

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

Chapter 1-5 Notes

Bromden

- Bromden 24
 - Unreliable Narrator
 - Chronic
 - 6'8"
 - Mute
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