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On the bees He tried to imagine a family exent in those houses, but could not. Again, as was almost always the case when he was alone and solver, Whatever the seer oundings, he saw watching a boy pashing his entrails back like a fortune teller's glabe but News. in pearing a boy with half a face what only the lips and chins intact the lips calling mama and stepping over them, to stay alive, to keep one's own face from dessalving, one's over guts under cover of skin. They never went away, these pictures, or others even worse. Jy sleep sometimes, in a liquide stupor perhaps only tith Harrist whom he'd left behand with the pictures fold. Money behind a screen in his brain, yes, but waiping waiting and accusing. Why didn't you help him? Pull him along the way you did Mike? And

And that ale dragger (holdren along) A legged man an a crutch habbling at the edge of the root of an not to slow down the others because the others of the head to though * Hat would energe the lips calling mama Wouldn't it? And the girls ? What did they ever do to you oring guts under cover of Shin mes own pace your devalues gres them to stay alive to keep the lips calling mama. STEPPING only the lips and chine so tact Acarise, aboy with hat a fa ortune teller's clobe. It it would make up for the frasted wrine on Mike's parts and

The ice cold iron of the steps was So painful, he jumpede over the narling to get into the his feet into the warment sommen the ground. Halding the collar tight at his neck he moved, as gurckly As he could to the AME Zion's parish house, A small two story clapboard. neatly & thoroughly but workingsto all was dark. I He knocked on the door - hard, he thought, but not threateners like the bam bam of a crtizen's group, or a mob, or the police. Insistence paid of A light came on and the door a flannel pake, halding a pair I glasses province (at the impedence of a 2:00 Am frank wanted the Say "Good Evening"
his name, but his teeth Chattered So uncon trollably and his body shating He could not mouther a Sound. The man at the door fook in the full measure I his night visitor and stepped back work & un would have dean the furned his head to direct his voice up the Stains and motioned trank to a pofe You from across the Street & At that

" You from acron the shirt of At that motioned trank to a folge to direct his voice up the stairs and " Frank's my name, Frank Maney" to for hos you I metionstone to let him in: his mast visitor and stepped back man at the door took in the sell mouseles the could not montal a sound. The vidently lake a viction of St. letis Dange 1. So undan to Mably live his body Etaling on his name, but his teath chattered Tout wanted The Say " good Enemin" 1-151/000 Transming at the empedance of a 12:00 hor a Clannel haber, halding a pair of glasses Il spend a slit showing a man in off. A legal come on and the door moby on the balder. Insistender baid the bam bam of a cettzen's group, or a he thought, but not threatener like of to knocked on the door - hard, but mo proppets all was dark. They to the Dorch were Cleared Isnow A small two story clapboard. neatly & thoroughly as he could to the AME Zren's poush house tight at his neck he. moved, as guickly to det into his feet into the warmed So, David he perspell over therailer; he cee cold was I the steps was

hosps fal ?" frank nodded while rubbing his feet.

Revered hacke grunted, " You lucky.
They sell a lot of bodies out of there." " Uh huh. I. the medical callege " What for?" dead octor's need to know work on the corpsos, so they can figure out how to keep (white) falks aline." her Robe."

"This is my wife."

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"The Evening, Mrs. Locke. I'm sorry.". She cut him/ Af. "No let me get something and disappeare into the Kitchen "Where you headed, prother?" Kev. Locke, "georgia." "Un don't say. That's quite a ways. Locke Smiled at his toke wit. " Lad Same when they pocked me up.

" But it's game now, right? I folice I roking for you?" Locke squinted his eyes! " No. Said Frank. " No, siv. They Just hustled me up and put me in a crazy ward. I don't thenk they broughtere lany Charges " " You wouldn't Know if they did." Ilan horke stepped into the room with a basin of cold water.
" Out your feet in here. It's cold but you don't want to heat up to fast," frank pank his feet into the water and Can time & Me but bing "What'd they get you for? The palme." What endeed. It was beijand hem. the couldn't explain it to himself, let alone & some one clase. Was he Screaming & Hallering at some passerby? Banquid his head on a state cement wall) (Or hiden hiding in face gran behind some body's House? like that." I he said. "Somether " when did you How long you been back" pank narsed his head. "A year." About." Lockes shook his head. Ilans Came back with a cup and a plate of

Crackers. "It's just hot water & Salt," showing Frank drank sipped and then gozeled the down the rest. Wear teft to brought him more, her husband park " Jean, go pre what's in the poor " He needs Show, Jahne," She answered There were none to spare to they Gene him four pair I pocks and some galosker. next to the sofa. Same journey ahead." brother. You got. Frank fell asleep and dreamed a terrible dream that ended in Marring fire. He woke to the smell of toast. hocke showed him where the bathroom was and placed Shaving Kot and hair brush on the single edge. Shot and cleaned up, frank ate a breakfast of vatmeal. On the table (OTINS: "Seventien dollars," Said bocke. 11 here is a bess to St. Lours. where you Can get a frain to Atlanta, and when you get to St. hours here's what yordo." Locke explain instructed him to go free a Keverend Jenie Mayward Cat

another AME. an _ street. That he would call ahead and tell him to look out for another one. " Another one ? " " Well you not the first by a long Shot." An integrated army is integrated misery. dogs. Ho They treat dogs better." the flap of an envelope Locke handed Frank a prece I paper with Rev. Maynard's address, warning him to cran the river into East St hours as fast as he could. That Maynard had a long congregation and could offer more help than his own flock I had packed him a bag spiry Chiese fandwicher and 3 avanges and handed himst the bag along with a watch cap.

here the bag harded her and asked " How long a trip is it?" " Don't matter, Said Locke. "You want be able to eat at a bus stop counter. you'll be grateful Came on. 111 drive you. At the bus station, backe converted the Coins into paper maney and bought trank's At the door, Frank turned to Rev booke and held out his hand. 13 ! I held out his hand. Is the men shook hands they held each other's eyes to though Joodburge melant what it once did : (god be with you !

trying to shouth his 6'3" There were very fow passengers, yet frank (dutifully) sat in the last peat, holding to the fardwich bag closes Beyond the windows the bleak winter landpcupe became more melanchaly when the bright sun unders care I !! the bare frees, fanesame (?) houses, with hed wagon, lapside to down in snow-mushed yards. Only the 1951 trucks looked ... to deserve what you did to them? Unasked here was no love from Jessie Mayrard telp yes, but the contemporary glacial. were properly clothed, and preferably, old devieway He Kept Frank on the back porch. where & green cadellace god Smiled Knowengly day as he s'ard "My daughters are in side & insut tax levied on the supplicant A Small price to pay for and fine ten dollar bolls. Sesperation to get to See increase his percons, Light the place of anxiety - hopels fruiting illesse incident - uncontrollable desputings illegal, Sitting on the frain, racking and parging rask soothed him into sleep. Sleep so Sound he mothed meal fine and

He wake to the sabbing of a young being comforted by the Porters. Next to her was a sitent Que porter nestled a pollow pelend a white nappins for her tears and the blood pouring from her nose. trank touched his arm When aporter, passed him, What happened? You didn't see that? No. What was it. "He got Affre get some coffee backthere Jerked his thumb. or Samething The owner or customens kicked heing out. Actually. Put their foot in butt and [Crocked him down - Kicked same more When his bady came to help. She got a rock in perface. The We But the yelling Kept up fill we pulled away. Look

See that? " He painted to the window, stuck dropping "You crazy?"
"Robably."
"Probably." The porter, whose badge Said Roger, whilefled.

The porter, whose badge Said Roger, whilefled. " Yeah. Oh, yeah." trank's taptebouds, uninterested in cheese Sandwiches or fuit, Came alive at the mention of whiskey. Just a Shot. Just enough to settle land spreeten the world. No more, It took awhite and just when trank was Convinced the Bother Wad for gotten, be Rogers returned with a tea cup & Saucer and napkin. Johnny Ked trempled invitergly in the thick white cub. Enjoy Said the porter then rocked along the asse to the sway of the train. The abused couple whis pered to each other. She softly he with urgency He will beat her when they get home thought Frank. And who wouldn't? It's one Thing to be publically humiliated. A man Could move on from that, What was in toleruble was the witness of a woman, & to try to rescue rescue him I She would have to pay for that. He couldn't protect himself and he couldn't protect her either the round

Charge hains in Chicago ? (misses the Connection spend day and i night of man he meet in ban a) family man wife / Kids Begugation K war McCarthy? wondering why he left #. | Could have sent ethisc clean pomeone to See (who?) or taken H medical aboutherd along? ? is the name holy? Strong wife

Small

He was a lithe man w/a wound/ bullets

but his wife was Dynamte Man shat in head: gold teeth exposed Thing is they were running. Away. I Shat them In the back, Know what I near They didn't have nothing. Just each other peppuret a home made Crutch. Gold dots peppuret of the blood and when I ran past his body I saw they were teeth. I shot his teeth out. [They could have belonged I. fo Mr. Hay who broughttus ments and Chewing gum? On the train & passenger with wide broom hat. Carefully looks away when Frank glances at hem; but states at him - when track look off or closes upes -

trank loses anxiety because "incidents" recede but as they do, the hat man purfaces Land at some point threatens trank I Hat reminicent of the Zoot suit fashian a for Stee Spending the night at family of man he struck up a conversation with at a bar When he mines Connection of Chicago Atlanta train, They get on E Frank aford to be alone and Jobers) agrees to go hame with This Cheerful stranger, Denner and with Children and wife. Wife a dynamite with fuse looking for a bight I that night in (children's) bedroom. trank is woken up by Sound of door Spening & closing . & at when he turns on lamp - the door is just as it was: closed He turns over on his side and pulls quett up to his chin, Then sees a Shadow. Soon the hat man is moving toward him Gold teeth glinting) with an ax held overhis back, arms frozen at his Side immovable The ax comes down on his head and he wakes up. Sweating. Spends the balance of the night happing - alent afraid to full usleep and re- dream his Theyt day on frain to Atlanta reflects, any ous, re- Thenking this trip. Why not bring hing along? to Wanted to do this alone, why? Thenking of Cee. whom

he has not been in touch with for x years. ? Disgusted with her marriage?? rives Atlanta catcher a ghor ghimpse. I a co-brimmed zoot sait hat, Herfectly dry. Kain stops, He is shenering, Lees a banfire up the road. Mores) toward it the rat to warm himself. Gitting Claser he hasa per the fire is in the shape of a big City Cran, behete It a synagogue burns. heaves as fine fruck hours the and in the Le Haught distance his les cenation with himself Massos trang must be his evaluation must be Carpet in he land himself so much La was I guend he must be right"

Lity worse than it is a be It least they called be name and didn't min if the continue was off, or a last starved "Where's the girl?" "Did Girl where to put the Pane's Cleanser? And had fits the their Costumes weren't - 2 perfect of hily to resentment was mild because seamstren wardrobe was a promotion ron "hause Keeping," and the hactors Contrares predict The director of the Kay Store for I coduced plays a acting clames the rest of the times Softe TK theater was lausy all year. poor as it was. (N be tween / productions and after classes the theater hummed with argument - politics mostly. and swest Intense misted the pehends of Stash and his then than an stage set she barder savendered the anger.

She barder savendered the anger.

White startly that wasn't about the part or how the barrier savendral " At least he didn't leave her for a woman," She Said. " Well yes he did. a sister. Joh Ly. you make everythen

Just needed to help his sisten, " Yn think, that's not a rival? * She could show off her the Serving s Kells her mother had Laught her: slip stikh, blanket streh, Chain, back, yo-yo, shank button and flot.

Where the would find

parket might been Not now-it was too

late, but early marning certainly

around a white

Frank decided to walk parthy than look

Stap in sports Station addren (how to get there) 1 they gefavoil tres are Stap Ar Down for a place to sleep, quarrel bus to But before the'd good & mere four Lotus Streets when some teenagers bank Jumped him. — to back 8 p. 105 a 9 He Should have visted of Had her been plent / day-dreaming he would have been from recognized that cigarette and gardene smell, the rapid Sneaker head as well as gargbreath their pravery) a group. It wasn't moletary; it was playground of the mouth falley, But he mined it and two of the fine convards grabbed his arms from behind Ite used his feet to Storep one of theirs and in the Phace left by his houl Frank broke the fair of the other one with his elbow. The felal three Frank feel but and in the the blur of pain felt her the pearch the followed by southerst running feet. He crawled toward street light, and sat beared, when he could, see Shapes

gan there was man stander in frant I her. - Reed help? What? Oh. "Here." The man held mut his hard to helpen Frank the up, Leave Jathing his pockets, I grank gotolen his wallet. Take this, Said the man I trank rubbed the back I his head (grimacer) with Shut Later he only remembered for theirs: to the gay Showing a For Adlar both in his Coat pocket their walking away in two-tone

for helpedme. You really did but Titis not your story: it's mine.
Watchout, and Subject to change

What time her shift & over? She's on the 7 to 11. She'll be up soon, But I'll miss her this How come?

After I walk Thomas to school, you and me

n the going Shapping. You look like -+ Know, Low't say it. the didn't have to. And the woman at the Good Mill didn't either. She led them to a table and point nodded trooped a rock of hanging coats and lockets The selections Choosing was quick, every thing was clear, pressed and organized for size. Even the body odor of the previous owner was a place where le charge clother and take the worn in abin. The Suitable drined, he retrieved his medal from his wallet & princed it to his event lapel. grown Bran's Thom Me An do? On Flosheim? No Work shoes, Good idea. In sot enough money?

The police thought so too. But during the trandom search outside the Shre Store, they just patted pockets The other men facing the wall one had a Switchblade Confiscated. He patrol car standing at the ours. A few insults and warne-calling later and they were on their way. Bruy left him at Booker's diver. They Shook hards, Prossised to visit land farted. Frank had a cu coffee until it with time to board the South bound Pails that would take him to Georgia and Cee and who knew what elce They lay their hands on the hood the patrol car. In officer noticed frank's medal. Koreas Hey Dick, they're vets. OK Yeah? (Me for) Go on. Get lost, Pal yes Sir. I Jamin K

Time 7 pure unto ched hing whatest Jarden. Sthel Fortham's Under for care Kain slugs then Straighten TR Com sleeps to Lois tender feat touch (Wairlinks And sturb west Salute ees outhere of alloquem and drink Shing Eurled Jana died under bingar, Birds feasted on the tendrils, morning Their leaves theren in rain

Economic materted

Took from his waltet packet Rev. May ward's 11st. Billy Said "Forget that, Stay w/ me. They buy a wallet 25 cents

Cask More than a loaf of bread

Yeah, but this lasts longer reaching in your boots to buy a pack of gum, Transtop (or problem) whe fixed Bays Dr. Pepper beside the Walk an Short way sown the frackst farking lot. The women beside a bar fighter Biglian Standing was and Watchery, Frank cames claser Man Says What they you looking trank Startled, Man Shoves wind the pair Preparant Knocks the Jajo 2 MAN. MAN falls, I trank unloased & throlled tries to furn man's face to pulp - can't stop want ostop even the man 15 unconscious nomen pull at his focket. He does not Stop, Women Screams for the 16thinghing!

FRANK forks at her, She is worping her noke. The other one, hair asunder, is offen-monthed. Her Flore is form. It is yellow.
They posthe and try to revine the hard primp! drove Salemjand Women not 11kg/ Noella who did as 1, He Stopped worryen about the S/ade 168

young Joids a State for Could walk. You hagrathere

Thee for Could walk. I big ted byes
that tooked I watched you toggalarg with Sadvess Your brother since you could When I done yourself. To Then you thehord's he left ran off with that waste of space. Ilm you back hame. Mended, Arkyon going to let Noetta decide who you are >) and you may run off a gain , Ba paforetyon do, Let me tell you Something . Ufirst Kemember that story about the goose and the golden egg? How the farmer took the eggs and then got greedy greed made him Stupid enough to Kill the goose and at least always thought a dead goose could make one? good meal, but gold > That's the real evil. * 1 pint I why didn't the farmer is low his land, seed it nowhere, and grow something to eat. Cel aligh, spreads Jam on another This is biscuit. h ame where See what I mean? Look to yourself. 1 belong Nothing nobody is obliged to do it, but you. You young but and a woman but you a and there's person before first. Don't Let Noella deside who you are in both Somewhere in you is that person Kind her and let her do good in the world! was the only thery on * that & all Nuella's merg. She had it and thought it made her better

I have to say \$ Something I have to tell you the fruth Fruthis I hid it from you because et was hidden from me I led to my self 1 Shot the Child in the face
1 AM the one She touched I Am the guy She Said Yum Yum I Am the one who SAW her Smile Am the one Aroused How could let her She took Should She live after taking me down to a pit I didn't Carl & wot Know was in me? How could I like myself once

entered that place Lifeme to stay alive By any means. - I didn't think a I didn't where I un zip my fait right them p my fait and maybe the next da and the next Thouble, trouble, Worry What the of man is that? GUN- my days Cure - not paying a price) of anorange gure but the never spay the price & demandery love of the Women WB







