

Chapter XIII

Big Mike Cee (not his real name) came out of the "death dorms" up in the HSU to report what he observed on the last night of Bobby C's life. Mike said Bobby was on his knees, hunched over in his bed, screaming in agony. He reported that Bobby was crying like a child and begging for medical staff to help him. A nurse who is actually compassionate came into the room and tried to comfort Bobby, but she also had to tell him that she did not have the authority to have him sent for further medical treatment. This agonizing pain went on all through the wee hours of the morning. Big Mike reported that he was actually sick to his stomach having had to endure this torture with Bobby. This is the vision of Deputy Denied-Oh's "Skilled Nursing Facility". They are death dorms and they are inhumane. Bobby died the very next day. He had to ignore agony up until he drew his last breath. Now don't think for one minute we are not trying to do something about it. I have contacted a reporter at the Boston Globe. He has written back and is doing his own brand of investigating. I have supplied him with affidavits from men who witnessed the abuse and cruel and unusual care. We are putting him in touch with folks who can tell him the real story of Deputy Denied-Oh's death dorms. We will not forget Lenny, Marc, and Bobby.

The July 4th holiday was interesting here. When the cats away the rats will play. CO Swinehount was forced to work the school building (not his usual post). He told me that the "Law Library" would be open but the general library (where legal typing is done) would not be open. Now you would have to know the layout of this place to know just how insane that statement is. The two libraries are right next to each other in the same building. They are always opened together with just one lazy guard assigned to the building. Nothing was different on the holiday except for the fact that there was no administration here for anyone to complain to. I asked CO Swinehount whose decision it was to close the general library and he immediately ratted on the shift commander - former union president Captain Cant-find-away (He can't find a way to stay home and still collect his paycheck - the ultimate union/guard goal). Now I don't know if Swinehount was just blaming old Captain Cant-find-away or if he just wanted to have an easy day working with only a couple of cons in the building, but I immediately drafted a letter to Deputy Denied-Oh and asked that she put down her pitchfork for a while and look into it. If and when I get an answer I will let you know. I'm quite certain we will all get a big laugh out of it.

It appears that they are switching medical providers here. It was "UMass Correctional Health Care" (or as I like to call it Dr. Mengela's health care service) and now some new provider (probably Dr. Kavourkian's health care service) is taking over. Now I was in the system the last time they switched medical providers. All they did was change name tags and stationary. The faces stayed the same and the abhorant care was as bad or worse. I'm certain that is what they will do with this change as it is still the same faces at this point. Our doctors have gotten their medical degrees from some of the finest schools on the planet (remove tongue from cheek). You have Dr. Gus Eenough - his degree is from the University of Guadalajara. Now 60 minutes did an expose on how doctors were buying their degrees from that fine school. I don't know if old gus bought his but I would not be surprised as I have seen the care he offers.

Then you have Dr. Habomb (I think she may have a compression bomb - a large one - under her garb. Her degree is from the University of Osmania in Turkey. Of course you have heard of their Football team - The Gobblers, get it? Turkey - the Gobblers - I crack myself up. I have to admit I had never heard of the U of O and no one I have ever met in here has either. Next on the medical hit parade is Dr. Var-Gina. His sheep skin is from the University of Ibidan in Nigeria. I shit you not! You could not make this shit up!! He once told me that I bleed so much because I have sleep apnea - no kidding. We also have Dr. Angel-East. She is the cream of the crop here. Her degree is from the University of Manilla in the Philipines. They have a policy that if you don't pass your classes you can always become a mail order bride. A great safety valve that possible Harvard, Yale and Bentley may want to consider. In prison you just say your prayers that you don't get sick or you will end up in one of Deputy Denied-Oh's death dorms with a doctor from slums of some remote dictatorship as your saw bones. We would be better off with the services of Dr. Kevorkian.

I'm not rock solid on what the holiday pay scheme is for these layabouts (but I am certain it is a scheme) but I know there must be some incentive to show up for work on a holiday as for the evening meal this 4th of July (no special meal for us: the same old processed turkey loaf and dirty mashed potatoes w/ orange jello) the chowhall was lined with guards of every rank = our two infamous captains Stupid and Stupider, a lieutenant "Moe-do-Less-ki" a couple of sergeants, some IPS and line guards like flies on shit. They must be sucking up the holiday pay while you cannot afford to fill your gas tank. You could see leftover booze emanating from their pores.

We have the only TV system left in the world that goes out on an overcast day. The TV's have become such baby sitters for the guards (so many cons stare contently at their screens it creates a safe environment for the screws who walk "the toughest beat in the state") that the administration actually tried to fix the system. Deputy Dream was up on the roof of C-Block with his lavender shirt (he is a real fashion plate) and we all got a great laugh when I yelled up to him, "Don't jump Deputy. It's not that bad." and some unknown con then yelled "Go ahead and jump. Do us a favor!" Even the deputy had to laugh.

The DOC has a regulation that when it is a registered heat wave (three consecutive days of 90° or better heat) that they pass out ice cubes as these blocks getter hot as hell. Not once have they done it. They do pass out bottled water to the guards (at no cost to them) even though they have vending machines in which to buy such water. Men have no fan and the property officer refuses to give them one of the many loaner fans they have just because he can. He is a real dirt ball. Sgt. Oh-Ya is notorious for his abuse of cons. This 98lb weakling never kept any lunch money in school and now he takes it out on us!

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