

Roll Call

[This briefing will be brief.]

[This briefing will not acknowledge irony or pause for insight.]

Okay.

Quiet.

You sound like the inmates.

Shut that door.

Turn off that fan.

One thing first, you have probably heard that Corrections Officer Lives-for-his-daughter lost his wife and mother-in-law last week while on a family vacation that was supposed to bring them all closer together.

We are taking donations to help with the cost.

The cost is high.

Okay.

Sound Off.

[This briefing will now call the roll from the following roll-call sheet.]

Date: Any-and-every	Shift: Any-and-every	Shift Commander: Has-time-in	Location: Any-and-every
Yard	Officer		
Yard Post 1	Sergeant Obese-and-borderline-diabetic-but-has-a-healthy-attitude		
Yard Post 2	Officer Been-here-two-months-and-just-got-over-the-shakes		
Yard Post 3	Officer Been-here-three-months-and-never-had-the-shakes-because-he-is-a-sociopath		
Yard Post 4	Officer Never-been-offered-a-position-in-any-block-for-five-years-because-he-is-just-too-damn-odd-even-for-jail		

Yard Post 5	Officer Been-on-night-shift-for-ten-years-because-ten-years-ago-he-got-knocked-out-during-an-argument-about-ice-cream-tickets-in-the-yard-and-he-has-been-hiding-ever-since
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Welcome back to daylight, Chickenshit!

[This briefing pauses for laughter.]

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Yard Post 6	Officer Smells-like-sunscreen-because-there-is-a-good-chance-that-it-is-melanoma-taking-root-but-he-will-not-find-out-for-another-two-days
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Here, officers, is what is important in the yard today: the line.

Do not allow the inmates to cross the chalk line by the fence.

And it is hot out there. Hydrate.

[This briefing moves on.]

A Block	Officer
Block Sergeant	Sergeant Managed-to-survive-an-assault-two-years-ago-today
Block Corporal	Corporal Addictive-personality-who-right-before-this-shift-pissed-on-his-girlfriend's-Coors-sweatshirt-because-he-drinks-Budweiser-but-at-least-admits-that-maybe-she-has-just-cause-to-leave-him
Front Door Officer	Officer Feels-the-need-to-valorize-his-Army-days-because-he-is-lonely-and-back-then-he-had-many-friends
Shower Officer	Officer Bat-belt-who-has-fifteen-loops-and-pouches-on-his-belt-that-he-never-uses-but-thinks-they-look-cool

Leave the fucking spotlights alone, Batman.

[This briefing pauses for laughter.]

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Range Officer 1	Officer Quiet-and-who-will-commit-suicide-in-five-years
Range Officer 2	Officer Indifferent-who-fulfills-no-duties-but-shows-up-every-day-on-time-to-keep-his-job-and-is-up-for-promotion-because-he-tests-well

Look, officers, you know that there are too many sheets unaccounted for on that block. This is important. Sheets cost money. Find them.

[This briefing moves on.]

B Block	Officer
Block Sergeant	Sergeant Magician-and-inmate-entertainer
Block Corporal	Corporal Angel-of-death-who's-performed-CPR-on-five-inmates-all-who-died-anyway

Do not kill anybody today, Bravo Block. Please and thank you.

[This briefing pauses for laughter.]

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Front Door Officer	Officer Quiet-professional-who-is-resented-for-his-professionalism-because-his-professionalism-makes-him-seem-uppity
Shower Officer	Officer Has-spent-the-last-three-years-telling-his-wife-that-she-is-still-a-woman-even-though-she-has-not-been-able-to-conceive-and-wants-to-more-than-anything
Range Officer 1	Officer Says-fuck-to-every-fucking-guy-he-fucking-sees-until-he-is-at-home-with-his-two-daughters-and-long-gone-wife
Range Officer 2	Officer Will-be-offered-a-chance-to-resign-in-three-days-for-smuggling-in-cell-phones-for-the-inmates

Now listen here, three suicides in six weeks is un-ac-cep-ta-ble.

Make rounds, officers, make many.

[This briefing continues.]

C Block	Officer
Block Sergeant	Sergeant Nut
Block Corporal	Corporal Nut
Front Door Officer	Officer Trying-hard-to-act-like-sergeant-nut-and-corporal-nut-but-just-seems-pathetic-and-lost-not-even-knowing-what-sub-role-will-work-for-him-and-will-quit-in-two-months-because-of-unmedicated-depression
Shower Officer	Officer Makes-his-kids-remove-asbestos-from-his-house's-crawlspace-and-says-that-it-is-safe-so-long-as-the-asbestos-is-sprayed-with-water-first
Range Officer 1	Officer Back-at-work-after-having-all-of-his-teeth-pulled-because-of-an-addiction-to-Mt. Dew-and-who-admitted-to-crying-about-it

Nice Chiclets!

[This briefing pauses for laughter.]

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Range Officer 2	Officer Been-married-for-twenty-two-years-and-who's-wife's-breast-cancer-has-gone-metastasis-and-her-doctor-estimates-that-it-will-give-her-two-pain-filled-months-to-live-but-in-fact-it-lets-her-have-eight-months-to-writhe
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Officers, here is what is important: hats. No altered hats allowed on the blocks. Enforce.

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D Block	Officer
Block Sergeant	Sergeant Has-been-kicked-off-every-block-he-has-worked-on-and-this-one-is-his-last-chance-before-being-demoted-and-assigned-to-a-tower-for-the-rest-of-his-days

Last chance, Sarge. You are fucked.
 [This briefing pauses for laughter.]
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Block Corporal	Corporal First-day-as-a-corporal-and-feels-the-excitement-of-finally-running-the-desk-which-will-be-short-because-an-inmate-off-his-medication-will-smash-him-in-the-face-a-week-later-with-a-mop-handle-which-will-make-him-take-a-leave-of-absence-which-will-become-a-permanent-absence
Front Door Officer	Officer Identifies-with-the-white-supremacists-and-talks-about-how-a-swastika-tattoo-means-more-than-just-hate-because-he-has-one-which-will-later-be-the-reason-he-is-forced-to-resign
Shower Officer	Officer Started-at-the-jail-late-in-life-after-failing-at-twenty-two-different-mechanic-jobs-in-the-county-but-has-found-success-here-and-knows-many-of-the-inmates
Range Officer 1	Officer Hates-the-job-but-manages-to-tear-his-rotator-cuff-shutting-a-cell-door-which-will-earn-him-eight-months-off-at-eighty-percent-pay-and-that-much-closer-to-retirement-and-everyone-will-be-happier-because-he-will-not-be-around-to-bitch
Range Officer 2	Officer New-just-new-and-nobody-really-gives-a-fuck-because-he-needs-at-least-one-month-running-the-ranges-to-warrant-anyone-learning-his-dumb-fucking-new-officer-name

Worst block in the jail, officers. You know it. We all know it.
 Lift a finger today.
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Visiting Room	Officer
Officer 1	Officer Experiences-bouts-of-rage-caused-by-steroid-abuse
Officer 2	Officer Also-uses-steroids-and-has-received-a-sixty-percent-or-lower-on-the-Sergeant-test-the-last-eleven-years-straight-and-will-be-forced-to-resign-for-forcing-an-inmate-to-give-him-blowjobs-in-the-chapel

Do not lose your keys again. Pretty please, with testosterone sprinkled on top.

[This briefing pauses for laughter.]

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Towers	Officer
Tower 1	Officer Old-and-tired-but-will-survive-to-retirement
Tower 2	Officer Young-and-pissed-off-and-put-in-the-towers-for-his-own-protection-so-he-can-survive-to-retirement
Tower 3	Officer Old-and-tired-and-feeds-the-jail-cats
Tower 4	Officer Nobody-today-because-the-jail-is-short-on-manpower-like-the-day-before-and-the-day-before-and-the-day-before-and
Tower 5	Officer Old-and-tired-and-wants-only-wheat-bread-do-not-give-him-white-bread-at-dinner-unless-you-want-to-be-the-subject-of-a-union-filed-grievance
Tower 6	Officer Wields-his-pen-like-an-inmate-made-shank-to-stab-the-eyes-out-of-any-guard-he-does-not-like-by-leaving-graffiti-about-them-on-any-and-every-white-wall-he-finds

Here you go, oldheads, this is important, this is your one purpose, this is why you are here: do not fall asleep.

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E Block	Officer
Officer 1	Officer Career-national-guard-with-alcoholic-capillaries-on-his-nose-and-three-years-until-retirement-and-loves-E-Block-because-only-two-officers-work-on-it-since-it-is-a-more-experimental-and-more-humane-and-more-open-block-which-means-he-can-step-outside-and-smoke-anytime-he-wants
Officer 2	Officer Has-worked-three-years-in-jail-and-deals-poorly-with-boredom-and-inmate-complaints-and-inmate-strife-and-inmate-problems-and-he-is-not-unaware-of-the-big-old-asshole-shaped-world-that-is-squeezing-him-for-money-and-knows-he-cannot-overcome-the-role-that-he-plays-which-is-written-in-a-roll-call-cell-and-does-not-like-arguing-about-hats-and-sheets-and-chalk-lines-while-the-next-all-new-and-humane-jail-designed-from-E-Block's-model-is-already-being-constructed-on-the-same-grounds-as-this-century-old-one-and-he-knows-that-the-next-jail-will-have-men-playing-roles-in-cells-very-far-apart-from-themselves-and-the-next-jail-will-have-chickenshits-and-the-next-jail-will-have-suicide-but-it-will-be-more-humane-suicide-and-the-reason-that-the-next-jail-will-have-more-humane-suicide-is-because-the-next-jail-will-be-the-same-as-this-jail-because-the-next-jail-will-have-the-same-people-in-it-as-this-jail-and-jail-is-suicide-by-default-and-he-does-not-want-to-watch-it-or-grow-old-with-it-or-die-young-because-of-it-and-he-is-me-the-writer-of-this-roll-call

And E Block, so help me, if I hear another rumor about pocket pussies being smuggled in, I'm changing your names to Pimp One and Pimp Two.

[This briefing pauses for laughter.]

Take care of it.

Okay.

Officers, your jail awaits.

Go to work.

[This briefing is complete.]