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Journal of an inmate

March 5th 2013- 12:40, getting close to yard call. What to do, what to do. I think I'll go out on the 2nd yard and soak up some sun for the 1st hour, then go to the indoor rec for the 2nd move. I don't want to stay in here and listen to Moustaffa whine about who-owes-him-what. I just don't care about that. I've gotten 4 letters ready to go, all written today. I can probably have 10 altogether once I add the religious mail I've been getting. I can sure use some personal mail. Some GOOD news mail. I'll also have to guard against people here that want me to buy stuff for them at canteen. My cellie has been trying to get me to buy him canteen in exchange for stuff I want.. how's he going to do that? If he's offering it at even-Steven, that's a waste of my time. I don't benefit from a contract where I buy him exactly what he wants and he gives me exactly what I need if I can buy it myself. For example, he wants me to buy him the personal limit of 2 cases of soda, which is \$4.20 each. that's \$8.40 he wants me to spend on him, in exchange for (hopefully) the equal amount in canteen. So, if I wanted a bag o Maxwell House (\$3.05), plus 2 boxes of Vanilla Wafers (\$4.00 total), that's \$7.05. If I add a \$1.35 bag of chips, then it's an even deal. But WHY would I ask for that when I can get it myself, and where's the profit for me? To be sure, HE'S gonna sell the sodas at 2 for a dollar. He'll make \$12 off the deal; I'll make nothing. How's that even? All kinds of crookedness in that. And he prides himself on being a Muslim. Seems like we honor only

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what we doesn't offend us. Anyway, rec time is close-

1pm as I'm back in the library, and a little ticked off at it. My plan was to go outside on the 1st move at 1pm, then go to the indoor rec on the second. But to do so, I had to put my stuff back in the room. Wouldn't you know it, that's when my cellie decides to pray. And because his rug crosses the threshold of the cell, it would be disrespectful to do so, so I can't go in. So I wait, hoping he'll finish before the 1pm move. No dice. Now I have to make a decision; <sup>wait</sup> ~~wait~~ for him, or go. Rather than wait for his trifling butt, I decide to carry my coat, my cup (with Watermelon/Strawberry mix) and my folders, and go back to the library. So here I am, slightly upset but at least I can try to get something done. At the next move, I'll take everything back and try to go to the middle area for some sun. It feels like 80 degrees out there; I don't like hot weather. There's alot of guys in here, but I've got a seat here to write a bit. Maybe I'll get another letter done. Might as well make the best out of a bad situation. Tonight I'll go traveling, picking a travel video to watch. But I think tonight is Bowling night too, I'll have to decide what I want to do. I didn't get the chance to talk to Oscar about his dealings with Moustaffa, but I'll go out of my way to advise Oscar to drop the contract with him. Moustaffa accuses Oscar of breaking a contract, and that he's dealing with someone else, yet this from the same guy that bought the room from under my feet, the same guy who butted in on my deal about the radio, the same guy who implied TWICE about buying something from me, when he knew I gave my word to

someone else. He's just as dishonest as the worst of them, yet he hides it behind his religion to think he is righteous in all he does. To him, running a store, and charging usury for canteen is good, but gambling isn't. Yet where does most of his money come from? Those same gamblers! The numbers just don't add up in my favor. IF I decided to play his game of "contract" he'd want my max of 2 cases of soda, and 3 boxes of pastries... although his "Muslim brothers" said we can buy more. I'm not buying into that. If I got him 3 boxes of Nutty Bars, that's about \$5.30 plus \$8.40 in soda- \$13.70 in canteen. How much does he stand to make off that? Almost \$21.00! In return, he'll likely give me an equal amount of what? Canteen? What can he give me that I can't get myself? The ONLY thing he could give me is regular postage stamps. At \$13.70, he'd have to give me 30 stamps (that's \$13.80 so he'll likely not do it). Question, does he have 30 REGULAR stamps? No. And I am not interested at all in \$1 stamps, I can't use them now. Any deals I make are only for regular stamps. I'm not trying to hear guys say, "well, you can take the dollar stamp and trade it for somebody with regular stamps". Why do I need to go around the house to get in the front door? This doesn't make any sense to me, nor does it benefit me at all. But Moustafa gets all he wants; the products he wants, at virtually no cost, even though he's on restriction, and can flip it to make a profit. He did that with me when I loaned him 2 soups, which he sold. I won't do that again. Well, I have to see what time it is; 1:35 so we've still got about 25 minutes before the move. Hopefully when I go back to the cell he won't be taking a dump; he monopolizes more time than



reasonable, and when people tell him about it, HE gets upset.  
The word for him; hypocrite.

Just wanted to share one of my many entries.  
Would love to send more if there's an audience to  
read it.

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