

"Put the bunny back in the box." - Nicholas Cage,
'Con Air'

Dear Readers,

Mon. 06-01-20

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Howdy! I hope everyone is getting back to normal during this COVID-mess.

There's been a few changes recently. This past Wed. when we were let out, our counselor told my cellie, Country, to pack up 'cause he was moving to B-South unit along with other Unicorn (slave labor) inmates! Huh?

So, that was sudden & unexpected. Country was told that they were starting to work today. We only lived together for a short time, but we were actually getting along a lot better than I expected. I'm really sorry to see him gone.

Since he was moving over there, that meant that someone from there moved over here. I got a new cellie. His name is Clark, a white guy just a few years younger than I. So far Clark seems nice, although I definitely wouldn't want to cross him 'cause he seems to have a mean streak.

The only gripe I have (so far) is that he likes his radio on 24/7 - even when he's sleeping. WTF? He says he can't stand it when it's quiet so he has to have something playing all the time. Are you fucking kidding me.

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I am a very light sleeper + I sure as hell don't see why someone needs a radio playing while they're asleep + aren't even listening to the thing - or - why the hell they can't just put some earbuds in their ear so it doesn't affect me! Insane. I will say that at least he keeps the volume down (unlike some previous cellies), so I can actually get to sleep. Oh! And I forgot: he snores too. Awesome!

He may not stay in here long, though, 'cause he has a "bottom bunk pass" + according to my counselor, so do I (just! I don't think I do! Don't tell!!), so he's trying to find another cell to move to.

In other news, that trash Co-Co got out of the Hole on Fri. + is back. Ugh. I was hoping he would be transferred. Hopefully he won't last long.

OK, I need a break for some snacks. Time to work through my pile.

Tues. 06/02/20 3:45 p

Well, I've spent the past day reading, sleeping, + eating. This crap is getting old.

OK, so I forgot to add a comment about the staff's idea to put all the Unicorn guys in one unit. It's idiotic + thoughtless, as usual.

Unicorn has a fairly regular turnover. This means that if they plan to keep all the Unicorn guys in one unit, they will constantly be moving guys in and out of that unit. It'll be a huge clusterfuck. I was told that

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they tried that once before & it didn't work, so they discontinued it. Then you get some brain-dead idiot in here who thinks it's a great idea without considering the consequences, so they do it all over again. Typical BOP.

On other news... they were supposed to loosen up the lockdown starting yesterday. Here's what was supposed to happen: starting this week, they were going to allow each unit 35 minutes (one tier at a time (there's two tiers in each unit)) to go outside to Rec. Also, they were going to allow us the 1 1/2 hours out of our cells on the other four days of the work week (not weekends), plus, we were going to walk to pick up lunch & dinner outside of Chow on Mon. thru Fri.

Before I go on, here's what was screwed up about that. First of all, on the days that you had Rec, you could choose to go outside - OR - stay in and take a shower and use the phone/computer, but not both. So, if you do go outside - where you're likely to get sweaty - you can't shower afterwards. Makes sense, right?

To make matters worse, our Rec day was Monday, and we hadn't been let out since Friday to shower. Therefore, we couldn't shower for three days after going outside & getting all sweaty. I've said it before & I'll say it again: Are you fucking kidding me?

However, you'll note that I wrote that that was supposed to happen. (For the record, I stayed in & showered).

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Instead, we were locked in our cells all day today because all prisons throughout the BOB are on lockdown due to all the riots in the U.S. because of the black guy who was killed by the cops in Minnesota. We didn't even get a hot meal today - all three meals were box meals.

We were given a memo that said that we're supposed to get a hot meal tomorrow & that when things calm down we'll go back to the schedule that they had planned for this week. Hopefully that will be soon. You think that we're taking one step forward & instead we take two back.

There is no point to this lockdown at all. There is no reason to keep us locked in our cells all day due to COVID-19. No inmate in this prison goes anywhere so there's no way any of us could catch it. This is getting really old & if anyone here had any balls they wouldn't put up with it any longer.

Sat. 06/06/20 6:07p

Well, there isn't a lot to add, but I just finished yet another book & thought I'd update this a little.

The complete lockdown continued all week. It has really sucked. We were let out for five minutes on Friday to take a quick shower & that's it. For the guys who went to Rec on Mon., they weren't able to shower for a week. That's nuts.

My cellie & another guy on Mon. were saying that they thought it was a rule that they had to give you a shower at least once every three days. That hasn't been happening.

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In more BOP idiosyncrasy... OK, I heard this from a reliable source who got the information by passing notes thru the kitchen workers.

Word is that they cleared out the entire top tier of F- North to use those cells as quarantine cells. So... what was the point of clearing out cells in this unit for quarantine cells? But wait, it gets better.

Lilly is a tranny who lived in F- North & was released to go home. They put her in one of these quarantine cells for two weeks before she was released, even though we've already spent all this time since April 1 locked in a cell on quarantine.

Where is the logic in moving someone from one quarantine cell to another quarantine cell before they can be released??

Having to listen to Mark's radio 24/7 is getting on my last fucking nerve. There is never any peace & quiet in this cell anymore. And there's no point saying anything to him. He's the type who's gonna insist on getting his way or he'll say, "You wanna fight?" He's always talking about fighting or wanting to fight with someone. I'm sure it would kill him to consider being respectful & using ~~his~~ his fucking earbuds.

Please let this stupid lockdown end.

Tues. 06/09/20 4:37p

OK, just a quick update before I send this off.

Yesterday we had a mixed day. First they let us out to take a 5 min. shower & then brought us lunch & dinner.

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After that, they let us out for a hour. There was a memo on the computer announcing that we were going back to the "modified" lockdown where they're going to start letting us out for 1 1/2 hrs. four days a week with Rec on the fifth day. At least we're not in a full lockdown like last week.

I don't anticipate things going back to normal soon, but with any hope they will.

Until next time, I wish you...

Love + Blessings,