

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?"

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