

Prompt: 4 | Perspective: McMurphy | Scene: McMurphy's rebellious act with the television and Big Nurse (pg:122)

This is so damn stupid. I don't see how any of these people think that any of this is fine.

"Well, I'll be a sonofabitch. You mean to tell me that's how you're gonna pull it? Count the votes of those old birds over there too?" So this is what happens when we play by their rules. By her rules. They just add in even more, twist them even, to try to cut me down. But not this time, this time, I won't be-

"A majority, Mr. McMurphey; it's in the ward constitution. Something that you should know by now." Bullshit. More like majority of what she's feeling at the moment.

"This ain't democracy, it's some plain democratic bullshit! This is-"

"Mr. Murphy, Murphy, you seem very upset about this. Right Doctor? Perhaps we should-" Bigass Nurse turns to the Doctor like he would save her ass from this. But all he does is glance at me and return back to her.

"Maybe so. What do you propose we then do?"

"Since it's clear that this meeting is greatly upsetting our patient, perhaps we should bring it to an early end today. And to help calm him, I suggest that we-"

"Wait! Hold up!" I rush up, and Big Nurse thinks that I'm about to come after her. Of course, because everything here has to revolve her big ass. But I won't let her win like this. Not now. "Let me go over and ask them folks over there. Let me-" I try to run over to those old birds. They may be old and rusty but they'll listen. They have to.

"Rucky, what about you buddy? You want to watch the World Series right? Baseball? Baseball games? Those home runs? Strikes? Cheers? Come on, just raise that hand up there

and-”

“Fffffffuck da wife.” Fuck. Okay fine, fine, so maybe one won’t. But I know-

“That’s enough Mr. McMurphy. I won’t repeat myself again. The vote is closed.” I reached over to what was his name- Ellis, right. But before I could, Big Nurse snatched my arm.

“Get your bitch ass hand off me you-”

“That’s enough! You’re going to stop your nonsense now and obey my next directions or you’re going to be put in a place that’ll make you regret your existence.”

For this scene, I rewrote the drama between McMurphy and the Big Nurse about the vote for the television from McMurphy's perspective. I wanted to focus more on the anger and desperation that seemed to appear in him in this scene. So I decided to tone it to seem like he's reaching a limit but at the same time, going strong at something. In addition, it is my take that McMurphy's take on the Big Nurse is a cruel, heartless woman. So I had changed her lines and actions to be more aggressive or targeted against him. This is mainly also because he currently sees her in the darkest, light. Finally, with his scenes to try to convince the other guys, I made him seem more desperate, because the television was something he really wanted, and knew that he would get if the vote went how we thought it would. I also had the Doctor just be there and not have as much value because McMurphy sees the Big Nurse as more than him in many ways.