

SCENE H

INT. PRISON THERAPY ROOM - DAY (DAY 3)
(CHARLIE, WAYNE, CLEO, ERNESTO, GENE)

(CHARLIE IS WITH HIS PRISON GROUP, ALONG WITH A BEEFY PRISONER, GENE)

1 scene
3 PGS

START → CHARLIE

Guys, I want you to meet someone who's
joining us today. This is Gene.

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~~CLEO
I know Gene. We were in the same book
club. Also I beat him down in the
laundry. Hey, Gene.~~

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GENE

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(FRIENDLY) Hey, man.

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CHARLIE

~~you know, beat down don't get enough
credit for bringing people together~~

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(LOOKING AT GENE'S FILE) So Gene,
you're a non-violent offender, you did
ten years for a drug bust, and now
you're back after a month for assault.
What happened?

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GENE

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Well, my congressional campaign kind
of imploded, so I thought I'd come
back here.

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CHARLIE

You know, I can't help you if you're
going to make up all kind of- (OFF
FILE) Oh look at that, you did run
for Congress.

GENE

Yeah, I was out to dinner with my
campaign manager. And I'm sitting
there with my fork in one hand and my
shiv in the other-

CHARLIE

Outside of a prison that's called a
knife. Go on.

GENE

And the waiter started taking my plate
away while I was still eating. So, I
stabbed him in the leg with my sh-
(CORRECTING HIMSELF) "knife."

CHARLIE

Why didn't you just tell him you
weren't done?

WAYNE

You don't understand, Charlie. When
you're in prison, if another prisoner
takes your food it's a power move.

~~CHARLIE~~

~~(TO GENE) But you understand he just
wanted to clear the plate from the
table.~~

GENE

Yeah, I understood that better when he
was on the ground screaming, "I was
just trying to clear the table."

CHARLIE

Does anyone see what the problem is
here?

~~WAYNE~~

~~Yes. The first thing you do when you
get out of prison is make love to a
hooker, then kill your lawyer, then
you go eat. (RE: GENE) His way, he
was going to be too full when he's
making love to the hooker.~~

CHARLIE

Gene, you were clearly still operating
under a prison mentality. Did anyone
counsel you before you were released?

GENE

Some guy in the weight room told me to
stay hydrated.

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