

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

Individuals freedom is the greatest gift given in life for the fortunate, the unfortunate like McMurphy, Chief Broom, and Mr. Hardly are deprived of their rights by the tyrant Nurse Ratched; who believes that in a world where chaos rules, strict changes and adjustments must be made. When freedom is thought of as the right to do what is necessary for the good of order, rather than the good of individuals, freedom becomes a mockery in itself. In the fight for freedom, sometimes the freedom that is already possessed is lost by the very means that push to gain freedom. Freedom is achieved finally through the mind and not in the reality of life for an unfortunate like McMurphy, only to gain it when One flew over the cuckoo's nest (becoming a vegetable with no thoughts to hinder that even freedom exits).

Freedom is limited at sanatorium, for McMurphy, Chief Broom, and Mr. Hardly. McMurphy, in order to gain freedom leaves jail and arrives in a sanatorium hoping to rule his environment, since sanatorium is a far better place than jail; all the afflictions of jail life are left behind, and who is he to argue with the officials at the work farm (jail)(44 pg). Chief Broom is locked in his own world of silence while watching careful what happens around him, trying to gain some freedom by making everyone believe that he is deaf and dumb (23 pg). Mr. Hardly private life is discussed with the other patients and staff publicly as if he was not a human being with feelings but germ with a disease to be picked at and analyzed(41 pg). In the sanatorium they do not allow anyone to talk to any one in secret, and everything runs like an assembly line factory, only producing order and structure (5 pg,30-34 pg).

Nurse Ratched creates a structured environment where she is the centre power controlling all the other members of staff to the doctor around her. Like a mechanical machine she works on changing and adjusting the patients she deals with, what she thinks is right, not what the patient needs or concerns require (14 pg). The doctor Spivey is controlled by Nurse Ratched, he has no real say in anything that goes on in sanatorium, because if he does Nurse Ratched just has to phone the Supervisor and get him

fired, the supervisor and Nurse Ratched were army nurses together in the thirties (61 pg). She has complete control of her three orderlies, because she personally picked them out, knowing that they do not like her; but by giving them freedom over the patients she automatically got them to do just what she wanted without having to tell them how (27 pg, 29 pg). Nurse Ratched always tries to keep her temperament under control, not letting even the patients or visitor see the way her mind works or what she really feels, always keeping a mask on her white face (5 pg, 59 pg).

McMurphy keeps his power intact while Nurse Ratched sees her orderly structure being destroyed before her eyes. McMurphy works through the system by asking to go on a fishing trip, but then breaks regulations and goes on his own with other patients (212 pg, 224-226 pgs). McMurphy is destroying Nurse Ratched orderly structure; since McMurphy is pushing to far (pushing for freedom for himself and others, but mostly for himself), Nurse Ratched takes control by giving him electrical shock treatments (268 pg, 276 pg). McMurphy connects with the outside world, and brings Whores at night to the patients; Nurse Ratched takes McMurphy away from the other patients and play her last round by giving McMurphy a Lobotomy (296 pg, 307 pg). Nurse Ratched's only solution was weaken McMurphy before the other patients eyes making him look like a trophy of her victory (because now is like a vegetable with no thoughts of his own), and representing McMurphy as the symbol of punishment when you do not followed the structure orders given by her command (308 pg). Nurse Ratched thought she would make McMurphy follow her structured environment by giving him a Lobotomy; what she did was give him the freedom to live outside her structured world.

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