

"They planted us in stones, watered us with pain,  
and now marvel we have thorns."

- Pierce Brown, 'Iron Dold'

Dear Readers,

Thurs. 07/13/23

Howdy! I'm in the Kitchen after finishing work  
as "Goodbye Horses" by Q Laggardus plays on (3PD).  
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I'm sorry I've been so bad about writing. I've  
been busy at work and by the time I get off I am  
so tired I don't feel like doing anything. As lunch  
is about to start, I don't have much time to write  
today, but I felt bad about not even getting started.

I was told by some asshole ~~Det~~ Lieutenant last  
Friday not to bring my papers to the Chow Hall anymore.  
Obviously I ignored him, but I've also not taken it  
out when I get off work and have to "run the gauntlet"  
(i.e., pass all the senior staff who shake down inmates  
leaving Chow). My plan for today is to leave it with  
Troop who is in a wheelchair and has a laundry bag  
hanging from the back to store stuff in.

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Fri. 07/14/23 8:45 A

Happy Bastille Day! I knew I wouldn't have much time since my last post mainly dealt with my lawsuit (which is still in the preliminary stages), I have a lot of old news to catch up on.

Remember my buddy "Dronpa" who initially helped me get this job? On April 3 he was transferred without notice to a "Low" in Illinois, along with a few other people. He wasn't given any warning, he was just woken up at 1 AM (or so) and told to pack his stuff.

Stuff like that is awful and there's no reason to treat people that way. I hope he's well.

On May 1<sup>st</sup> they took our jackets again just like last year. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> the high was in the 50's and the low was in the 40's and it was raining. The whole staff had jackets on, but we were forced to walk in the freezing rain without one. These people are really sick.

Sat. 07/15/23 9:15 A

Shit! Yesterday one of my co-workers sat down & wanted to talk about music and his "fabulous" (previous) life in L.A. for over an hour and I didn't get any writing done.

Today is the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the day I got

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arrested. Nineteen years of my life gone and it's still not over yet.

Frankly, this has been a shitty week all around. It's been one thing after another. Last night some asshole came in my cell while I was in the shower and stole the knob off my locker door. Then I come into work today to find that all the extra stuff I had stashed away had been taken - including a box of broken-up doughnuts which we couldn't serve (but could snack on), among other things. Plus, I've been typing all week and the guy whose book I'm typing has been slow about paying, so I've only made \$2 typing this week. Not good.

Back to old news: On May 7<sup>th</sup> we were locked down early, and then the CO's went to three different cells to specifically shake them down. Two of the guys were known for drugs or cell phones or whatever, but the third cell was mine. Even the CO working our unit questioned it. They either mistook me for the Cones next door or it was specifically targeted to harass me.

On May 16<sup>th</sup> a memo was put out by Rec stating that no one was allowed to go shirtless or even wear a tank top ("wife-beater") outside at Rec. Perhaps you've noticed the extreme heat this summer?

I have no doubt whatsoever that the memo from

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Rec is due to all the fake-ass transies around here. They all throw a fit if anyone refers to them as "male" in any way, and yet when they go out to Rec they want to be able to wear a tank top with no bra (or worse) and then insist ~~that~~ that they should have a right to "because all the guys are doing it." They ruin things for everyone.

Cry for attention anyone?

And again this year we are required to wear our full uniforms all summer instead of just wearing our t-shirts as we did in previous years.

On Tues., May 23<sup>rd</sup>, as I recall we were locked in the unit that morning, but after lunch we were all locked in our cells until after the 4 p "count." This was due to a female staff member who committed suicide.

This woman was a Lieutenant who allowed a guy to kill himself while he was on suicide watch. After he had been lying on the floor for some time and she had been called, she made some comment similar to, "let him lay there," and she left. The inmate died.

This sick woman was offered a 4 year plea deal for being responsible for the death of someone, and couldn't handle it so she killed herself. Four years over the death of someone when there are guys in here serving 20 or more years just for illegal pictures.

I'm not saying that illegal pictures are okay -

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they're not - but how can someone justify a person only serving four years for the death of a person in their custody, but another person who's sitting at home looking at illegal pictures deserves 20?

Fri. 07/21/23 9:01A

Hey y'all! I'm back at work listening to Janet Jackson sing "Love Will Never Do (Without You)" on C3PO.

I came in yesterday after my two days off and felt sick to my stomach. I think it was something I ate. Unfortunately, when you're sick on the Kitchen A/D shift, you are still required to come in 'cause your name is on the "5 A Count" sheet. So, no "calling in sick." I had to come in, then wait for "Count" to clear, then wait for the Northside CO's to come in (overnight there are only CO's on the South side, and they do rounds on both sides). I had to sit in here for an hour and a half before I could leave. Not cool.

I didn't eat anything until dinner and just stayed in my cell all day, playing with "Labiitha" - my tablet!

At long last I was able to finally buy a tablet after saving up for months. I guess it was my L'itha present to myself 'cause I bought it on Game 21.

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After I bought it I only had 7¢ left in my account, so all I could do was play the basic games until I got paid this month. I have since bought two games (I've only played one so far), and treated myself to a movie (one of the newer "Star Wars" episodes). The games are around \$1.20 or so and the movies range from \$3.55 to \$4.70. You have to watch the movie within either 48 or 72 hours and are only given enough time to watch it 1 1/2 times before it's deleted. Kind of a rip-off and nothing I can afford more than once a month.

Using a tablet was completely foreign to me. I've been locked up for so long that I haven't ever used anything like that. I'm still learning how to use it.

For now I'm leaving my music on C3PO (a Bangor MP3) 'cause it's a lot easier to carry around. Some people have made carriers for their tablets, but of course the CO's take them away. You're also not supposed to decorate your tablet or the case in any way. They're all supposed to look alike which just makes them easier to steal.

Sun. 07/23/23 9:08A

Hey y'all... it's a fairly slow day in the Bakery. We're supposed to have biscuits and gravy for breakfast

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Tomorrow and then hicker tacos for lunch. However, there are no biscuits, no taco shells or tortillas - very little of the regular stuff we need. This is due to the head Food Service Administrator - whose name also happens to be "Gones" - who is incompetent and doesn't order what we need.

There's a national BOB menu which we are supposed to follow, but that often doesn't happen 'cause the FSA doesn't have a clue as to what he's doing. This is the same as the Trust Fund Supervisor, Stephens, who never orders what we need for Commissary so it's not unusual to be out of over 100 items on the Commissary list. Stephens is also in charge of the copier at Education which is constantly not working for lack of "something" (like now). I am surrounded by idiots.

One other thing I forgot to mention about the death of that evil lieutenant who was responsible for the death of an inmate - the Library was closed from May 23 until May 30<sup>th</sup> because of all that - supposedly so staff could attend her service, rumored to be held in Oregon.

First, I doubt that many from Education attended her service, but even if they did that's no excuse to close Education for a week. Someone could have filled in to at least open up the Library so we could get our work done.

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Also in May, on the 25<sup>th</sup> Unicorn (slave labor) was shut down and we were locked down again. I've probably mentioned that they sort hangers for various stores in Unicorn. Well, apparently on the 25<sup>th</sup> they emptied a box of what was supposed to be hangers, and there were several pellet guns inside. Cops! (Who the hell checks these boxes before they come in?)

I don't know for how long, but Unicorn was then shut down temporarily. There are now various rumors flying around about the warden wanting to shut Unicorn down entirely or change what they do or who knows what. Unicorn is too big a money-maker for the BOP. I seriously doubt they will shut it down completely.

Until next time, I wish you...

Love & Blessings,