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## \* WELL IT'S ABOUT TIME \*

I don't wish to sound as though I don't appreciate the violence, idiotic behavior, and all the other forms of turmoil of prison life. However, when you're a Non-Typical prisoner like myself, you do tend to enjoy the less chaotic route of living -- if there is one possible. Like the old saying goes, "While no one should quit because the going gets rough, it my be wise to take a moment to see if there isn't an easier way to reach the same destination." After having been locked up for a couple of years, I had the plan for that easier route already in my head. The layout of the map all stemmed from a simple question I had, "Why doesn't the prison system simply put all the good guys, who aren't causing any kind of problems, in designated camps, and put all the trouble makers in the others?" My question, many times, was ridiculed with the answer of how something like that could never be done on account of having to maintain a balance of prisoners. It seemed nothing my fellow prisoners had to say, regarding the impossibility of such an idea, made any logical sense to me. It just all seemed so simple, and the number of overall benefits (which I won't go into) went way beyond just the enjoyment of living in a more civilized manner.

So now you're probably asking, "Then why are you bothering me with some wild fantasy you have of being able to live a more civilized life when it's an impossibility to ever experience?" Well, guess what? After 18 years of having this idea in my mind, DOC has finally caught on to the realization of the benefits something like this can produce. Their title for such a place is known as an "Incentivized\1/ Camp."

The camp at which I am presently located is in the process of changing into such an institution. Naturally, they've been transferring a lot of guys out of here, who did not meet the criteria for such a place. However, just as many are being moved in who did. There are all kinds of promises being made as to how much better the overall camp is going to be. Now I'm not saying I'm doubting them, especially with the improvement I've seen in the quality of the food we're being served. But man, it really seems like they're going all out with this. I personally just wanted to get separated from the trouble makers. I guess they figured they had to take it to some kind of a higher level, so as to not appear to have stolen MY idea. I suppose I can live with that. I just wanted you all to know the truth.

I'll keep you up dated on other changes as time passes.

## \* FOOTNOTES \*

1.) Incentivized: To offer the expectation of rewards, that induces action or motivates effort.