any way with a prisoner. Freestaff is nurses, maintenance, electricians, teachers, etc. The guards tell them nightmare stories and they even made a rule that makes associating with a prisoner a violation that will get them fired. The CDC advertizes at the welfare office so the people they get working as guards is usually morons with no skills and no education who are already mad at the world and they feel they finally are in a position to look down on someone else and let their inner bully free. I know I sound cynical but that doesn't make me wrong. If a freestaff seems to be getting too close to a prisoner they usually throw the prisoner in the hole and transfer them out to another prison and they threaten the freestaff with loss of their job. I'm sure things are different where you are at or you wouldn't even be leaving comments for me. And just for the record, I don't think that everyone who goes to the welfare office for help is a moron with no skills and no education. Just the ones who hike on with the CDC! It's hard for me to associate the compassion of your comments with someone who used to work in a prison. Occasionally we'll get a nurse or someone who has a little empathy for our plight but they soon become jaded and start treating us all like cattle. I'm sure some of that is due to them packing us in here like cattle. And it's not long before the nurse that used to smile and say good morning to everyone at the medication window is mad dogging you and talking down to you. I don't let it bother me. We know the new nurses by the smiles and we know she'll lose that smile real soon. Sometimes the freestaff seem...

more miserable than the prisoners! Now that's funny! They must be getting paid Real good to go do a job that makes them look so ugly! But anyway, Australian prisons must be a lot different. In that aspect anyway. In most aspects all prisons are the same: No family, no women, NO way out. I hope I'm not sounding too negative. I'm just relating a few facts as I see them, (talk about Jaded!)
Anyway, thanks for your comment!

PS: Have you heard of a book called "New ID in Australia"? It's along the lines of "The Paper Trip: Just wanderin'". I'm shopping for a "new neighborhood" while I'm anticipating a positive ruling on Doe v. Harris!