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"Hungry Ants"

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[Dwight McClusky:] "I'll tell ya something, Scagnetti, in all of my days in the penal business, and that ain't no small amount of days, right boys?"

[Kavanaugh:] "Oh, no." [Wurlitzer:] "Nope." [Dwight McClusky:] "Mickey and Mallory Knox are without a doubt the most twisted, depraved pair of shit fucked that has ever been my displeasure to lay my goddamn eyes on. I'm tellin' you, these two motherfuckers are a walkin' reminder of just how fucked up the system really is." [Jack Scagnetti:] "Don't get me started, okay, warden? Don't get me started." [Dwight McClusky:] "Dwight, you call me Dwight."

[Jack Scagnetti:] "They've killed a shitload of inmates and guards."

[Dwight McClusky:] "Three inmates, five guards and one shrink all in one year's time... Open that goddamn gate!" [Prison Guard:] "Yes, sir." [Jack Scagnetti:] "What, a psychiatrist?" [Dwight McClusky:] "Yeah, Mickey's better half, Miss Mallory, strangled his ass when he made the dumb-ass mistake to ask her what her parents were like, and she done it all shut up on tranquilizers too." [Jack Scagnetti:] "Oh..."

[Dwight McClusky:] "Ain't love grand? If that doesn't tell the truth.

Listen, I got another dead lie: love makes the world go around." [Black

Inmate:] "Hey, I need to talk to you 'bout..." [Dwight McClusky:] "How did

a fellow like you get to be a specialist in psychos anyway?" [Jack

Scagnetti:] "Well, actually, Dwight, I'd recommend

having your mother
killed by one. After that happened I developed a rather
keen interest in
the subject, you know?" [Dwight McClusky:] "What
happened?" [Jack
Scagnetti:] "When I was born I spend the first part of
my life in Texas."
[Dwight McClusky:] "Oh, that's funny, you don't have an
accent." [Jack
Scagnetti:] "Nah, I don't wanna talk like those
assholes." [Dwight
McClusky:] "Well, my, my mother was from Texas."
[Jack Scagnetti:] "I meant
those other assholes, you know, who used to beat the
shit out of me.
Anyway, one day, when I was 8 years old, my mother...
my mother... I wanted
to play in the park. And it just so happened to be the
same day Charles
Whitman had climbed to the top of the University Texas
Tower and started
shooting strangers." [Dwight McClusky:] "And you was
with her." [Jack
Scagnetti:] "Sure was. You see, the thing is, Dwight, I
didn't hear any
shots. I didn't hear any of 'em. And one minute I'm
walking with my mother
when all of a sudden... Chest explodes. She hits the
ground, right? I'm
just lookin' at her, her forearm flies off, her hip
explodes and... Now,
I'm not hearing any of these shots, right? BOOM! Chest
explodes! Right?"

[Jack Scagnetti:] "I spent all goddamn day lying flat on
the grass, bein'
eat alive by fucking ants. I'm thinking, what happened
to my ma, you know?
And ever since then I've had a strong opinion about the
psychopathic fools
that's alive today in America's fast-food culture. I tend
not to exhibit
the self-discipline, you know." [Dwight McClusky:]
"You..." [Jack
Scagnetti:] "And comin' off a peace officer." [Dwight
McClusky:] "You got
it right, Jack. You got it right. Say, you don't mind, do
ya, if I call you
Jack?"

