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I am awakened by a shrill that is worse than nails on a chalk board and about as intelligible. As my brain switches from a deep sleep I realize the shift has changed and officer A is now on screaming at us. Groaning with the desire that I had not woke up I gradually start to roll out of bed.

I've been in prison since the age of nineteen and after thirty-two years the system has only gotten worse showing no sign of granting anyone a second chance or getting better. Many of us had hoped to see a second chance with our newly elected governor, Sarah Huckabee Sanders. How wrong can people be?

Governor Sanders came in having legislation enacted so no violent offender will ever see the streets again regardless of time served, rehabilitation proven or any other factor (see generally, Act 659 of 2023). So much for hope or mercy.

Apparently, Governor Sanders believes she is doing a great job and has a major case of megalomania as depicted by her necessitating Arkansas [government] job applicants to write a 500-word essay praising her (See The Week, April 28, 2023, p. 6).

Another shrill yell from the hallway reaches my ears. After a second my mind collates that she has called me for an infirmary lay-in - a needless lay-in as a follow-up to a misdiagnosis, but that's another story for another time.

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