

"I am a great believer in variations on the routine."
- Kay Gibbons, 'Charms for the Easy Life'

Dear Readers,

Wed. ~~Mon.~~ 05/06/20

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Howdy!

Oh my God I am so bored!! We're still on the lockdown + only get out for 1 1/2 hours three times a week. I am really hating this. I have never spent this long on a lockdown in general population. This is just like being back in the Hole.

We got out this morning + I was able to shower (so nice!), check the computer + try to call someone, but no one picked up. We're still getting the 5 min. free phone calls. So far I've called my friend Will a few times + we've spoken more than we have since I got arrested. He has really cheered me up - it's nice to speak to someone in the Real World. I rarely called before 'cause I can't afford it.

I've been reading like crazy. Every time we're let out I go to the mailbox where everyone drops off books + I grab any that sound good. Reading is my favorite pastime ~~at~~ in here 'cause it takes my mind away from this place.

I now officially hate this fucking [expletive deleted]

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cellie of mine. He's currently watching TV thru the window in the door + yelling + talking loudly to himself. Typical. We got in an argument yesterday when he told me I needed to sweep the cell - which we hardly ever leave - more often + I retorted that perhaps he should consider washing his hands after he poops. He doesn't wash his hands after he poops. Dis-gus-ting. It escalated + he ended up slapping my face + acting all tough + yelling his head off. Fucking animal. He lies constantly + makes deals which he has no intention of holding up his end of. Naturally, he's screwed me over already.

Oh, and like that wonderful Muslim in the SHU, he likes to sleep all day long, then he wants to stay up all night with the light on + read. (Only "hood" novels, of course). But, he always bitches when I uncover the outside window (which he's covered with cardboard) so I can read during the day. God, I hate these people.

I've said it before, but the worst part about prison is being forced to live with the other people in here.

I can't remember if I mentioned this, but while I was in the Hole my case manager said that halfway houses in Florida won't accept me due to my circumstances. That means that when I'm released I really will end up on the streets with nothing. How the hell am I supposed

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to rebuild a life at 62 living on the streets with NOTHING?
I'm really scared. This is why so many people go
back to prison. I really think I'm better off here than
I will be out there. Scary as hell. My life is over.

I have been sending out letters to various groups & I
am trying to find anywhere else that I could go. I'm a
great office worker & I honestly could contribute something,
but who the hell is gonna give me a chance?

OK, so here's some gossip that I'm pretty sure I've left
out. I think this happened in December. So, as I
previously mentioned, that rapper Guely Santana is in here.
Well, there's a rumor out there (according to Inmate.com),
that "Fifty-cent" has put up a bounty of \$100K to any
guy who beats up Santana & they provide proof with a copy
of their incident report. Do I believe he would actually
pay up if this were true? No.

So last Dec., a few weeks before I went to the Hole,
some kid from another unit comes in here & goes after
Santana. It's possible that it was for some other reason,
but the rumor keeps bringing up the \$100K. I don't talk
to most of these people so it's hard to verify.

Anyway, Santana has been hanging out with a big,
muscular black guy from Maryland (named 'Gones') &
Gones just ~~beat~~ beat the crap out of this punk kid.

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Naturally, they all went to the Hole & the guys in my unit came back. I don't know what happened to the kid.

Anyway, I'm sure he didn't get anything out of it (except perhaps transferred). Idiots.

Lat. 05/09/20 7:39p

Oh! And did I mention that this nasty-ass [animal] hardly ever showers?? My current cellie, that is. This dude just had the nerve to accuse me of not wiping the top of the toilet bowl after I peed, which of course I did. He, on the other hand, didn't even leave the cell on Friday when we were let out, so he definitely didn't shower then. And, I don't think he's showered since those guys got out of the Hole (2 weeks ago?) who he is rumored to have told on.

He's been scared as crap since those guys got out of the Hole & seems to avoid leaving the cell whenever we're let out. The good news is that he keeps saying that he's going to try to get moved to another unit (which isn't easy, I've tried), & hopefully he'll get the hell out of here soon. Nasty-ass motherfucker.

I'm taking a break from re-reading the "House of Light" series by P.C. & Kristin Cast. Someone in here has the whole series & I've been borrowing them. I heart me some vampire books!

OK, in more old news that I failed to report... when we were on the "modified lockdown" back in March, they started announcing that we couldn't bring our gym bags to Rec anymore. Now, we have to carry anything we want to bring outside in our hands. What a freakin' hassle! In other words, we can't bring our gym bags to the gym.

Huh?

I used to put in a couple towels, some water, my yoga shorts, writing paper + pens (since I wrote out there a lot), + now I have to somehow juggle all that crap in my arms. Ridiculous.

I'm sure this is because of the stupid, unnecessary metal detectors that they installed + people would set their bags on the wall before they walked thru 'cause for whatever reason the metal detectors would go off if you brought your bag thru with you - probably because of the zipper, I'm sure.

So now Rec has become a huge hassle to go to + not even worth it. It, like this compound, has just gotten worse + worse every year.

Sun. 05/10/20 6:57p

Oh! And did I mention that this nasty-ass [~~expletive deleted~~] hardly ever gets his clothes or linens washed? Yes, I'm still bitching about my cellie.

I've been out of the Hole almost 3 weeks now (on Wed.). When I first got out, I asked him when they pick ~~up~~ up laundry for this unit while we're on lockdown. He wouldn't even tell me + he'd been on lockdown for 3 weeks before I got out. What does that tell you?

They come and pick up laundry twice a week (Mon. + Thurs.) + pick up bed linens on Wed. To far he's only sent his clothes

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out one time + that's it. And he's never sent out his sheets. This dude is MS-TY!! And he's had the nerve to make lewd comments to me about how he wanted to f-ck me! Ewwwww!!

I cannot get a break with cellies! I've had nothing but bad luck. The last two were thieves + previous cellies were assholes and/or psychos. Even if he does move out, there's no one decent in this unit to move in. Ugh.

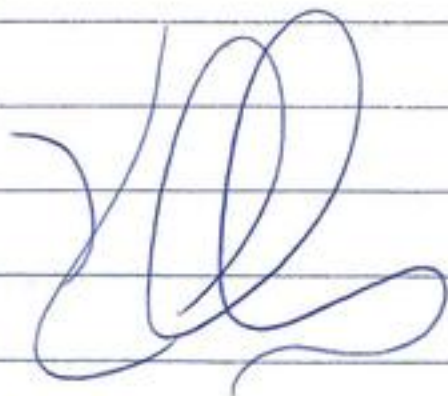
In other news, some guy in here was in the Hole + was in a cell next to Redbeard, my previous cellie who stole a lot from me. Word is that Redbeard told him that he's being transferred. Thank the Goddess!! It would serve him right to go somewhere where they'll bash his head in if he's caught stealing.

Well, I sincerely hope that this next week is the last of our lockdown. I am almost out of money and cannot earn anything if I can't get back in the Library + get to work. I can't take much more of this.

Best wishes to all + stay healthy!

Until next time, I wish you...

Love + Blessings,



PS - Happy Mother's Day to all moms out there!