

"Some memories are safer than reality." - Supreme
Bashar Vorian Atreides (from 'Dune: The Battle of Corrin' by
Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson)

Dear Readers

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Well, when I last left you I had just been transferred
to El Reno, OK. After over 2 months I'm still struggling
to fit in.

This place is originally pretty old. The main building in
front has "Southwestern U.S. Reformatory" engraved on it,
so you can only imagine. How long has it been since they
had reformatories?

As far as looks go, it's pretty bleak. There are a couple
of small trees, but not much else. I now know why the
theme song from "Oklahoma" says "where the wind comes
sweeping down the plain." It is seriously windy here &
flat as a pancake. Sometimes you really have to fight the
wind.

It feels colder here than North Carolina, even though it's
on the same basic latitude. You can see Interstate 40 out
of the windows of my unit (an unusual sight in prison),
and I-40 starts in North Carolina.

I was told you could see that big tornado that went
thru Oklahoma a few years ago out those same windows.
I cannot wait until tornado season!

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The staff here are very petty and conservative. In the first week I was searched 60 times more than I was in five months at Butner. It just going to & from "chow." (6 times as opposed to once).

Plus, it is seriously not in one's favor to be openly gay here. There are extremely few open guys on the compound & they all are conservative looking & acting. I'm the most "out there" homo on the compound BY FAR.

One time I was having fun & dancing by a support pole & was called to the CO's office & told not to dance by the pole anymore. It soon spread that I was "pole dancing." Lol!

After a couple months I finally got a job here. I'm the new "Clerk" at Hobby Crafts. It mainly involves typing orders for inmates of hobby craft items & maintaining files. There's really not much to do, & it sure doesn't pay much. Plus, I'm supposed to stay up here even when I don't have anything to do. So, perhaps I'll catch up on my writing like I am now!

One good thing about this prison is that they have a lot more hobby crafts than at Butner. They have Beading & Leather Crafts here! As soon as I can I plan to start making jewelry & learn how to make leather purses & such. I hope I can finally support myself since crochet went nowhere.

Love & Blessings,

