

What the Hell?!

Episode 6: A Nicer Environment

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CHARACTERS:

LIFT MECHANIC

20, tall and a little overweight. He Has crazy eyes, and a mental smile. He is wearing an orange jumpsuit.

CELL MATE

30, tall, thin and covered in tattoos. He is also wearing an orange jumpsuit.

PRISON GUARD

40 years old, and smartly dressed.

FADE IN:

INT. PRISON CELL - DAY

The LIFT MECHANIC is sitting on his bottom bunk bed, in an orange jumpsuit. He has a computer controller, in his hand. He stares ahead at a TV screen, connected to a games console. His 30 year old CELL MATE is above him. This man is in the same clothes, and is tall, thin, and covered in tattoos. On both's left is a gated window, on their right is a shut gate.

LIFT MECHANIC  
I love building stuff in  
Excavate/Sculpture.

CELL MATE  
That's the worst hotel, I've seen in  
my life.

LIFT MECHANIC  
I prefer the term 'rustic'.

CELL MATE  
As in 'rustic shithole?'

LIFT MECHANIC  
Each to their own.

CELL MATE  
Why are there sheep everywhere?

LIFT MECHANIC  
They're supposed to be giant maggots.

CELL MATE  
Maggots aren't allowed in the game for  
a good reason. They're DISGUSTING.

LIFT MECHANIC  
I see... Well, can you explain why  
maggots are so disgusting?

CELL MATE  
Er...

LIFT MECHANIC  
There you go.

CELL MATE  
Was that you winning the argument?

LIFT MECHANIC  
Er, yes.

CELL MATE  
Ok, maggots are disgusting, because...

Just look at them!

LIFT MECHANIC

So, you think they're disgusting because you look at them... You're looking at me, do you think I'm disgusting?

CELL MATE

Yes! What the fuck is wrong with you? I heard the reason you're here!

LIFT MECHANIC

Reasons.

CELL MATE

Why did you kill the President of Burundi?

LIFT MECHANIC

Oh... Because of politics.

CELL MATE

Such as?

LIFT MECHANIC

People were being oppressed.

CELL MATE

By you, you mean?

LIFT MECHANIC

Doesn't matter.

CELL MATE

So, you killed the President of Burundi, because you were oppressing people?

LIFT MECHANIC

When you put it like that, it doesn't sound right, I admit it...

CELL MATE

Why did you set fire to a hotel?

LIFT MECHANIC

Everyone got out ok, I knew what I was doing, so what's the big deal? Why are YOU here, Ghandi?

CELL MATE

Aggravated battery.

LIFT MECHANIC

You hit someone?

CELL MATE

No, I couldn't get the batteries into a hotel controller, so I broke the thing. They said I smashed a van or something, but I didn't.

LIFT MECHANIC

Oh, they got you with vandalism?

CELL MATE

That's the one.

LIFT MECHANIC

But you didn't hit anyone?

CELL MATE

Well actually I did, I just didn't get charged for it.

LIFT MECHANIC

I.... I.... I see.

The LM shakes, then starts convulsing, violently. The CM looks down at him, in a kind of concern.

CELL MATE

Hey, are you ok?

LIFT MECHANIC

NO!... I can't stand this stupidity!.. I'm havinnnng a fit! Please call for help!! For the sake of the mmmmmaggot hotel!

The CELL MATE gradually suffers the same fate as his 'FRIEND'.

CELL MATE

ARGGH!!... You're a nnnnutjob!

The two flip off their beds...

LIFT MECHANIC

Ow!

CELL MATE

Oh, God!

... and then bob around the room, like stiffened fish out of water.

LIFT MECHANIC

I bet.... Ow... You think this is... Intentional... Don't you?! Ow.

CELL MATE

You bet.... aargh... I think this is  
ten.... what?

The LM hits the ground harder, and bounces off of it, like a  
spring.

LIFT MECHANIC

It was a simple enough sentence! I'm..  
. OW! Getting higher and higher! I'm  
so rigid I ... think I'm going to  
snap!

CELL MATE

As in 'break into... two?' Eek.

LIFT MECHANIC

Well... done. That's something...

The LM'S bounces start to diminish.

LIFT MECHANIC

I think.... I think I'll be ok...

CELL MATE

Ow.

LIFT MECHANIC

Maybe when I'm completely better, I  
could build a maggot theme park!  
That's something to look forward to...  
In these dark times...

The CELL MATE'S rebounds escalate to dangerous levels. Soon,  
he nearly reaches the ceiling.

CELL MATE

(as he rises to and  
falls from the top of  
theroom)

AARGH! Now I'M getting wooorse!

LIFT MECHANIC

Excele... Ouch.

The LM tumbles to and rests on the floor, out of breath. A 40  
year old and smartly dressed PRISON GUARD slides the gate  
open, with haste. He then enters, with his eyes fixed on the  
two apparent epileptics.

CELL MATE

Noooo!

PRISON GUARD

What's going on here?!

CELL MATE

Help!

The LM picks himself up, and sits on his bed, at ease.

LIFT MECHANIC

Say something normal and sane...

PRISON GUARD

Why?

LIFT MECHANIC

I've driven him mad by being weird.

CELL MATE

Weeee!

PRISON GUARD

That figures. Ok, what a couple of idiots. You'll never leave this place, you're just too demented.

CELL MATE

Thank youuuuu!

The CM makes a huge splat on the ground, and lies motionless.

CELL MATE

AARGH!!

PRISON GUARD

What am I going to do with you?

LIFT MECHANIC

Medical attention, please.

CELL MATE

I think I've broken my, er... Body.

PRISON GUARD

Did the Lift Mechanic put you up to this?

LIFT MECHANIC

I didn't do anything!

PRISON GUARD

Was that ANOTHER lie from you?!

LIFT MECHANIC

No!

PRISON GUARD

You've fibbed again!

The PG'S face darkens.

PRISON GUARD  
Oh, no.

LIFT MECHANIC  
Sir?

PRISON GUARD  
I feel... Something strange coming on.  
..

The PG starts shaking with a strong force.

FADE TO: