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**PRISON SUMMER SUN AND GOOD TIMES**

*The last time I--or any of us--have seen the sun, was on April 14th!*  
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The guys in here have a lot of pent-up energy, everyone is on edge, and on the verge of a fight. Even here in the "Character" dorm. What they need is to get outside, in the sun, on the REC field. Things like basketball and handball (racquetball without racquets), lets the guys blow off steam. They come back inside tired, and fighting is the last thing on their mind.

This has been one fun summer.

Nothing but negative outlooks all around. The state claims that there is no low morale among S.C. prisoners, and in a way their right: there's no morale at all! These guys have absolutely nothing going for them. No hope. No parole eligibility except for specific crimes! No job training. No schooling. Nothing. Prisoners are just warehoused. Sitting inside the buildings, staring at the walls all day. In most buildings they never even get to leave their cells.

Why act surprised when they act out?

If you cage a dog, and mistreat it, feed it slop: it will eventually snap. Maybe even bite. Because at some point it'll get fed up with the crap and snap back. It's nature; self-preservation.

Humans will do it too.

You have to have compassion, empathy for all living creatures. Incarceration is a serious thing, and how its handled needs to change. There's a book EVERYONE should read:

**PRISON PROFITEERS: Who Makes Money from  
Mass Incarceration**

Ed. by T. Herivel & P. Wright

Prisoners aren't asking for much--just to be considered human.