



Ugly

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DONALD RICHARDSON, CONVICTED INMATE
DURING TIME AT HOUSEMANE PENNATENTRY FOR A
MURDER HE DID NOT COMMIT. DURING THE MURDER
THE HOUSE BURNED DOWN AND HALF OF DON'S FACE
WAS BURNED. HE NOW WEARES HALF A MASK.
THEY CALL HIM UGLY BECAUSE HOW CRUEL HE
USE TO BE, MATCHING HIS FACE. NOW HE IS
A GROUP LEADER PART OF A REHABILITATION
PROGRAM. ^{HIS NICK NAME} ~~WHO HE IS~~ DOESN'T MATCH WHO HE
IS TODAY, OR DOES IT...

THEY STILL CALL HIM UGLY...

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SCENE: HOUSEMAN PENITENTIARY,
IN A SMALL HOT ROOM INSIDE THE PSYCHIATRIC
BUILDING. 15 MEN SIT IN A GROUP CIRCUL GETTING
READY FOR A GROUP FOR PSYCHIATRIC INMATES.
DOCTOR DICKERSON IS FACILITATING THE GROUP.

DOCTOR DICKERSON:^d Well, good men, good
you could be here today. The first order
of business is tell you Mr Richardson won't
be here today for a code violation error."

INMATE COOL BREEZE: "That's bull crap,"
YOU KNOW THE ONLY REASON HE AINT HERE
IS BECAUSE HE CAN RUN THE GROUP BETTER
THAN YOU CAN...

DOCTOR DICKERSON: "That's Not true, you
KNOW A CODE VIOLATION..."

INMATE ROUGH: "I'm with cool breeze,
UGLY IS AN INMATE AND WHEN HE SITS IN

this group something spiritual happens to him and he is so in tune to every one in the group its like he is inside you, Doc, he even told you to stop letting your dog watch you and wife have sex, it would take away the rigidity she was having"

Laughter from the group

Jonny Good Guy: "We want vally, clap, we want vally, clap. we want vally, clap

The whole group joins in.

The guards storm in with billy clubs drawn, Doctor Dickerson waves them off and says: "Sgt Williams will you do me a favor and get inmate Richardson to join the group, it seems we ~~we~~ can't have a productive session without him."

The group of inmates all applaud. 10 minutes later in comes vally. The group goes still and quite. vally walks over to the wall and grabs a chair

CIND puts ~~it~~ IN the circle and has a seat and says "whats up?"

Rough: man, dude, they waz thry'N to exist you out the group..."

DOC DICKERSON: That's NOT true. DON I just didn't want you to disrupt the group, but I ~~now~~ see what a positive effect you have on everyone. so we won't get into that anymore, lets start the group. who's got an issue?"

every hand goes up, and DOC picks out Bully.

Bully: "yea, o.k. I got an issue, why does my lover always nag at me after sex...?"

JONNY GOOD GUY: "Because you NO GOOD IN the sack!"

laughter from the whole group. Bully squents with hate at JONNY. ugly inturps CIND says: That ain't yo' issue. yo' real issue is you GOING home in two weeks and yo candy ass is scared shitless.

Bully: come on ugly, why you want to chg in to me...

~~WATY!~~

Because this group is about keeping it real, NO ONE wants to hear about your lover bullshit. Tell us how you aint got no where to stay when you get out, and you dont what to do except rob another innocent bystander at gun point to feed yo' hungry ass. You see bully, the real truth is you is a bully because you scared to face life like a man and get a job, because you truly are a softy who wants a way out but you think you aint smart enough so you go around bullying people out there money, now how about that for an issue.

The group, many say "dude he got you," ohs and ahs, and wispers, some point at him and shake there head. Vally had done it again. Got to the core of a persons problem. The Doc was amazed, The Guard grinned. How was vally able to do this many wondered. so the group

ended and the inmates all returned to there cells (END OF SCENE)

SCENE TWO: UGLY and ^{an} older inmate named spirit walk the yard and talk.

Spirit: "I've got something important to tell you ugly. I will ^{be} leaving to go the infirmary G-2 unit."

UGLY "what!" "G-2 is where cons go to die. what are you saying spirit."

Spirit "cough-cough" "Young man I'm 91 years old, I've had my time. I'm dying ugly, I got 6 months max. so listen up. That group talent you got is a gift from GOD, you weren't ^{meant} to be here, and GOD is going to get you out of here. Trust this; a situation will arise where you will have a chance to regain your freedom if you make the right choice. . .

Spirit grab him by the shoulders, look him dead in the eyes, and stood there for a moment, and said: "make the right choice ugly-make the right choice", He then pushed him away and walked into the infirmary, ugly stood there perplexed. (END OF SCENE)

SCENE THREE. Back at the group room the next day ugly was digging into another inmate: "look here Dog, you need to stop lying to your self. you murdered your wife NOT because you caught her in bed with another man, but because you wanted out of the marriage period..."

Dog: "com'on ugly how did you know that because I never..."

Ugly: "Its obvious because..."

Just then the door opened and in barged Sgt Williams and he said: "there is a situation

AND everyone needs to lock-up except for ugly.
 Ugly you come with me. Ugly was lead
 down a long corridor, and up some flight
 of stairs to the rough door. The Sgt opened
 the door, and there stood on the ledge was rough
 with guard he held hostage with knife to
 his throat.

Tough: DON'T come any closer or else
 I dump with the guard. I want to speak
 to ugly I said"

Sgt Williams: Tough, look, I did as you
 asked, here's ^{ugly} tough.

Tough: ugly, I need to talk to you
 come a little closer

ugly! Tough, what is all about, I'm
 here.

Tough. O.K. That close enough. I have
 something to tell you before I dump with
 this here guard. I know who murdered your
 wife and burned your house down. It

you

was me. When ^{you} barged through the door that night and caught your wife in bed with another man, I was in the other room, and SNUCK up behind you and hit you in the head, I shot the guy and your wife, and left and put the place on fire. You see ~~that~~ why your wife wasn't unfaithful we were rapping her, and your dumb ass came home from work ~~late~~ early and spoiled everything, so I had to kill all witnesses.

Ugly looked deep into Touan's eyes. Time seem to stand still, he was in a tunnel, he wanted to throw up, his forehead was sweating. He was discovering what kind of person he had truly become. Inside him the answer words where coming to him to talk Touan down, but would he. His anger for the man had turned to rage. He could simply walk away and leave him to his fate:

Ugly; Tough you can't do this because you can go back to court and stricken this thing out. You not thinking correctly. You have a deep documented schizophrenia condition. You've been to Number one Federal psychiatric hospital in the country. Your mom tried to hang you when you three, she sat there high on drugs and watched you hang. You were gang rapped at a boys home, and your own uncle tried to cut your leg off while you were conscience that's why you got a prosthetic half leg. Tough I know you, we grew up together. Now, get off that ledge and come over here and talk to me.

The wind had stilled, a bird flew by. Sgt Williams aim his mini m-16 at Tough, and the suns rays danced on the roof. Tough looked up at the sky and closed

his eyes, when he opened them, he let the guard go and walked towards Vally, a tear in both of their eyes, they grabbed each other and hugged. Sgt Williams and his men circled the two, they took them away (END OF SCENE.)

SCENE FOUR. The court room was packed as the judge rendered his judgment.

Judge: DONALD RICHARDSON, will you please stand. It is the judgement of this court in light of the new evidence, you found ~~of~~ INNOCENT of all charges, you are free man, you may go."

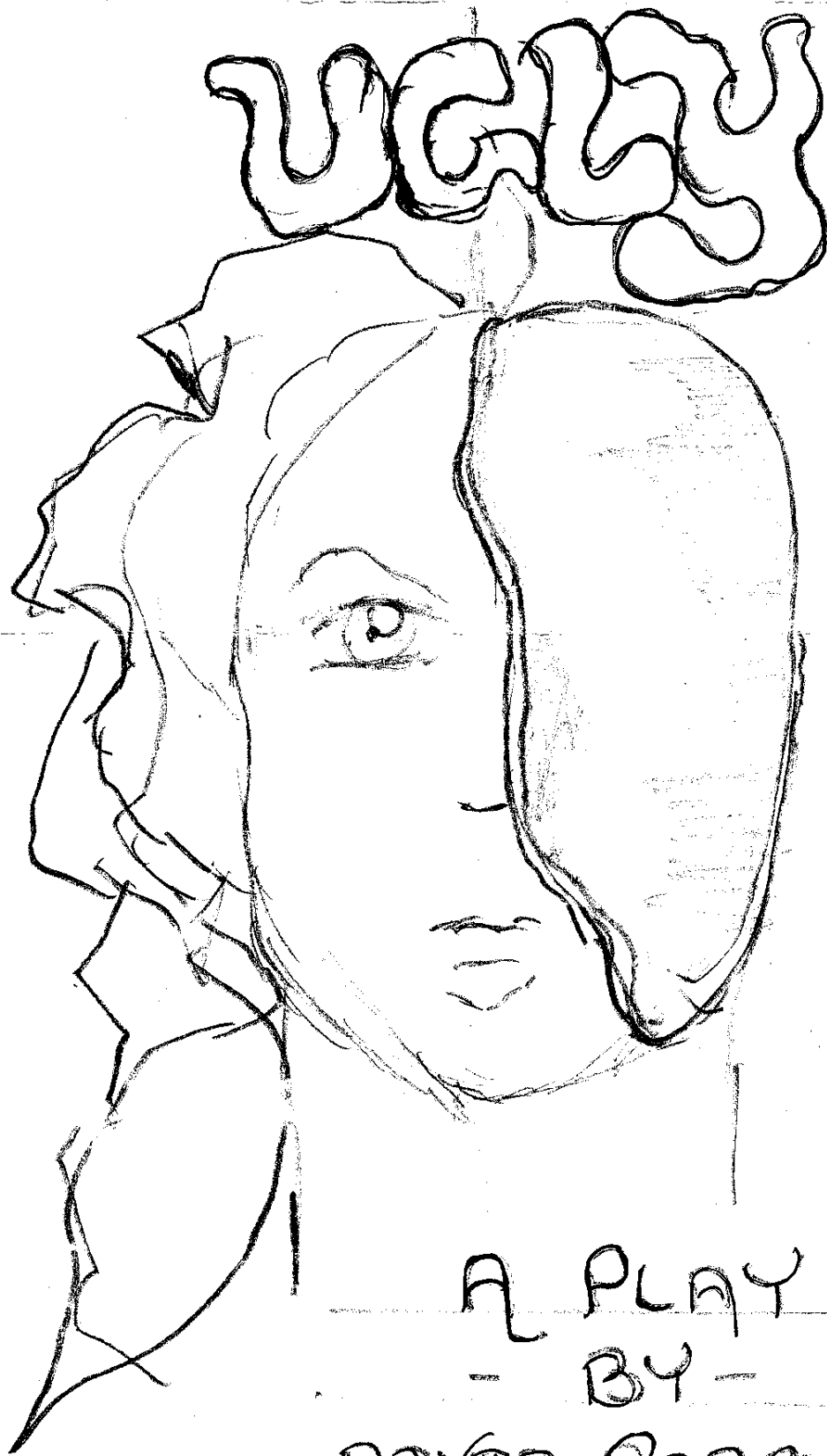
The court went wild. This time Vally did throw up in a trash can. His mind was racing, what would he do as free man. A lawyer handed him a card: "lets talk compensation, come buy my office."

some ^{one} yelled from back of the court room
"your beautiful vally!" and vally smiled.

vally walked outside for the first
time, he smelled the free air, a woman smiled
at him, a baby watted at him, a butterfly
flew past, he smelled freash bread from
a near by bakery. He was free...

He looked up at lady justice and
mumbled to himself "your beautiful vally"

END OF PLAY.



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