

NAILBAT (Pages 1-15)

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I.
THE BOY WHOSE FACE GOT
CHEESEGRATED

A kindergarten classroom

A boy, CRAWFISH, sits at a table and colors.

Another boy, NAILBAT, enters with a paper bag over his head. Through the holes in his mask we can see hideous, terrible scars.

NAILBAT walks across the classroom and sits next to the other boy CRAWFISH.

is teacher here?
NAILBAT

teacher's out smoking pot.
CRAWFISH

(passes NAILBAT a piece of paper)

it's coloring time

can I borrow a crayon too?
NAILBAT

sure
CRAWFISH

(looks at his crayons)

Is Fuzzy Wuzzy Brown okay?

NAILBAT

Fuzzy Wuzzy Brown is fine.

(CRAWFISH passes over a crayon)

thanks.

CRAWFISH

no problem.

(NAILBAT colors)

i'm sorry about your face.

(NAILBAT colors)

CRAWFISH

those boys are assholes.

NAILBAT

that's a bad word.

CRAWFISH

My Daddy says you can say bad words if people are bad.

Those boys are bad.

You can call them assholes

You can call them assholes as much as you want

NAILBAT

... assholes.

CRAWFISH

Yeah they're assholes.

NAILBAT

Assholes.

CRAWFISH

Cunts.

NAILBAT

Cunts.

CRAWFISH

I think one of them was a jew.

NAILBAT

What's a jew?

CRAWFISH

I dunno.

NAILBAT

Me either.

CRAWFISH

My Daddy talks about them a lot though.

My Daddy's a bounty hunter.

Do you know what a bounty hunter is?

(NAILBAT shakes his head, no)

it's their job to round up the scum and catch the scum

And take them to police

Well most of the time my Daddy brings his catches to the police

But sometimes instead he knocks out the person he captured and puts him in the back of his Ford and brings him home and eats him

(NAILBAT colors)

Oh I'm sorry

Stupid stupid stupid

It was your face I wanted to talk about

And the boys who did that to you

That's what I was trying to say

I wanted to say that what those boys did to you

It isn't right

(NAILBAT colors hard)

Cause they were
They were really hurting you

(NAILBAT colors harder)

and were just totally hurting you and being mean

(NAILBAT colors harder)

and kicking you while you were down you know?
that's dicked up
It makes me really really mad

(NAILBAT colors so hard his crayon breaks)

cunts
It makes me really mad because I've been bullied.
You see this scar on my elbow?
That's from a bully.
That's from a bully who stabbed me with a Lincoln log.

(NAILBAT scrapes his knuckles against the paper like he's coloring)

My Daddy says it was like a prison shank.
A kindergarten prison shank.
He wanted...
My Daddy wanted me to invite the bully over for a sleepover
and when he comes over I'll yell PILLOWFIGHT and you know start a pillow fight

(NAILBAT's knuckles bleed)

but instead of a normal pillow my pillowcase would be filled with rocks and glass!

(NAILBAT colors with the blood)

And it would knock the bully out and hurt him really bad and maybe I'd even lay down

some legos for him to step on with his raw feet.

Ouch!

and his foot would ooze blood and pus and maybe he'd even get a hangnail

I have a chronic hangnail

It sucks

But my Daddy *really* doesn't like bullies

My Daddy says that if he ever caught me bullying anyone

he'd eat *me!*

He tells the best jokes about eating people and stuff.

Do you know who Jeffrey Dahmer is?

My Daddy says Jeffrey Dahmer ain't got shit on him.

But like my point is who the dick stabs someone with a lincoln log!

That's just not right

That's not what lincoln would have wanted

My Daddy said I should've gone all Jeffrey Dahmer on his ass, straight up

That's what he said word for word

"You should've gone all Jeffrey Dahmer on his ass, straight up"

NAILBAT

...

CRAWFISH

It's really bad that those boys cheese grated your face off

That's what I've been trying to say this whole time

I'm really sorry that happened

NAILBAT

... what?

CRAWFISH

I said it's really bad that they cheese grated your face off.

NAILBAT

why did you say that?

CRAWFISH

Well

You know

The assholes

The bullies

NAILBAT

The bullies what?

CRAWFISH

They held you down and cheese grated your face off.

NAILBAT

What?

CRAWFISH

...

NAILBAT

...

CRAWFISH

holy crap.

NAILBAT

what?

CRAWFISH

Holy crap.

NAILBAT

What?

CRAWFISH

Do you really not know?

NAILBAT

Not know what?

CRAWFISH

Holy crap.

NAILBAT

if this is a joke I don't get it.

CRAWFISH

Did you forget being attacked?!

NAILBAT

a little.

CRAWFISH

HOLY CRAP!

NAILBAT

my head got hit a lot.

CRAWFISH

My Daddy says that can happen.

You can forget stuff if your head gets hit a lot.

NAILBAT

I got hit in the head a lot and my head's all fuzzy.

CRAWFISH

do you remember *anything*?

NAILBAT

I just remember what the principle said to me.

CRAWFISH

what did the principle say to you?

NAILBAT

just what he told me to say to the sheriff.

CRAWFISH

What did he tell you to say to the sheriff?

NAILBAT

I dunno if I should tell you.

CRAWFISH

Tell me though.

NAILBAT

He told me the boys were roughhousing me
and that it got out of hand
and they were spoiled little cocks
and that's it

CRAWFISH

That's it?

NAILBAT

Basically.

CRAWFISH

Holy crap.

NAILBAT

He told me I got hit in the head.
And I fell down.
And my face landed in a sewer grate.
And in the grate was a broken bottle.
And the broken bottle broke my face and ripped it off.
And now I don't really have a face anymore and my tongue sticks out of my cheek
And the principle asked me if I understood that and I said yes
and that's what I said to the sheriff.

CRAWFISH

Holy crap.

NAILBAT

What?

CRAWFISH

That's not what happened.

NAILBAT

Yes it is.

No it's not I saw it on the nightly news.

CRAWFISH

It was on the nightly news?

NAILBAT

It was on the nightly news and that's not what happened.

CRAWFISH

What happened?

NAILBAT

I dunno if I should tell you!

CRAWFISH

Tell me though.

NAILBAT

I don't know if I should is all I'm saying.

CRAWFISH

but tell me.

NAILBAT

It seems bad.

CRAWFISH

You said cursing wasn't bad.

NAILBAT

That's different.

CRAWFISH

No it isn't.

NAILBAT

Yes.

CRAWFISH

No. NAILBAT

Yes! CRAWFISH

You're making me angry. NAILBAT

Why? CRAWFISH

I'm gonna rage now. NAILBAT

What? CRAWFISH

(NAILBAT grabs CRAWFISH)

What happened to my face? NAILBAT

Ah! CRAWFISH

You have to tell me what happened to my face. NAILBAT

Get off me oh my gosh! CRAWFISH

(NAILBAT pulls CRAWFISH across the table)

You have to tell me. NAILBAT

You have to tell me.

You have to tell me what happened to my face.

CRAWFISH

You're crazy!

(NAILBAT slaps CRAWFISH in the face)

Ow!

NAILBAT

Tell me!

CRAWFISH

You hit me!

NAILBAT

There's more where that came from you nasty boy!

CRAWFISH

What happened to you?

NAILBAT

I'm raging!

CRAWFISH

What does that mean!

NAILBAT

I'll hold you down and sharpen pencils and shove them under your fingernails!

CRAWFISH

Oh my gosh!

NAILBAT

I'll ground up chalk into tiny powder and make you snort it like that white stuff my Mommy snorts with her boyfriends.

CRAWFISH

Holy Crap!

NAILBAT

I'll make you choke on a glue stick.

I'll build a pillow fort that you'll never come out of.

I'll tear you apart like my favorite dinosaur **SPINOSAURUS**.

I'll make my imaginary friend burn a cross on your lawn!

CRAWFISH

Okay I'll tell you oh my gosh!

(NAILBAT drops CRAWFISH to the floor)

CRAWFISH

oof

NAILBAT

...

CRAWFISH

...

NAILBAT

...

CRAWFISH

...

NAILBAT

...

(CRAWFISH stands up)

CRAWFISH

That's the first time you've got mad.

NAILBAT

...

CRAWFISH

It's okay

It's okay to be mad
Anger can be a good thing
in some situations

NAILBAT

...

CRAWFISH

I'm sorry I didn't tell you what happened.

NAILBAT

good

CRAWFISH

I should've told you what happened.

NAILBAT

I know

CRAWFISH

It was bullying that I didn't.

NAILBAT

good

CRAWFISH

My Daddy would eat me if he found out I bullied you
Please don't tell my Daddy?

NAILBAT

I forgive you.

CRAWFISH

... thanks

NAILBAT

I'm sorry I attacked you.

CRAWFISH

It's okay.
I did something bad so you hit me.
That's the way of the west.

NAILBAT

We're not in the west.

CRAWFISH

My Daddy says the whole world is the west.

NAILBAT

It's too green here to be the west.
There's too many trees.

CRAWFISH

The west has trees.

NAILBAT

Sometimes I think the trees will attack me.

CRAWFISH

I don't think the trees will attack you.

NAILBAT

My Mommy used to live in the city.
There's no trees in the city
And people walk really fast.
And the buildings go a lot higher than you see.
And everyone's an asshole
And then she moved upstate.

CRAWFISH

Why'd she move upstate?

NAILBAT

Because it's safer.

CRAWFISH

...

NAILBAT

...

CRAWFISH

High buildings are cool.
There aren't any high buildings here though
Just the stupid belltower.

NAILBAT

BONG.

CRAWFISH

What's that?

NAILBAT

That's the belltower.
BONG.

CRAWFISH

Oh yeah.
BONG.

NAILBAT

BONG.

CRAWFISH

BOOOOOOOONG!

NAILBAT

Hahahaha!

CRAWFISH

Aha ha ha ha!

NAILBAT

Haha
You should tell me what happened to me so I don't have to rip your face off.