

# 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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