

Prison Walls

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INT. SAN QUENTIN STATE PRISON - LIAM'S CELL - NIGHT

Prison cell, dark except in one corner with low LAMP light on small desk, COLLEGE APPLICATIONS and FILES spread all over the desk and floor. Bed properly made, small TELEVISION on floor by bed.

LIAM HENDERSON, 35, average, paces and reads Law school application for Southern California. He flings the application down and sighs heavily.

ON TV

NEWS LADY, stationed at NYC, thousands of protesters, hold signs that state SAVE THE PEOPLE GET THE VACCINE and others say TAKE AWAY MY LIBERTIES I'M ALREADY DEAD, etc.

NEWS LADY

Protesters on both sides of the Psylo Pandemic are scattered all over the city streets.

PROTESTERS

Take untested vaccine. I'd rather take my chances with the crazy virus!

NEWS LADY

People have to realize this is not the first time a vaccine has been mandated. In 1905, Jacobson vs. Massachusetts, the Supreme Court mandated the smallpox vaccine or be fined because an individual's liberty rights under the US Constitution are not absolute and the mandate was necessary to promote public health and safety.

Protesters stumbling down the city streets, for the vaccine on one side, against the vaccine on the other.

NEWS LADY

Even just last year, New York City mandated the measles vaccine for anyone over the age of six months that were going to work or school.

LIAMS CELL

LIAM (V.0.)

So what makes something absolute?
And who gets to determine that, the
government!

Liam searches through his papers and applications.

LIAM (V.0.)

I lost my job because my firm made
it mandatory to get the Psylo
vaccine in order to continue
working.

MR. KOLA, 44, guard, BANGS on cell bars with baton.

MR. KOLA

Lights out inmate.

Mr. Kola glances at the papers scattered everywhere, nods
and chuckles.

MR. KOLA

What's a douche bag like you
interested in Law school for?

MR. KOLA (MOMENTS LATER)

Maybe if you weren't an ignorant
prick, you could attend it in
person.

LIAM

Thanks to Psylo, it'd be online
either way.

MR. KOLA

You watch your mouth.

Liam flickers the light off, hops into bed, rests head on
arms. Mr. Kola leaves.

EXT. SAN QUENTIN STATE PRISON - NIGHT

LIAM (V.0.)

The vaccine hasn't been properly
tested, what if it makes things
worse for everybody, not just a
county or city but the whole
planet.

Guards outside. Some drive away in cars.

INT. SAN QUENTIN STATE PRISON - NIGHT

Other inmates rough housing, Mr. Kola shoves one in cell.
Inmates hooting and hollering.

MR. KOLA

Everyone be quiet! Lights out.

They all head to their cells and beds, lights out.

Showers and cafeteria dark and silent.

LIAM (V.O.)

Further testing and public
education would be useful for
citizens to make authentic
decisions, not rash ones. But how
would we know what's true?

LIAMS CELL

LIAM (V.O.)

If I knew exactly what was going
into my body, the side effects, and
knew it'd be an immediate cure,
then I would not have refused.