

"2BR02B" Questions

- 1.) What is the song that the orderly sings about? Why would Vonnegut include this song in his story?
- 2.) Explain how the garden mural is a metaphor/allegory for Wehling's society.
- 3.) What does the painter think about the mural he is working on? What does his view of this piece of "art" tell us about him and how he views his world?
- 4.) Why would the painter refer to the "Service" woman's dress as "the colour of grapes on Judgment Day"? How is this description appropriate?
- 5.) What is the significance of the symbol on the seal of the Service Division of the Federal Bureau of Termination? Is this symbol appropriate? Explain your answer.
- 6.) Why would Vonnegut have the Service women sprout mustaches? What does this say about their roles within their society? About gender roles/expectations?
- 7.) Identify an allusion in the text. Explain how this reference adds to our understanding of the story.
- 8.) Is this story an example of utopian or dystopian fiction? Cite specific characteristics of the genre within your response.
- 9.) What "warning" is in this story? Is this warning a universal truth? Explain your answer.