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Out[]: '1 \n Rita Hayworth and the Shawshank Redemption Rita Hayworth and the Shaw shank Redemption Rita Hayworth and the Shawshank Redemption Rita Hayworth and t he Shawshank Redemption \nThere\'s a guy like me in every state and federal pr ison i n America, I guess--I\'m \nthe guy who can get it for you. Tailor made cigarettes, a bag of reefer if you\'re \npartial to that, a bottle of brandy to celebrate your son or daughter\'s high \nschool graduation, or anything els e within reason, that is. It wasn\'t always that way. \n \nI came to Shawsha nk when I was just twenty, and I am o ne of the few people in \nour happy litt le family willing to own up to what he did. I committed murder. I \nput a la rge insurance policy on my wife -- who was three years older than I was -- \n and then I fixed the brakes on the Chevrolet coupe her f ather had given us as a \nwedding present. It worked out exactly as I had planned -- e xcept I hadn \'t planned \non her stopping to pick up the neighbor woman and the neighbo r woman's infant son \non their way down Castle Hill and into town. The bra kes let go and the car \ncrashed through the bushes at the edge of the town common , gathering speed. \nBystanders said it must have been doing fifty or better w hen it hit the base of \nthe Civil War statue and burst into flames. \n \nI a lso hadn\'t planned on getting caught, but caught I was. I got a season\'s pa ss \ninto this place. Maine has no death-penalty, but the D istrict Attorney saw to it \nthat I was tried for all three deaths and given three l ife senten ces, to run one \nafter the other. That fixed up any chance of parole I might have for a long, \nlong time. The judge called what I had done "a hideous, he i nous crime," and it \nwas ; but it is also in the past now. You can look it up in the yellowing files \nof the Castle Rock Call , where the big headlines announcing my conviction look \nsort of funny and antique next to the news of Hitler and Mussolini and FDR\'s \nalphabet soup agencies. \n \nHave I rehabi litated myself, you ask? I don't even know what that word means, at \nleast as far as prisons and corrections go. I think it \'s a politician\'s word. It \nmay have some other meaning, and it may be that I wil l have a chance to find \nout, but that is the future - something cons teach thems elves not to think \nabout. I was young, good-looking, and from the poor side of town. I knocked up a \npretty, sulky, headstrong girl who lived in one of the fin e old houses on \nCarbine Street. Her father was agreeable to the mar riage if I would ta ke a job \nin the optical company he owned and "work my way up." I f ound out that what he \nreally had in mind was keeping me in his house and under his t humb, like a \ndisagreeable pet that has not quite been housebroken and wh ich may bite. Enough \nhate eventually piled up to cause me to do what I did. Gi ve n a second chance, I \nwould not do it again, but I\'m not sure that means I am r ehabilitated. \nAnyway, it\'s not me I want to tell you about; I want t o tell you about a guy \nnamed Andy Dufresne. But before I can tell you about Andy , I have to explain a \nfew other things about myself. It won\'t take lo ng. \n \nAs I said, I\'ve been the guy who can get it for you here at Shawsha nk for damn \nnear forty years. And that doesn\'t just mean contraba nd items \ncigarettes or booze, although those items always top th e li 2 st. But I\'ve gotten \nthousands of other items for men doing time here, some of them perfectly legal \nyet hard to come by in a place where you\'ve suppose dly bee n brought to be \npunished. There was one fellow who was in for rapin g a little girl and exposing \nhimself to dozens of others; I got him three pi eces of pink Vermont marble and \nhe did three lovely sculptures out of them - a baby, a bo y of about twelve, and a \nbearded young man. He called them T he Three Ages of Jesus , and those pieces of \nsculpture are now in the parlor of a man who used to be go vernor of this state. \nOr here\'s a name you may r emember if you grew up north o f Massachusetts-Robert \nAlan Cote. In 1951 he tried to rob the First Mercantile Bank of Mechanic Falls, \nand the holdup tu rned into a bloodbath - six dead in the end, two of them members \nof the gan g, three of them hostages, one of them a youn g state cop who put his \nhead u p at the wrong time and got a bullet in the eye. Co te had a penny \ncollecti on. Naturally they weren\'t going to let him h ave it in here, but with a \nl ittle help from his mother and a middleman who used to dr ive a laundry truck, \nwas able to get it for him. I told him, Bobby, you mus t be crazy, wantin

g to \nhave a coin collection in a stone hotel full of thie ves. He looked at me and \nsmiled and said, I know where to keep them. They\'ll be s afe enoug h. Don\'t you \nworry. And he was right. Bobby Cote died of a brain t umor in 1967, but that coin \ncollection has never turned up. \n \nI\'ve gotten me n chocolates on Valentine\'s Day; I got three of those green \nmilkshakes they serve at McDonald\'s around St. Paddy\'s Day for a crazy Irishman \nnamed O \'Malley; I even arranged for a midnight showing of Deep Throat and The \nDev il in Miss Jones for a party of twenty men who had pooled their resource s to \nrent the films . . . although I ended up doing a week in sol itary for that \nlittle escapade. It\'s the risk you run when you\'re the guy who can get i t. \nI\'ve gotten reference books and fuck-books, joke novelties like hand-bu zzers and \nitching powder, and on more than one occasion I\'ve seen that a l ong-timer has \ngotten a pair of panties from his wife or his girlfrien d . . . and I guess $\$ \nyou\'ll know what guys in here do with such items during the 1 ong nights when \ntime draws out like a blade. I don\'t get all those things gratis, and for some \nitems the price comes high. But I don\'t do it just fo r t he money; what good is \nmoney to me? I\'m never going to own a Cadillac car or fly off to Jamaica for two \nweeks in February. I do it for the same reason that a good butcher will only \nsell you fresh meat: I got a reputatio n and I want to kee p it. The only two \nthings I refuse to handle are guns a nd heavy drugs. I won\'t help anyone kill \nhimself or anyone else. I have enough killing on my mi nd to last me a lifetime. \nYeah, I\'m a regular Neima n-Marcus . And so when Andy Dufresne came to me in 1949 \nand asked if I coul d smuggle Rita Hayworth into the prison f or him, I said it \nwould be no prob lem at all. And it wasn\'t. n n n 3\n II \n \nWhen Andy came to Shawshank in 1948, he was thirty years old. He was a short, \nneat little man with sandy hair and small, clever han ds. He wore go ld-rimmed \nspectacles. His fingernails were always clipped, and the y were a lways clean. \nThat\'s a funny thing to remember about a man, I suppose, but i t seems to sum \nAndy up for me. He always looked as if he should have bee n wearing a tie. On the \noutside he had been a vice-president in the trust dep artmen t of a large Portland \nbank. Good work for a man as young as he was, especially when you consider how \nconservative most banks are . . . and you have to multi ply that conservatism by \nten when you get up into New England, where folks don\'t like to trust a man with \ntheir money unless he\'s bald, limping, and constantly pluc king at his pants to \nget his truss around strai ght. Andy was in for murdering hi s wife and her lover. \n \nAs I believe I h ave said, everyone in prison is an in nocent man. Oh, they read \nthat script ure the way those holy rollers on TV read t he Book of Revelation. \nThey were the victims of judges with hearts of stone a nd balls to match, or \nincompete nt lawyers, or police frame-ups, or bad luck. Th ey read the scripture, \nbut you can see a different scripture in their faces. M ost cons are a low sort, \nno good to themselves or anyone else, and their worst luck was that their \n mothers carried them to term. \n \nIn all my years at Shawshank, there have be en less t han ten men whom I believed \nwhen they told me they were innocent. Andy Dufresne w as one of them, although I \nonly became convinced of his inno cence over a period o f years. If I had been on \nthe jury that heard his cas e in Portland Superior Court o ver six stormy weeks in \n1947-48, I would have voted to convict, too. \n \nIt was one hell of a case, all right; one of those j uicy ones with all the right \nelements. There was a beautiful girl with so ciety con nections (dead), a local \nsports figure (also dead), and a prominen t young businessman in the dock. There \nwas this, plus all the scandal the n ewspapers could hint a t. The prosecution had \nan open-and-shut case. The t rial only lasted as long as it did because the DA \nwas planning to run for t he U.S. House of Representative s and he wanted John Q. \nPublic to get a good long look at his resume. It was a cr ackerjack legal circus, \nwith spectator s getting in line at four in the morning, despite the subzero \ntemperatures, to assure themselves of a seat. \n \nThe facts of the prosecution\'s case that Andy never co ntested were these: that \nhe had a wife, Linda Collins Dufresn e; that in June of 1947 she had expressed an \ninterest in learning the game o

f golf at the Falmouth H ills Country Club; that \nshe did indeed take lessons for four months; that her ins tructor was the \nFalmouth Hills golf pro, Glenn Quentin; that in late Augus t of 1947 Andy learned \nthat Quentin and his wife had become lovers; that Andy and Linda Dufresne argued \nbitterly on the after noon of September 10th, 1947. that the subject of their 4 \nargument was h er infidelity. \n \nHe testified that Linda professed to be glad he knew; the sneaking around, she \nsaid, was distressing. She told Andy that she planned t o o btain a Reno divorce. \nAndy told her he would see her in hell before he w ould se e her in Reno. She went \noff to spend the night with Quentin in Quent in\'s rented b ungalow not far from \nthe golf course. The next morning his cl eaning woman fo und both of them dead in \nbed. Each had been shot four times. \n \nIt was that last fact that militated more against Andy than any of the ot hers. \nThe DA with the political aspirations made a great deal of it in his o pening \nstatement and his closing summation. Andrew Dufresne, he said, was n ot a wronged \nhusband seeking a hot-blooded revenge against his cheating w if e; that, the DA \nsaid, could be understood, if not condoned. But this revenge had been of a much \ncolder type. Consider! the DA thundered at the jury. Four a nd four! Not six \nshots, but eight! He had fired the gun empty . . . and th en stopped to reload so \nhe could shoot each of them again! FOUR FOR HIM AND FO UR FOR HER, the \nPortland Sun blared. The Boston Register dubbed him the "E ven-Steven Killer." \n \nA clerk from the Wise Pawnshop in Lewiston testified t hat he had sold a six-shot \n.38 Police Special to Andrew Dufresne just two days before the double murder. A \nbartender from the country club bar testif ied that Andy had come in around seven \no\'clock on the evening of September 10th, had tossed off t hree straight whiskeys \nin a twenty-minute period-when he got up from the bar-sto ol he told the \nbartender that he was going up to Glenn Quentin\'s house an d he, the bartender, \ncould "read about the rest of it in the papers." Another clerk, this one from \nthe Handy-Pik store a mile o r so from Quentin\'s house, told the court that \nDufresne had come in around quarter to nine on that same night. He purchased \ncigarettes, three quarts of beer, and some dishtowels. T he county medical \nexaminer testified that Quent in and the Dufresne woman had been killed between \n11:00 P.M. and 2:00 A.M. o n the night of September 10th- 11th. Th e detective \nfrom the Attorney Genera l\'s office who had been in c harge of the case testified \nthat there was a t urnout less than seventy yards from the bungalow, and that on \nthe afternoon of September 11th, three pieces of evidenc e had been removed from \nthat turn out: first item, two empty quart bottles of Nar ragansett Beer (with the \ndef endant\'s fingerprints on them); second item, twelve c igarette ends (all \nKo ols, the defendant\'s brand); third item, a plaster cas t of a set of tire \nt racks (exactly matching the tread-and-wear pattern of t he tires on the \ndefe ndant\'s 1947 Plymouth). \n \nIn the living room of Quentin\'s bungalow, four dishtowels had been found lying \non the sofa. There were bullet-holes throug h them and po wder-burns on them. The \ndetective theorized (over the agonized objections of An dy\'s lawyer) that the \nmurderer had wrapped the towels arou nd the muzzle of the murde r-weapon to muffle \nthe sound of the gunshots. \n \nAndy Dufresne took the stand in his own defense and told h is story calml y, \ncoolly, and dispassionately. He said he had begun to hear distressing rum ors \nabout his wife and Glenn Quentin as early as the last week in July. In 1 ate \nAugust he had become distressed enough to investigate a bit. On an even ing when \nLinda was supposed to have gone shopping in Portland after he r gol f lesson, Andy \nhad followed her and Quentin to Quentin\'s two-story rent ed house (inevitably \ndubbed "the love-nest" by the papers). He had parked in th e turnout until \nQuentin drove her back to the country club where her car wa s parked, about three \nhours later. \n \n"Do you mean to tell this court tha t you followed your w ife in your brand-new \nPlymouth sedan?" the DA asked hi m on cross examination. \n \n"I swapped cars for the evening with a friend," Andy said, and this cool \nadmission of how well-planned his investigation ha d been $\,$ did him no good at all $\,$ \nin the eyes of the jury. $\,$ \n \nAfter returnin g the friend\'s car and picking up his own, he had gone home. Linda \nhad been in bed, reading a book. He asked her how her trip to Portland had been. \nShe

replied that it had been fun, but she hadn\'t seen any thing she liked well \n enough to buy. "That\'s when I knew for sure," Andy told the breathless \nspe ctators. He spoke in the same calm, remote voice in which he delivered almost \nall of his testimony. \n \n"What was your frame of mind in the seventeen day s bet ween then and the night \nyour wife was murdered?" Andy\'s lawyer asked him. \n \n"I was in great distress," Andy said calmly, coldly. Like a man rec iting a \nshopping list he said that he had considered suicide, and had even g one so far \nas to purchase a gun in Lewiston on September 8th. \n \nHis lawy er then invited him to tell the jury what had happened after his wife \nleft t o meet Glenn Quentin on the night of the murders. Andy told them . . . and \n the impression he made was the worst possible. \n \nI knew him for close to th irty years, and I can tell you he was the most \nself-possessed man I\'ve ever known. What was right with him he\'d only give you a \nlittle at a time. What was wrong with him he kept bott led up inside. If he ever \nhad a dark night o f the soul, as some writer or other has called it, you would \nnever know. He was the type of man who, if he had decide d to commit suicide, \nwould do it w ithout leaving a note but not until his affai rs had been put neatly \nin orde r. If he had cried on the witness stand, or if h is voice had thickened \nand grown hesitant, even if he had started yelling at th at Washington-bound \nDis trict Attorney, I don\'t believe he would have gotten the life sentence he 6 \nwound up with. Even if he had\'ve, he would have been out on parole by 1954. But \nhe told his story like a recording machine, seeming to s ay to the jury: This is \nit. Take it or leave it. They left it. \n \nHe said he was drunk th at night, that he\'d been more or l ess drunk since August \n24th, and that he was a man who didn\'t handle his liquor ve ry well. Of course \nthat by itself would have been hard for any jury to swa llow. They just couldn\'t \nsee this coldly self-possessed young man in the neat doubl e-breasted three-piece \nwoo len suit ever getting falling-down drunk over his wife\'s sleazy little affair \nwith some small-town golf pro. I believed it because I had a chance to watch \nAndy that those six men and six women didn\'t have. \n \nAndy Dufresne took just four drinks a year all the time I knew him. He would \nmeet me in the exe rcise yard every year about a week b efore his birthday and \nthen again about two weeks before Christmas. On each o ccasion he would arrange \nfor a bottle of Jack Daniel\'s. He bought it the way mo st cons arrange to buy \ntheir stuf f-the slave\'s wages they pay in here, plus a l ittle of his own. Up \nuntil 1 965 what you got for your time was a dime an hour. In \'65 they raised it \nal 1 the way up to a quarter. My commission on liquor was and is ten per cent, \n and when you add on that surcharge to the price of a fine sippin\' whiskey like \nthe Black Jack, you get an idea of how many hours of Andy Dufresne\'s sweat i n \nthe prison laundry was going to buy his four drinks a year. \n \nOn the m orning of his birthday, September 20th, he would h ave himself a big \nknock, and then he\'d have another that night after lights -out. The following day \n he\'d give the rest of the bottle back to me, and I would share it around. As f or \nthe other bottle, he dealt himself one drink Christmas night and another on New \nYear\'s Eve. Then that bottle would also come to me wi th instruction s to pass it \non. Four drinks a year-and that is the behavior of a ma n who h as been bitten \nhard by the bottle. Hard enough to draw blood. \n \nHe told the jury that on the night of the tenth he had been so drunk he could \nonly r emember what had happened in little isolated snatc hes. He had gotten drunk \n that afternoon-"I took on a double helping of Dutch courage " is how he put \n it-before taking on Linda. \n \nAfter she left to meet Quentin, he remembered deciding to confront them. On the \nway to Quentin\'s bungalow, he swung into the country club for a couple of quick \nones. He could not, he said, remember telling the barte nder he could "read about \nthe rest of it in the papers," o r saying anything to hi m at all. He remembered \nbuying beer in the Handy-Pi k, but not the dishtowels. "Wh y would I want \ndishtowels?" he asked, and one of the papers reported that three of the lady \njurors shuddered. \n \nLater, much later, he speculated to me about the clerk wh o had testified on the \nsubject of those dishtowels, and I think it\'s worth jot ting down what he sa id. \n"Suppose that, during their canvass for witnesses," Andy s aid one day i

n the \nexercise yard, "they stumble on this fellow who sold m e the beer that night. By \nthen three days have gone by. The facts of the case h ave been bro adsided in all \nthe papers. Maybe they ganged up on the guy, five or six cops , plus the dick \nfrom the Attorney General\'s office, plus the DA\'s ass ista nt. Memory is a pretty \nsubjective thing, Red. They could have started out wi th \'I sn\'t it possible that \nhe purchased four or five dishtowels?\' and wo rked their way up from there. If \nenough people want you to remember somethi ng, that can be a pretty powerful \npersuader." \n \nI agreed that it could. \n \n"But there\'s one even more powerful," Andy went on in t hat musing way of his. "I \nthink it\'s at least possible that he convinced himself . It was the limelight. \nReporters asking him questions, his picture in the papers . . . a ll topped, of \ncourse, by his star turn in court. I\'m not saying that he del iberately falsified \nhis story, or perjured himself. I think it\'s possible t h at he could have passed \na lie detector test with flying colors, or sworn o n h is mother\'s sacred name \nthat I bought those dishtowels. But still . . . memory is such a goddam \nsubjective thing. \n \n"I know this much: even thou gh my own lawyer thought I ha d to be lying about \nhalf my story, he never bo ught that business about the dishtowels. It\'s crazy on \nthe face of it. I wa s pig-drunk, too drunk to have been thi nking about muffling \nthe gunshots. I f I\'d done it, I just would have let them r ip." \n \nHe went up to the turno ut and parked there. He drank beer and smoked cigarettes. \nHe watched the lig hts downstairs in Quentin\'s place go out . He watched a single \nlight go on upstairs . . . and fifteen minutes later he w atched that one go out. \nHe sai d he could guess the rest. \n \n"Mr. Dufresne, did you then go up to Glenn Que ntin\'s house a nd kill the two of \nthem?" his lawyer thundered. \n \n"No, I did not," Andy answered. By midnight, he said, he w as sobering up. He was \na lso feeling the first signs of a bad hangover. He decide d to go home and sleep \nit off and think about the whole thing in a more adult fa shion the next day. "At \nthat time, as I drove home, I was beginning to think th at the wisest co urse \nwould be to simply let her go to Reno and get her divorce. " \n \n"Than k you, Mr. Dufresne." \n \nThe DA popped up. \n 8 \n"You divorced her in t he quickest way you could think of, didn\' t you? You \ndivorced her with a .3 8 revolver wrapped in dishtowels, didn\' t you?" \n \n"No sir, I did not," And y said calmly. \n \n"And then you shot her lover." \n \n"No, sir." \n \n"You mean you shot Quentin first?" \n \n"I mean I didn\'t shoot either one of them. I drank two quarts of beer and smoked \nhowever many cigarettes the police fou nd at the turnout. Then I drove home and \nwent to bed." \n \n"You told the j ury that between August twenty-fourth and Se ptember tenth you \nwere feeling suicidal." $\n \n"$ Yes, sir." $\n \n"$ Suicidal enough to buy a revolver." \n \n"Yes." \n \n"Would it bother you overmuch, Mr. Dufresne, if I told yo u that you do not seem \nto me to be the suicidal type?" \n \n"No," Andy said, "but you don\'t impress me as being terrib ly sensitive, and I \ndoubt very much th at, if I were feeling suicidal, I would t ake my problem to \nyou." \n \nTher e was a slight tense titter in the courtroom at t his, but it won him no \npoi nts with the jury. \n \n"Did you take your thirty-eight with you on the night of S eptember tenth?" \n \n"No; as I\'ve already testified-" \n \n"Oh, yes!" The DA smiled sarcastically. "You threw it into the river, didn\'t \nyou? The Royal River. On the afternoon of September n inth . " \n \n"Yes, sir." \n \n"One day before the murders." \n 9 \n"Yes, sir." \n \n"That\'s convenien t, isn\'t it?" \n \n"It\'s neither convenient nor inconvenient. Only the trut h." \n \n"I believe you heard Lieutenant Mincher\'s testimony?" Mincher had be en in charge \nof the party which had dragged the stretch of the Royal n ear P ond Road Bridge, \nfrom which Andy had testified he had thrown the gun. The po lice had not found \nit. \n \n"Yes, sir. You know I heard it." \n \n"Then yo u heard him tell the court that they found no gun, although they dragged \nfo r three days. That was rather convenient, too, was n\'t it?" \n \n"Convenience aside, it\'s a fact that they didn\'t find t he gun," Andy responded \ncalmly. "But I should like to point out to both you and the jury that the Pond \nRoad Bridge is very close to where the Royal River empt ies into the Bay of \nYarmo uth. The current is strong. The gun may have been c arried out into the bay \n

itself." \n \n"And so no comparison can be made between the riflings on the bu llets taken from \nthe bloodstained corpses of your wife and Mr. Glenn Quent i n and the riflings on \nthe barrel of your gun. That\'s correct, isn\'t it, M r. Dufresne?" \n \n"Yes. " \n \n"That\'s also rather convenient, isn\'t it?" \n \nAt that, according to the papers, Andy displayed one of the few slight em otional \nreactions he allowed himself during the entire six-week period of th e trial. A \nslight, bitter smile crossed his face. \n \n"Since I am innocent of this crime, sir, and since I am telling the truth about \nthrowing my gun into the river the day before the crime took place, then it \nseems to me dec idedly inconvenient that the gun was neve r found." \n \nThe DA hammered at hi m for two days. He re-read the Ha ndy-Pik clerk\'s testimony \nabout the disht owels to Andy. Andy repeated that he could n ot recall buying \nthem, but admi tted that he also couldn\'t remember not buy ing them. \n \nWas it true that A ndy and Linda Dufresne had taken out a jo int insurance policy \nin early 1947 ? Yes, that was true. And if acquitted, wasn\'t it true that Andy \nstood to gain fifty thousand dollars in benefits? True. A nd wasn\'t it true that \nhe had gone up to Glenn Quentin\'s house with murder in his heart, and wasn \'t it \nalso true that he had indeed committed murder twice over? No, it was not true. \nThen what did he think had happened, since there had been n o sign s of robbery? \n \n"I have no way of knowing that, sir," Andy said quietly. \n \nThe case went to the jury at 1:00 P.M. on a snowy Wednes day afternoon. The \ntwelve jurymen and -women came back in at 3:30. The baili ff said they would have \nbeen back earlier, but they had held off in order to enj oy a nice chic ken dinner \nfrom Bentley\'s Restaurant at the county\'s expense. The y found him guilty, and \nbrother, if Maine had the death-penalty, he would have do ne the air dance before \nthat spring\'s crocuses poked their heads out of the sn ow. \n \nThe DA had asked him what he thought had happened, and Andy sl ipped t he \nquestion-but he did have an idea, and I got it out of him la te one eveni ng in \n1955. It had taken those seven years for us to progress from nodding \nacquaintances to fairly close friends- but I never felt really close to Andy \nuntil 1960 or so, and I believe I was the only one who ev er did get really c lose \nto him. Both being long-timers, we were in the same c ellblock from beg inning to \nend, although I was halfway down the corridor from him. \n \n"Wha t do I think?" He laughed-but there was no humor in th e sound. "I think \nthe re was a lot of bad luck floating around that night. Mo re than could ever get \ntogether in the same short span of time again. I think it must have been some \nstranger, just passing through. Maybe someone who had a fl at tire on that ro ad \nafter I went home. Maybe a burglar. Maybe a psychopath. He killed them, that\'s \nall. And I\'m here." \n \n III 11 \nAs simple as that. And he was condemned to spend the rest of his life in \n Shawshank - or the part of it that mattered. Five year s later he began to have \nparole hearings, and he was turned down just as regular as c lockwork in spit e of \nbeing a model prisoner. Getting a pass out of Shawshank wh en you\'ve g ot murder \nstamped on your admittance-slip is slow work, as slow as a river e roding a rock. \nSeven men sit on the board, two more than at most st ate pris ons, and every one \nof those seven has an ass as hard as the water drawn up f rom a mineral-spring \nwell. You can\'t buy those guys, you can\'t sweet-talk them , you can\'t cry for \nthem. As far as the board in here is concerned, mo ney don\'t talk, and nobody \nwalks. There were other reasons in Andy\'s case as wel 1 . . . but that belongs a \n in the further along in my story. \n \nThere was a trusty, name of Kendricks, who was into me for some pretty heavy \nmoney back in the fifties, and it was four years befor e he got it all paid o ff. \nMost of the interest he paid me was information-in my line of work, you \'re dead \nif you can\'t find ways of keeping your ear to the ground. Th is K endricks, for \ninstance, had access to records I was never going to se e runn ing a stamper down \nin the goddam plate-shop. \n \nKendricks told me that th e parole board vote was 7-0 agains t Andy Dufresne \nthrough 1957, 6-1 in \'5 8, 7-0 again in \'59, and 5-2 in \'60. After that I don\'t \nknow, but I do kn

ow that sixteen years later he was sti ll in Cell 14 of \nCellblock 5. By then

- 1975 - he was fifty-seven. They prob ably would have gotten \nbig-hearted an d let him out around 1983. They give you life, an d that\'s what \nthey take-a 11 of it that counts, anyway. Maybe they s et you loose someday, but . \n. . .. \nWell, listen: I knew this guy, Sherwood Bolton, his nam e was, and he had \nthis pigeon in his cell. From 1945 until 1953, when they let h im out, he had \nthat pigeon. He wasn\'t any Birdman of Alcatraz; he just had this pigeon. Ja ke, \nhe called him. He set Jake free a day before he, Sherw ood, that is, was to walk, \nand Jake flew away just as pretty as you could want. But ab out a w eek after \nSherwood Bolton left our happy little family, a friend o f mine ca lled me over to \nthe west corner of the exercise yard, where Sherwood used to hang out. A bird \nwas lying there like a very small pile of dirty bed-line n. It looked starved. My \nfriend said: "Isn\'t that Jake, Red?" It was. That pig eon was just as dead as a \nturd. \n \nI remember the first time Andy Dufresn e got in touch wi th me for something; I \nremember like it was yesterday. Tha t wasn\'t the time he wanted Rita Hayworth, \nthough. That came later. In that summer of 1948 he came ar ound for something \nelse. \n \nMost of my deals ar e done right there in the exercise yard, and that\'s where 12 \nthis one we nt down. Our yard is big, much bigger than most It\'s a perfect \nsquare, nin ety yards on a side. The north side is the out er wall, with a \nguard-tower a t either end. The guards up there are armed with binoculars and \nriot guns. The main gate is in that north side. The truck loading-bays are on \nthe sout h side of the yard. There are five of them. Sh awshank is a busy place \ndurin g the work week-deliveries in, deliveries out. We have the license-plate \nfa ctory, and a big industrial laundry that does all the pri son wet-wash, plus th at \nof Kittery Receiving Hospital and the Eliot Nursing Home . There\'s also a big \nautomotive garage where mechanic inmates fix prison, st ate, and munic ipal \nvehicles-not to mention the private cars of the scre ws, the administra tion officers . . . \nand, on more than one occasion, those of the parole b oa rd. \n \nThe east side is a thick stone wall full of tiny slit windows. Cellbl ock 5 is on \nthe other side of that wall. The west side is Administ ration an d the infirmary. \nShawshank has never been as overcrowded as most prisons , a nd back in \'48 it was \nonly filled to something like two-thirds capacity, bu t at any given time there \nmight be eighty to a hundred and twenty cons on t he yard- playing toss with a \nfootball or a baseball, shooting craps, jawing at each other, making deals. On \nSunday the place was even more crowded; on Sunday the place would have looked \nlike a country holiday . . . if there ha d been any wome n. \n \nIt was on a Sunday that Andy first came to me. I had j us t finished talking to \nElmore Armitage, a fellow who often came in handy t o me, about a radio when Andy \nwalked up. I knew who he was, of course; he ha d a reputation for being a snob \nand a cold fish. People were saying he was marked for tro uble already. One of \nthe people saying so was Bogs Diamond, a bad man to have on your case. Andy had \nno cellmate, and I\'d heard that was just the way he wan ted it, although people \nwere already saying he thought h is shit smelled sweeter than the ordinary. But I \ndon\'t have to listen to ru mors about a man when I can judge him for myself. \n"Hello," he said. "I\'m An dy Dufresne." He offered his h and and I shook it. He \nwasn\'t a man to waste time being social; he got right to the point. "I \nunderstand that you\'re a m an who knows how to get things . " \n \nI agreed that I was able to locate ce rtain items from time to time. \n \n"How do you do that?" Andy asked. \n \n"Sometimes," I said, "things just seem to come into my hand. I can\'t explai n it. \nUnless it\'s because I\'m Irish." \n \nHe smiled a little at that. "I wonder if you could get me a rock hammer. " \n \n"What would that be, and why would you want it?" \n \nAndy looked surprised. "Do you make motivations a par t of yo ur business?" With 13 \nwords like those I could understand how he had gotten a reputa tion for being the \nsnobby sort, the kind of guy who like s to put on airs-but I sensed a tiny thread \nof humor in his question. \n \n"I\'ll tell you," I said. "If you wanted a toothbrush, I wouldn\'t ask questi ons. \n \nI\'d just quote you a price. Because a toothbrush, you see, i s a no n-lethal sort \nof an object." \n \n"You have strong feelings about lethal ob jects?" \n \n"I do." \n \nAn old friction-taped baseball flew toward us and h

e turne d, cat-quick, and \npicked it out of the air. It was a move Frank Malz one wo uld have been proud of. \nAndy flicked the ball back to where it had co me from-just a quick and \neasy-looking flick of the wrist, but that throw ha d some mustard on it, just the \nsame. I could see a lot of people were watch ing us with o ne eye as they went \nabout their business. Probably the guards in the tower w ere watching, too. I \n vmon\'t gild the lily; there are cons tha t swing weight i n any prison, maybe four \nor five in a small one, maybe two or three dozen in a big one. At Shawshank I \nwas one of those with some weigh t, and what I thought o f Andy Dufresne would \nhave a lot to do with how his time went. He probably knew it, too, but he wasn\'t \nkowtowing or sucking up to me, and I respected him for that. \n \n"Fair enough. I\'ll tell you what it is and why I want i t. A rock hammer looks \nlike a miniature pickaxe-about so long." He held his hands about a foot apart, \nand that was when I first notic ed how neatly kept his n ails were. "It\'s got a \nsmall sharp pick on one end and a flat, blunt hammerhead o n the other. I want it \nbecause I like rocks." \n \n"Rocks, " I said. \n \n"Squat down here a minute," he said. \n \nI humor ed him. We hunkered down on our haunches like Indians. \nAndy took a handful of exercise yard dirt and began to sift it between his neat \nhands, so it em erged in a fine cloud. Small pebbles were left over, one or two \nsparkly, the rest dull and plain. One of the dull ones was quartz, but it was \nonly dull u ntil you\'d rubbed it clean. Then it had a nice m ilky glow. Andy did \nthe cl eaning and then tossed it to me. I caught it and na med it. \n \n"Quartz, sur e," he said. "And look. Mica. Shale. Silted gr anite. Here\'s a place \nof gra ded limestone, from when they cut this place out of the side of the hill." \n He tossed them away and dusted his hands. "I\'m a rockhound. At least . . . I w 14 \na rockhound. In my old life. I\'d like to be one again, on a limite d scale." \n \n"Sunday expeditions in the exercise yard?" I asked, standin g u p. It was a silly \nidea, and yet . . . seeing that little piece of quartz ha d given my heart a \nfunny tweak. I don\'t know exactly why; just an associati on with the outside \nworld, I suppose. You didn\'t think of such things in te rms of the yard. Quartz \nwas something you picked out of a small, quick-runn ing stream. \n \n"Better to have Sunday expeditions here than no Sunday ex pe ditions at all," he \nsaid. \n \n"You could plant an item like that rock-hamm er in somebody \'s skull," I remarked. \n \n"I have no enemies here," he said quietly. \n \n"No?" I smiled. "Wait awhile." \n \n"If there\'s trouble, I can handle it without using a roc k hammer. " \n \n"Maybe you want to try an escap e? Going under the wall? Because if you do-" \nHe laughed politely. When I saw the rock-hammer three we eks later, I understood \nwhy. \n \n"You know," I sa id, "if anyone sees you with it, they\'l l take it away. If they \nsaw you wit h a spoon, they\'d take it away. What are you going to do, just sit \ndown her e in the yard and start bangin\' away?" \n \n"Oh, I believe I can do a lot bet ter than that." \n \nI nodded. That part of it really wasn\'t my business, any way. A man engages my \nservices to get him something. Whether he can keep it o r not after I get it is \nhis business. \n \n"How much would an item like t hat go for?" I asked. I was beginning to enjoy his \nquiet, low-key style. Whe n you\'ve spent ten years in sti r, as I had then, you \n ncan get awfully tired of the bellowers and the braggarts and the loud-mouths. \nYes, I think it woul d be fair to say I liked Andy from th e first. \n \n"Eight dollars in any rock -and-gem shop," he said, "but I r ealize that in a \nbusiness like yours you w ork on a cost-plus basis-" \n \n"Cost plus ten per cent is my going rate, but I have to go up some on a dangerous \nitem. For something like the gadget you \'re talking about, it takes a little more \ngoose-grease to get the wheel tu rning. Let\'s say ten doll ars.\' \n 15 \n"Ten it is." $\n \n \$ m, smiling a little. "Have you got ten doll ars?" \n \n"I do," he said quietl y. \n \nA long time after, I discovered that he had better than five hundred. He had \nbrought it in with him. When they check you at this hot el, one of th e bellhops \nis obliged to bend you over ant take a look up your works-but the re are a lot of \nworks, and, not to put too fine a point on it, a man who is really determined \ncan get; fairly large item quite a ways up them-far enough to be out o sight, \nunless the bellhop you happen to draw is in the mood to p

ull on a rubber glove \nand go prospecting. \n \n"That\'s fine, " I said. "Y ou ought to know what I expect if you get caught with \nwhat I get you." \n \n"I suppose I should," he said, and I could tell by the slight change in his gray \neyes that he knew exactly what I was going to say. It was a slight ligh tening, a \ngleam of his special ironic humor \n \n"If you get caught, you\'l 1 say you found it. That\'s about th e long and short of \nit. They\'ll put yo u in solitary for three or you weeks . . . plus, of course, \nyou\'ll lose yo ur toy and you\'ll get black mark on your reco rd. If you give them \nmy name, you and will never do business again. Not for s o much as a pair of \nshoelace or a bag of Bugler. And I\'ll send some fellows around to lump you up. I \ndon \'t like violence, but you\'ll understand my position. I c an\' allow it to get \naround that I can\'t handle myself. That would sure finish me." \n \n"Yes. I suppose it would. I understand, and you don\'t need to w orry. " \n \n"I nev er worry," I said. "In a place like this there\'s no percentage in it." \n \nH e nodded and walked away. Three days later he walked u] besi de me in the \nex ercise yard during the laundry\'s morning break He didn\'t spe ak or even look my \nway, but pressed a picture of the Honorable Alexander Ham ilton into my h and \nas neatly as a good magician does a card-trick. He was a man who adapted fast. \nI got him his rock-hammer. I had it in my cell for one night, and it was just as he described \nit. It was no tool for escape (it would have taken a ma n just about six hundred years to \ntunnel under the wall using that rock-ha mmer, I figured), but I still felt some misgivings. If \nyou planted that pick axe end in a man\'s head, he would surely never \nlisten to Fibber McGee and Molly on the radio again. A nd Andy had already begun having \ntrouble with the sisters. I hoped it wasn\'t them he wa s wanting the rock- \nhammer for. \n 1 \nIn the end, I trusted my judgment. Early the next morning, twenty minute s before \nthe wake-up horn went off, I slipped the rock-hammer and a package of Camels to \nErnie, the old trusty who swept the Cellblock 5 corridors unti l he was let free \nin 1956. He slipped it into his tunic without a word, and I didn \'t see the \nrock hammer again for nineteen years, and by then it w as damned near worn away to \nnothing. \n \nThe following Sunday Andy walked ove r to me in the exerci se yard again. He was \nnothing to look at that day, I c an tell you. His lower lip was swelled up so big \nit looked like a summer sau sage, his right eye was swollen half-shut, and there \nwas an ugly washboard scrape across one cheek. He was ha ving his troubles with \nthe sisters, all r ight, but he never mentioned them. " Thanks for the tool," he \nsaid, and walk ed away. \n \nI watched him curiously. He walked a few steps, saw somet hing i n the dirt, bent \nover, and picked it up. It was a small rock. Prison fatigue s , except for those \nworn by mechanics when they\'re on the job, have no poc kets. But there are ways \nto get around that. The little pebble disappeared u p Andy\'s sl eeve and didn\'t \ncome down. I admired that . . . and I admired him. In spit e of the problems he \nwas having, he was going on with his life. There are t housands who don't or \nwon\'t or can\'t, and plenty of them aren \'t in prison, e ither. And I noticed that, \nalthough his face looked as if a twister had happened to it , his hands were \nstill neat and clean, the nails well-kept. didn\'t see much of him over the next six months; Andy spent a lot of that tim IV 17 \n \nA few words about the sisters. \n \nIn a lot of pens they are kn own as bull queers or jailho use susies-just lately \nthe term in fashion is "killer queens." But in Shawshan k they were always the \nsisters. I don\'t kn ow why, but other than the name I gue ss there was no \ndifference. \n \nIt c omes as no surprise to most these days that there\' s a lot of buggery going \non inside the walls-except to some of the new fish, m aybe, who have the \nm isfortune to be young, slim, good-looking, and unwary-but ho mosexuality, like \nstraight sex, comes in a hundred different shapes and form s. There are men w ho \ncan\'t stand to be without sex of some kind and turn to an other man to k eep from \ngoing crazy. Usually what follows is an arrangement bet ween two fu ndamentally \nheterosexual men, although I\'ve sometimes wondered if they are quite as \nheterosexual as they thought they were going to be when they get ba

ck to their \nwives or their girlfriends. \n \nThere are also men who get "tu rned" in prison. In the c urrent parlance they "go \ngay," or "come out of the closet. " Mostly (but not al ways) they play the \nfemale, and their favors ar e competed for fiercely. \n \nAnd then there are the sisters. \n \nThey are t o prison society what the rapist is to the society outside the walls. \nThey \'re usually long-timers, doing hard bullets for brutal crimes. Their prey is \nthe young, the weak, and the inexperienced . . . or, as i n the case of Andy \nDufresne, the weak-looking. Their hunting grounds are the sh owers, the cramp ed, \ntunnel-like areaway behind the industrial washers in the laundry, somet imes the \ninfirmary. On more than one occasion rape has occurre d in the clos et-sized \nprojection booth behind the auditorium. Most often what the sisters take by \nforce they could have had for free, if they wanted it t hat way; tho se who have \nbeen turned always seem to have "crushes" on one siste r or anot her, like teenage \ngirls with their Sinatras, Presleys, or Redfords. But f or the sisters, the joy \nhas always been in taking it by force . . . and I guess it always will be. \n \nBecause of his small size and fair good looks (and may be also because of that \nvery quality of self-possession I had admired), the siste rs were after Andy from \nthe day he walked in. If this was some kind of fairy sto ry, I\'d tell you that \nAndy fought the good fight until they left him alone. I wi sh I could say that, \nbut I can\'t. Prison is no fairy-tale w orld. \n \nThe first time for him was in the shower less than three days after he joined \nour happy Shawshank family. Just a lot of slap and tickle t hat ti me, I \nunderstand. They like to size you up before they make their real mov \njackals finding out if the prey is as weak and hamstrung as it e, like 18 looks. \n \nAndy punched back and bloodied the lip of a big, hulking sister na med Bogs \nDiamond-gone these many years since to who knows where . A guard br oke it up \nbefore it could go any further, but Bogs promised to get him -and Bogs did. \nThe second time was behind the washers in the laundry. A lot has g one on in that \nlong, dusty, and narrow space over the years; the guards kno w about it and just \nlet it be. It\'s dim and littered with bags of washing a n d bleaching compound, \ndrums of Hexlite catalyst, as harmless as salt if yo ur hands are dry, murderous \nas battery acid if they\'re wet. The guards don \'t like to go back there. There\'s \nno room to maneuver, and one of the firs t things they teach them when they come \nto work in a place like this is to n ever let the cons get you in a place where \nyou can\'t back up. \n \nBogs wa sn\'t there that day, but Henley Backus, who had be en washroom foreman \ndown there since 1922, told me that four of his friends wer e. Andy held them at \n bay for awhile with a scoop of burning Hexlite, threat ening to throw it in the ir eyes if \nthey came any closer, but he tripped trying to back around one of the big Washex \nfourpockets. That was all it took. They were on him. \n \nI guess the phrase gang-rape is one that doesn\'t change much from one generatio n \nto the next. That\'s what they did to him, those four s isters. They bent him over \na gear-box and one of them held a Phillips screwdriver to his temp le while they \ngave him the business. It rips you up some, but not bad-am I s peaking from \npersonal experience, you ask?-I only wish I weren\'t. Yo u blee d for awhile. If \nyou don\'t want some clown asking you if you just started y o ur period, you wad up \na bunch of toilet paper and keep it down the back of your unde rwear until it \nstops. The bleeding really is like a menstrual flo w; it keeps up for two, maybe \nthree days, a slow trickle. Then it stops. No harm done , unless they\'ve done \nsomething even more unnatural to you. No ph ysical harm do ne but rape is rape, \nand eventually you have to look at your face in the mirr or again and decide what \nto make of yourself. \n \nAndy we nt through that alone, the way he went through ev erything alone in those \nda ys. He must have come to the conclusion that others before him had come to, \n namely, that then are only two ways to deal with the sisters: fight them and g et \ntaken or just get taken. \n \nHe decided to fight. When Bogs and two of his buddies cam af ter him a week or so \nafter the laundry incident ("I heard ya go broke in," Bogs said, according to \nErnie, who was around at the tim e), Andy slugged it out wit h them. He broke the \nnose of fellow named Rooste r MacBride, a heavy-gutted fa rmer who was is for \nbeating his stepdaughter t

o death. Rooster died in here, I\' m happy to add. \n \nThey took him, all thr ee of them. When it was done, R ooster and the other egg-it 19 \nmight have been Pete Verness, but I\'m no completely sur e-forced Andy down to his \nknee s. Bogs Diamond stepped in front of him. He had a pearl -handled razor in \nth ose day with the words Diamond Pearl engraved on both sides of the grip He \no pened it and said, "I\'m gonna open my fly now, mister ma n and you\'re going t o \nswallow what I give you to swallow. And when you done sw allowed mine, you \'re \ngonna swallow Rooster\'s. I guess you done broke his nose and I think h e ought to \nhave something to pay for it." \n \nAndy said, "Anything of your s that you stick in my mouth y ou\'re going to lose \nit." \n \nBogs looked a t Andy like he was crazy, Ernie said. \n \n"No," he told Andy, talking to him slowly, like Andy was stupid kid. "You didn\'t \nunderstand what I said. You d o anything like that and I\'ll put all eight inches \nof this steel into your ear. Get it?" \n \n"I understood what you said. I don\'t think you understood m e. I\'m going to bite \nwhatever you stick into my mouth. You can put that raz or into my brain, I guess, \nbut you should know that sudden serious brain inj ury causes th e victim to \nsimultaneously urinate, defecate . . . and bite do wn." \n \nHe looked up at Bogs, smiling that little smile of his, o ld Ernie s aid, as if \nthe three of them had been discussing stocks and bonds wit h him instead of \nthrowing it to him just as hard as they could. Just as if he was wearing one of \nhis three-piece bankers\' suits instead of kneeling on a di r ty broom-closet floor \nwith his pants around his ankles and blood trickling d own th e insides of his \nthighs. \n \n"In fact," he went on, "I understand t hat the bite-ref lex is sometimes so strong \nthat the victim\'s jaws have to be pried open with a cr owbar or a jackhandle." \nBogs didn\'t put anything in Andy\'s mouth that night in late February of 1948, \nand neither did Rooster M acBride, and so far as I know, n o one else ever did, \neither. What the three of them did was to beat Andy wi thin an inch of his life, \nand all four of th em ended up doing a jolt in solitary. Andy and Rooster \nMacBride went by way of the infirmary. \n \nHow many times did that particular crew have at him? I don\'t know. I think \nRooster lost his taste fairly early on -- being in n os esplints for a month can do \nthat to a fellow -- and Bogs Diamond left off th at summ er, all at once. \n \nThat was a strange thing. Bogs was found in his cell, ba dly beaten, one morning \nin early June, when he didn\'t show up in t he breakfast no se-count. He wouldn\'t \nsay who had done it, or how they had gotten to him, but being in my business, I \nknow that a screw can be bribed t o do almost anything e xcept get a gun for an 20 \ninmate. They didn\'t mak e big salaries then, and they don\' t now. And in those \ndays there was no el ectronic locking system, no closed -circuit TV, no \nmaster-switches which con trolled whole areas of the prison. Back in 1948, each \ncellblock had its own turnkey. A guard could have been bribe d real easy to let \nsomeone-maybe two or three someones-into the block, and, yes, even into \nDiamond\'s cell. \n \nOf course a job like that would have cost a lot of mone y. Not by outside \n standards, no. Prison economics are on a smaller scal e. When you\'ve been in h ere \nawhile, a dollar bill in your hand looks like a twenty di d outside. My guess is \nthat, if Bogs was done, it cost someone a serious piece of changefifteen bucks, \nwe\'ll say, for the turnkey, and two or three apiece for eac h of the lump-up \nguys. \n \nI\'m not saying it was Andy Dufresne, but I do know that h e brought in five \nhundred dollars when he came, and he was a ban ker in the straight world-a man \nwho understands better than the rest of us t he ways in which money can become \npower. \n \nAnd I know this: after the be ating-the three broken rib s, the hemorrhaged eye, \nthe sprained back, and th e dislocated hip-Bogs Diamond left Andy alone. In fact, \nafter that he left e veryone pretty much alone. He got to be like a high wind in \nthe summertime, all bluster and no bite. You could say, i n fact, that he turned \ninto a "wea k sister." \n \nThat was the end of Bogs Diamond, a man who might event ually h ave killed Andy if \nAndy hadn\'t taken steps to prevent it (if it was him who took the steps). But it \nwasn\'t the end of Andy\'s trouble with the sisters. The re was a little hiatus, \nand then it began again, although not so hard or so often . Jackals like easy \nprey, and there were easier pickings around tha

n Andy Dufres ne. \n \nHe always fought them, that\'s what I remember. He knew , I guess, that if you let \nthem have at you even once without fighting, it g ot that much easier to let them \nhave their way without fighting next time. So Andy would turn up with bruises on \nhis face every once in awhile, and the re was the mat ter of the two broken \nfingers six or eight months after Diamo nd\'s beating. Oh yes-and sometime in late \n1949, the man landed in the infi rmary with a broken cheekbo ne that was probably \nthe result of someone swing ing a nice chunk of pipe with t he business-end \nwrapped in flannel. He alway s fought back, and as a result, he did his time in \nsolitary. But I don\'t t hink solitary was the hardship fo r Andy that it was for \nsome men. He got al ong with himself. \n \nThe sisters was something he adjusted himself to-and th e n, in 1950, it stopped \nalmost completely. That is a part of my story that I\' ll get to in due time. \n 21 \n \n \n \n \n $V \in \mathbb{R}$ \n \n \nIn the fall of 1948, Andy met me one morning in the exerc ise yard an d asked me \nif I could get him half a dozen rock-blankets. \n \n"What the he

ll are those?" I asked. \n \nHe told me that was just what rockhounds called t hem; the y were polishing cloths \nabout the size of dishtowels. They were hea vily padded, w ith a smooth side and a \nrough side-the smooth side like finegrained sandpaper, the r ough side almost as \nabrasive as industrial steel wo ol (Andy also kept a box of that in his cell, \nalthough he didn\'t get it fro m me-I imagine he kited it fro m the prison \nlaundry). \n \nI told him I tho ught we could do business on those, and I e nded up getting them \nfrom the ve ry same rock-and-gem shop where I\'d arranged to get the rock-hammer. \nThis time I charged Andy my usual ten per cent and not a pe nny more. I didn\'t \ns ee anything lethal or even dangerous in a dozen 7" x 7" s quares of padded \nc loth. Rock-blankets, indeed. \n \nIt was about five months later that Andy aske d if I coul d get him Rita Hayworth. \nThat conversation took place in the aud itorium, during a mo vie-show. Nowadays we \nget the movie-shows once or twice a week, but back then the shows were a monthly \nevent. Usually the movies we got had a morally uplifting message to them, and \nthis one, The Lost Weekend, was no different. The mora l was that it\'s dangerous \nto drink. It was a mor al we could take some comfort in. \n \nAndy maneuvered to get next to me, and about halfway thro ugh the show he leaned \na little closer and asked if I cou ld get him Rita Haywort h. I\'ll tell you the \ntruth, it kind of tickled me. He was usually cool, calm, a nd collected, but that \nnight he was jumpy as he 11, almost embarrassed, as if h e was asking me to get \nhim a load of Trojans or one of those sheepskin-lined ga dgets that are supposed \nto "enhance your solitary pleasure," as the magazines put it. He seemed \novercharged, a man o n the verge of blowing his radiator. \n \n"I can get her," I said. "No sweat, calm down. You want the big one or the \nlittle one?" At that time Rita was m y best girl (a f ew years before it had been \nBetty Grable) and she came in t wo sizes. For a buck yo u could get the little \nRita. For two-fifty you could have the big Rita, four fe et high and all woman. \n"The big one," he said, no t looking at me. I tell you, h e was a hot sketch that 22 \nnight. He was b lushing just like a kid trying to get into a kootch show with his \nbig brothe r\'s draft-card. "Can you do it?" \n \n"Take it easy, sure I can. Does a bear s hit in the wo ods?" The audience was \napplauding and catcalling as the bugs c ame out of the walls to get Ray Milland, \nwho was having a bad case of the D T\'s \n \n"How soon?" \n \n"A week. Maybe less." \n \n"Okay. " But he sounde d disappointed, as if he had been hoping had one stuffed \ndown my pants right then. "How much?" \n \nI quoted him the wholesale price. I could afford to giv e hi m this one at cost; \nhe\'d been a good customer, what with his rock-hamm er and his rock-blankets. \nFurthermore, he\'d been a good boy-o more than one night when he was having his \nproblems with Bogs Rooster, and the rest, I won dered how long it would be before \nh used the rock-hammer to crack someone \'s head open. \n \nPosters are a big part of my business, just behind the b o oze an, cigarettes, \nusually half a step ahead of the reefer. In the sixties the business exploded in \nevery direction, with a lot of people wanting funky hang-ups like Jimi Hendrix, \nBob Dylan, that Easy Rider poster. But mostly i t\'s girl s; one pin-up queen after \nanother. \n \nA few days after Andy spo

ke to me, a laundry driver I did bus iness with back \nthen brought in better than sixty posters, most of the m Rita Hayworths. You may \neven remember the picture; sure do. Rita is dressed-sort of-in a bathing suit, \none hand behind her head, her eyes half-closed, those f ull, sulky red lips \nparted. They cal led it Rita Hayworth, but they might as well have called it \nWoman in Heat. \n \nThe prison administration knows about the black market, i n case you were \nwondering. Sure they do. They probably know almost much ab out my business as I \ndo myself. They live with it because they know that a prison is like a big \npressure-cooker, and there has to be vents somewhere to let off steam. They make \nthe occasion; bust, and I\'ve done time in solitary a t ime or three ov er the year \nbut when it\'s something like posters, they wink. Live an d let live And when a \nbig Rita Hayworth went up in some fishie\'s cell, the a ssum ption was that it came \nin the mail from a friend or a relative. Of course al 1 the care-packages from \n nfriends and relatives are opened and the contents i nvent oried, but who goes back \nand rechecks the inventory sheets for somethi ng as har mless as a Rita Hayworth \nor Ava Gardner pin-up? When you\'re in a pressure cooker you learn to live and let \nlive or somebody will carve you a brand-new mouth just a bove the Adam\'s apple. 23 \n \nYou learn to make al lowances. \n \nIt was Ernie again who took the poster up to Andy\'s cell, 14, from my own, 6. \nAnd it was Ernie who brought back the note, written in Andy \'s careful hand, just \none word: "Thanks." \n \nA little while later, as th ey filed us out for morning chow, I glanced into his \ncell and saw Rita over his bunk in all her swimsuited glo ry, one hand behind her \nhead, her eyes ha lf-closed, those soft, satiny lips par ted. It was over his bunk \nwhere he co uld look at her nights, after lights-out, in t he glow of the arc \nsodium lig hts in the exercise yard. \n \nBut in the bright morning sunlight, there were dark slashe s across her face-the \nshadow of the bars on his single slit wind 24 \n \n \n \n \n \n \nNow I\'m going to tell you what happened in mid-May of 1950 tha t finally ended \nAndy\'s three-year series of skirmishes with the siste rs. It was also the \nincident which eventually got him out of the laundry and i nto the libra ry, where \nhe filled out his work-time until he left our happy little family earlier this \nyear. \n \nYou may have noticed how much of what I\'ve told yo u alre ady is hearsay-someone \nsaw something and told me and I told you. Wel l, in some c ases I\'ve simplified it \neven more than it really was, and have repeated (or will repeat) fourth- or \nfifth-hand information. That\'s the wa y it is here. T he grapevine is very real, \nand you have to use it if you\'re going to stay ahead. Also , of course, you have \nto know how to pick out the grains of truth from the chaf f of lies, rumors, and \nwish-it-had-beens. \n \nYou may also have gotten the idea that I\'m describing so meone who\'s more 1 egend \nthan man, and I would have to agree that there\'s some t ruth to that. To us \nlong-timers who knew Andy over a space of years, there was an element of fantasy \nto him, a sense, almost, of myth-magic, if you get wha t I mean. That story I \npassed on about Andy refusing to give Bogs Diamond a head-job is part of that \nmyth, and how he kept on fighting the sisters is part of it, and how he got the \nlibrary job is part of it, too . . . but with one impo rt ant difference: I was \nthere and I saw what happened, and I swear on my mothe r\' s name that it\'s all \ntrue. The oath of a convicted murderer may not be worth much, but believe this: \nI don\'t lie. \n \nAndy and I were on fair s peaking terms by then. The guy fa scinated me. Looking \nback to the poster ep isode, I see there\'s one thing I ne glected to tell you, and \nmaybe I shoul d. Five weeks after he hung Rita up (I\'d forgot ten all about it by \nthen, a nd had gone on to other deals), Ernie passed a small white box through \nthe bars of my cell. \n \n"From Dufresne," he said, low, and never missed a stroke with his push-broom. \n"Thanks, Ernie," I said, and slipped him half a pack of Cam els. \n \nNow what the hell was this, I was wondering as I slippe d the co ver from the box. \nThere was a lot of white cotton inside, and below tha t . . . \n \nI looked for a long time. For a few minutes it was like I didn\'t eve n dare touch \nthem, they were so pretty. There\'s a crying shortage o f prett

y things in the \nslam, and the real pity of it is that a lot of men don \'t e ven seem to miss them. \n \nThere were two pieces of quartz in that box, both of t hem carefully polished. \nThey had been chipped into driftwood shapes. Th ere were li ttle sparkles of iron 25 \npyrites in them like flecks of gold. If they hadn\'t been so heavy, they would \nhave served as a fine pair of men \'s cufflinks-they were that close to being a \nmatched set. \n \nHow much w ork went into creating those two pieces? Hours and hours after \nlights-out, I knew that. First the chipping and shaping, and then the almost \nendless pol ishing and finishing with those rock-blankets. Looking at them, I \nfelt the w armth that any man or woman feels when he or she is looking at \nsomething pr etty, something that has been worked and made- that\'s the thing that \nreally separates us from the animals, I think-and I fel t something else, too. A \nse nse of awe for the man\'s brute persistence. But I ne ver knew just how \npers istent Andy Dufresne could be until much later. \n \nIn May of 1950, the powers that be decided that the roof of the license-plate \nfactory ought to be re-s urfaced with roofing tar. They w anted it done before it \ngot too hot up ther e, and they asked for volunteers for th e work, which was \nplanned to take ab out a week. More than seventy men spoke up, because it was \noutside work and May is one damn fine month for outside wo rk. Nine or ten names \nwere drawn o ut of a hat, and two of them happened to be A ndy\'s and my own. \nFor the nex t week we\'d be marched out to the exercise y ard after breakfast, with \ntwo guards up front and two more behind . . . plus all the gua rds in the towers \nkeeping a weather eye on the proceedings through their fiel d-glasses for goo d \nmeasure. \n \nFour of us would be carrying a big extension ladder on thos e morning marches - I \nalways got a kick out of the way Dickie Betts, who was o n that job, called that \nsort of ladder an extensible - and we\'d put it up against th e side of that low, \nflat building. Then we\'d start bucket-brigad ing hot buckets of tar up to the \nroof. Spill that shit on you and you\'d ji tterbug all the w ay to the infirmary. \nThere were six guards on the project, all of them picked on the basis of \nseniority. It was almost as good as a we ek\'s vacation, because instead of \nsweating it out in the laundry or the pl ate-shop or standi ng over a bunch of \ncons cutting pulp or brush somewhere o ut in the fields, the y were having a \nregular May holiday in the sun, just s itting there with t heir backs up against \nthe low parapet, shooting the bull back and forth. \n \nThey didn\'t even have to keep more than half an eye on u s, because the south \nwall sentry post was close enough so that the fellows u p there could have spit \ntheir chews on us, if they\'d wanted to. If anyone o n t he roof-sealing party had \nmade one funny move, it would take four second s to cut him smack in two with $\n.45$ -caliber machine-gun bullets. So those scr ews just sat there and took their \nease. All they needed was a couple of six -packs buried in c rushed ice, and they \nwould have been the lords of all cre ation. \n \nOne of them was a fellow named Byron Hadley, and in th at year of \nat Shawshank longer than I had. Longer than the last 1950, he\'d been 26 tw o wardens put together, \nas a matter of fact. The fellow running the show in 1950 was a prissy-looking \ndown-east Yankee named George Dunahy. He had a degree in pen al administration. \nNo one liked him, as far as I could tell, except the peopl e who had gotten him his \nappointment. I heard that he was o nly interested in thr ee things: compiling \nstatistics for a book (which was later published by a s mall New England outfit \ncalled Light Side Press, wher e he probably had to pay to have it done), which \nteam won the intramural bas eball championship each Sept ember, and getting a \ndeath-penalty law passed i n Maine. A regular bear for the death penalty was \nGeorge Dunahy. He was fir ed from the job in 1953, when it came out he was \nrunning a discount auto-rep air service down in the prison g arage and splitting \nthe profits with Byron Hadley and Greg Stammas. Hadley a nd Stammas came out of \nthat one okay-they were old hands at keeping their asses covered-but Dunahy took \na walk. No one was sorry to see him go, but nobody was exactly pleased to see \nGreg Stammas step into his shoes, either. He was a sh ort man with a tight, hard \ngut and the coldest brown eyes you ever saw. He always h ad a painful, pursed \nlittle grin on his face, as if he had to go to the bat hroom and couldn\'t quite \nma

nage it. During Stammas\'s tenure as warden there was a lot of brutality at \nShawshank, and although I have no proof, I believe there were maybe half a d ozen \nmoonlight burials in the stand of scrub forest that lie s east of the p rison. \n \nDunahy was bad, but Greg Stammas was a cruel, wretched, c old-hear ted man. \nHe and Byron Hadley were good friends. As warden, George D unahy wa s nothing but \na posturing figurehead; it was Stammas, and through him, Hadl ey, who actually \nadministered the prison. \n \nHadley was a tall, shambling man with thinning red hair . He sunburned easily \nand he talked loud and if you didn\'t move fast enough to suit h im, he\'d clout you \nwith his stick. O n that day, our third on the roof, he was talking to another \nguard named Mer t Entwhistle. \n \nHadley had gotten some amazingly good news, so he was gripi ng about it. That was \nhis style-he was a thankless man with not a good word f or anyone, a man who was \nconvinced that the whole world was against him. T he wo rld had cheated him out of \nthe best years of his life, and the world w ould be more than happy to cheat him \nout of the rest. I have seen some scre ws that I though t were almost saintly, and \nI think I know why that happens -- they are able to see the difference between \ntheir own lives, poor and st ruggling as they might be, and the lives of the men \nthey are paid by the Sta te to watch over. These guards a re able to formulate a \ncomparison concernin g pain. Others can\'t, or won\'t. \n \nFor Byron Hadley there was no basis of comparison. He could sit there, cool and \nat his ease under the warm May su n, and find the gall to mourn his own good luck \nwhile less than ten feet awa y a bunch of men were wo rking and sweating and \nburning their hands on great big buckets filled with bubblin g tar, men who had 27 \nto work so hard in their ordinary round of days that this looked like a respite. \nYou may remem ber the old question, the one that\'s supposed to define your \noutlook on lif e when you answer it. For Byron Hadley th e answer would always be \nhalf empt y, the glass is half empty. Forever and ever, amen. If you gave him a \ncool d rink of apple cider, he\'d think about vinegar. If you t old him his wife \nha d always been faithful to him, he\'d tell you it was b ecause she was so damn \nugly. \n \nSo there he sat, talking to Mert Entwhistle loud enough f or all of us to hear, \nhis broad white forehead already starting to redden with the sun. He had one \nhand thrown back over the low parapet surrounding the roof. The other was on the \nbutt of his .38. \n \nWe all got the story along with Mert. It seemed that H adley\'s older brother had \ngone off to Texas some fou rteen years ago and the rest of the family hadn\'t \nheard from the son of a b itch since. They had all ass umed he was dead, and good \nriddance. Then, a we ek and a half ago, a lawyer had calle d them long-distance \nfrom Austin. It s eemed that Hadley\'s brother had died four months ago, and a \nrich man at th at ("It\'s frigging incredible how lucky som e assholes can get," \nthis parag on of gratitude on the plate-shop roof said). The money had come as a \nresul t of oil and oil-leases, and there was close to a million dollars. \nNo, Hadl ey wasn\'t a millionaire-that might have made e ven him happy, at least \nfor awhile-but the brother had left a pretty damned decen t bequest of \nthirty-fi ve thousand dollars to each surviving member of his family back in \nMaine, i f they could be found. Not bad. Like getting lucky andd winning a \nsweepstake s. \n \nBut to Byron Hadley the glass was always half empty. He spent most of the \nmorning bitching to Mert about the bite that the goddam go vernment was going to \ntake out of his windfall. "They\'ll leave me about enough to buy a new car with," \nhe allowed, "and then what happens? You have to pay the da mn taxes on the car, \nand the repairs and maintenance, you got your goddam kids peste ring you to take \n\'em for a ride with the top down-" \n \n"And to dri ve it, if they\'re old enough," Mert said. Old M ert Entwhistle knew \nwhich s ide his bread was buttered on, and he didn\'t say wh at must have been as \nob vious to him as to the rest of us: If that money\'s worrying you so bad, Byron \nold kid old sock, I\'ll just take it off your hands. After al l, what are fri ends \nfor? \n \n"That\'s right, wanting to drive it, wanting to learn to dr ive on it, for \nChrissake," Byron said with a shudder. "Then what happens at the end of the \nyear? If you figured the tax wrong and you don\'t have enough left over to pay \nthe overdraft, you got to pay out of your own pocket, or ma

ybe even borrow it \nfrom one of those kikey loan agencies. And they audit you anyway, you know. It 28 \ndon\'t matter. And when the government audits yo u, they al ways take more. Who can \nfight Uncle Sam? He puts his hand inside your shirt and sque ezes your tit until \nit\'s purple, and you end up getting the short end. Christ." \n \nHe lapsed into a morose silence, thinking of what terri ble bad luck he\'d had to \ninherit that thirty-five thousand dollars. A ndy Dufresne had been spreading tar \nwith a big brush less than fifteen feet away and now h e tossed it into his \npail and walked over to where Mert and H adley were sittin g. \n \nWe all tightened up, and I saw one of the other scre ws, Tim Youngblood, drag his \nhand down to where his pistol was holstered. On e of the fellows in the sentry \ntower struck his partner on the arm and they both turned, too. For one moment I \nthought Andy was going to get shot, or c lubbed, or both. \n \nThen he said, very softly, to Hadley: "Do you trust your wife?" \n \nHadley just stared at him. He was starting to get red in the face, and I knew \nthat was a bad sign. In about three seconds he was going to pull his billy club \nand give Andy the butt end of it right in the solar plexus, where that big bundle \nof nerves is. A hard enough hit there can kill you, bu t t hey always go for it. If \nit doesn\'t kill you it will paralyze you long enough to for get whatever cute \nmove it was that you had planned. \n \n"Bo y," Hadley said, "I\'ll give you just one chance to pic k up that brush. And \nthen you\'re goin\' off this roof on your head." \n \nAndy just looked at hi m, very calm and still. His eyes w ere like ice. It was as \nif he hadn\'t hea rd. And I found myself wanting to tell hi m how it was, to give \nhim the cras h course. The crash course is you never le t on that you hear the \nguards tal king, you never try to horn in on their convers ation unless you\'re \nasked (and then you always tell them just what they want to hear and shut up \nagai n). Black man, white man, red man, yellow man, in prison it doesn\'t matter \n because we\'ve got our own brand of equality. In prison eve ry con\'s a low lif e, and \nyou have to get used to the idea if you intend to survive m en like H adley and \nGreg Stammas, who really would kill you just as soon as 1 ook at y ou. When you\'re \nin stir you belong to the State and if you forget it, wo e is you. I\'ve known men \nwho\'ve lost eyes, men who\'ve lost toes and finger s; I knew one man who lost the \ntip of his penis and counted himself lucky t hat was all he lost. I wanted to \ntell Andy that it was already too late. He could go back and pick up his brush \nand there would still be some big lug wa iting for him in t he showers that night, \nready to charley-horse both of his legs and leave him writhing on the cement. \nYou could buy a lug like that for a pack of cigarettes or thr ee Baby Ruths. Most \nof all, I wanted to tell him not to make it any worse than it already was. \n \nWhat I did was to keep on running tar out onto the roof as if nothing at all was 29 \nhappening. Lik e everyone else, I look after my own ass f irst. I have to. It\'s \ncracked al ready, and in Shawshank there have always been Hadleys willing to \nfinish th e job of breaking it. \n \nAndy said, "Maybe I put it wrong. Whether you trust her or not is immaterial. \nThe problem is whether or not you believe she wou ld eve r go behind your back, \ntry to hamstring you." \n \nHadley got Up. Me rt got up. Tim Youngblood got up. Hadley\'s face was as red as \nthe side of a brick house. "Your only problem," he said, "is going to be how many \nbones you still got unbroken. You can count them in the i nfirmary. Come on, \nMert. We\'re throwing this sucker over the side." \n \nTim Youngblood drew his gun. The rest of us kept tarring like mad. The sun beat \ndown. They were going to do it; Hadley and Mert were simpl y going to pitch him \nover the side. Terrib le accident. Dufresne, prisoner 81433-S HNK, was taking a \ncouple of empties down and slipped on the ladder. Too bad. \n \nThey laid hold of him, Mert on t he right arm, Hadley on the left. Andy didn\'t \nresist. His eyes never left Hadley\'s red face. \n \n"If you\'ve got your thumb on her, Mr. Hadley," he sa id in that same calm, \ncomposed voice, "there\'s not a reason why you should n\'t have every cent of that \nmoney. Final score, Mr. Byron Hadley thirty-fiv e tho usand, Uncle Sam zip." \n Mert started to drag him toward the edge. \n \nHadley just stood there. For a moment Andy was like a ro pe between them in a tug-of-war \ngame. Then Hadley said, "Hold on one second, Mert. What do you mea

n, boy?" \n \n"I mean, if you\'ve got your thumb on your wife, you can gi ve i t to her, "Andy \nsaid. \n \n"You better start making sense, boy, or you\'re going over ." \n \n"The IRS allows you a one-time-only gift to your spouse, " Andy said. "It\'s good \nup to sixty thousand dollars." \n \nHadley was now 1 ooking at Andy as if he had been poleaxed. \n \n"Naw, that ain\'t right," he said. "Tax free?" \n \n"Tax free," Andy said. "IRS can\'t touch cent one." \n"How would you know a thing like that?" \n 30 \nTim Youngblood said: "He used to be a banker, Byron. I s\'po se he might-" \n \n"Shut ya head, Trout," Hadley said without looking at him. \n \nTim Youngblood flushed and shut up. Some of the guards called h im Trout because of \nhis thick lips and buggy eye s. Hadley kept looking at Andy. "Y ou\'re the smart \nbanker who shot his wif e. Why should I believe a smart banker like you? So I can \nwind up in here b reaking rocks right alongside you? You\'d like t hat, wouldn\'t \nyou?" \n \n Andy said quietly: "If you went to jail for tax evasion, you\'d go to a federa 1 \npenitentiary, not Shawshank. But you won\'t. The tax-fre e gift to the spo use is a \nperfectly legal loophole. I\'ve done dozens . . . no, hundr eds of them. It\'s \nmeant primarily for people with small businesses to pass on, or for people who \ncome into one-time-only windfalls. Like yourself." \n \n"I t hink you\'re lying," Hadley said, but he didn\'t-you could s ee he didn\'t. \n There was an emotion dawning on his face, something th at was grotesque overlyi ng \nthat long, ugly countenance and that receding, sunburned brow . An almost obscene \nemotion when seen on the features of Byron Hadley. It was hope. \n \n"No, I\'m not lying. There\'s no reason why you should ta ke my word for it, \neither. Engage a lawyer-" \n \n"Ambulance-chasing highway-robbing sob's!" Ha dley cried. \n \nAndy shrugged. "Then go to the IRS. They\'ll tell you the s a me thing for free. \nActually, you don\'t need me to tell you at all. You woul d h ave investigated the \nmatter for yourself." \n \n"You're right. I don\'t need any smart wife-killing banker to show me where the \nbears go in the wood s." \n \n"You\'ll need a tax lawyer or a banker to set up the gift for you and that will \ncost you something," Andy said. "Or . . . if you were in terested, I\'d be glad to \nset it up for you nearly free of charge. The price would b e three beers apiece \nfor my co-workers-" \n \n"Co-workers," Mert said, and le t out a rusty guffaw. He sl apped his knee. A real \nknee-slapper was old Mer t, and I hope he died of intestinal cancer in a part of \nthe world where mor phine is as of yet undiscovered. "Co-workers, ain\'t that \ncute? Co-workers! You ain\'t got any-" \n \n"Shut your friggin trap," Hadley growled, and Mert s hut. Hadle y looked at Andy \nagain. "What was you saying 31 \n \n"I was s aying that I\'d only ask three beers apiece for my coworkers, if that \nseems fair," Andy said. "I think a man feels more like a man when he\'s working \nou t of doors in the springtime if he can have a bottle of suds. That\'s only my \nopinion. It would go down smooth, and I\'m sure you\'d have th eir gratitud e." \n \nI have talked to some of the other men who were up ther e that day -Rennie Martin, \nLogan St. Pierre, and Paul Bonsaint were three of them - and we all saw the same \nthing then . . . felt the same thing. Suddenly it was An dy who had the upper \nhand. It was Hadley who had the gun on his hip and the bil ly in his hand, Hadley \nwho had his friend Greg Stammas behind him and th e whole prison administration \nbehind Stammas, the whole power of the State behind th at, but all at once in \nthat golden sunshine it didn\'t matter, and I felt my hear t leap up in my chest \nas it never had since the truck drove m e and four others through the gate back \nin 1938 and I stepped out into the e xercise yard. \n \nAndy was looking at Hadley with those cold, clear, calm eye s, and it wasn\'t just \nthe thirty-five thousand then, we all agreed on that. I \'ve played it over and \nover in my mind and I know. It was man against ma n, and Andy simply forced \nhim, the way a strong m an can force a weaker man\'s wr ist to the table in a game \nof Indian rasseli ng. There was no reason, you see, why Hadley couldn\'t\'ve given \n Mert the n od at that very minute, pitched Andy overside o nto his head, and still \ntake n Andy\'s advice. No reason. But he didn\'t. \n \n"I could get you all a coup le of beers if I wanted to," Ha dley said. "A beer \ndoes taste good while you \'re working The colossal bastard even managed to sound \nmagnanimous. \n

said. \nHis eyes were Axed unwinkingly on Hadley\'s. "Make the gift to your w ife if \nyou\'re sure. If you think there\'s even a chance she migh t double-c ross you or \nbackshoot you, we could work out something else -- " \n \n"Doub le-cross me?" Hadley asked harshly. "Double-cross m e? Mr. Hotshot Banker, \ni f she ate her way through a boxcar of Ex-Lax, she wo uldn\'t dare fart unless I \ngave her the nod." \n \nMert, Youngblood, and the other screws yucked it up dutifully. Andy never \ncracked a smile. \n \n"I\'ll write down the forms you need," he said. "You can get them at the post \noffice, and I\'ll fill them ou t for your signature." \n \nThat sounded suitably important, and Hadley\'s che st swelle d. Then he glared \naround at the rest of us and hollered, "What are you jimm ies starin at? Move 32 \nyour asses, goddammit!" He looked back at Andy. "You come ov er here with me, \nhotshot. And listen to me well: if you \'re messin' me somehow, you\'re gonna find \nyourself chasing your own head a round Shower C before the week\'s out." \n \n"Yes, I understand that," Andy s aid softly. \n \nAnd he did understand it. The way it turned out, he understoo d a lot more than I \ndid - more than any of us did. \n \nThat\'s how, on the second-to-last day of the job, the convict crew that tarred \nthe plate-facto ry roof in 1950 ended up sitting in a row at t en o\'clock on a \nspring morni ng, drinking Black Label beer supplied by the harde st screw that \never walke d a turn at Shawshank State Prison. That beer was warm, but it \nwas still th e best I ever had in my life. We sat and drank it and felt the sun \non our sh oulders, and not even the expression of half-am usement, half-contempt \non Ha dley\'s face-as if he were watching apes drink beer instead of men-could \nspo il it. It lasted twenty minutes, that beer-break, an d for those twenty \nminu tes we felt like free men. We could have been drinkin g beer and tarring the \nroof of one of our own houses. \n \nOnly Andy didn\'t drink. I already told you about his drinking h abits. He sat \nhunkered down in the shade, hands dan gling between his knees, watching us and \nsmiling a little. It\'s amazing ho w many men remember him that way, and amazing \nhow many men were on that work -crew when Andy Dufresne faced down Byron Hadley. \nI thought there were nine or ten of us, but by 1955 there m ust have been two \nhundred of us, maybe mor e . . . if you believed what you h eard. \n \nSo, yeah-if you asked me to give you a flat-out answer to the question of \nwhether I\'m trying to tell you ab out a man or a legend t hat got made up around \nthe man, like a pearl around a little piece of grit-I\'d ha ve to say that the \nanswer lies somewhere in b etween. All I know for sure is that Andy Dufresne \nwasn\'t much like me or a nyone else I ever knew since I came inside. He brought \nin five hundred doll ars jammed up his back porch, but somehow that graymeat son \nof a bitch mana ged to bring in something else as well. A sense of his own worth, \nmaybe, or a feeling that he would be the winner in the end . . . or maybe it was \nonly a sense of freedom, even inside these goddamned gray walls. It was a kind \nof inner light he carried around with him. I only knew h im to lose that light \n \n \nBy World Series time of 1950-this was the year the Phila delphia Whiz Kids \ndropped four straight, you will remember-Andy was having no more t rouble from \nthe sisters. Stammas and Hadley had passed the word. If A ndy Du fresne came to \neither of them, or any of the other screws that for med a par t of their coterie, \nand showed so much as a single drop of blood in his unde rpant s, every sister in \nShawshank would go to bed that night with a headach e. They didn\'t fight it. As I \nhave pointed out, there was always an eighte en-year old car thief or a firebug \nor some guy who\'d gotten his kicks handl ing little children. After the day on \nthe plate-shop roof, Andy went his wa y and the sisters went theirs. \n \nHe was working in the library then, under a tough old con named Brooks Hatlen. \nHatlen had gotten the job back in the 1 ate twenties be cause he had a college \neducation. Brooksie\'s degree was in animal husbandry, true enough, but college \neducations in institutes of lower learning like The Shan k are so rare that it\'s \na case of beggars not being able to be choosers. \n \nIn 1952 Brooksie, who had killed his wife and daught er after a losing streak at \npoker back when Coolidge was President, was paro

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led. As usual , the State in all \nits wisdom had let him go long after any ch ance he might have had to become a \nuseful part of society was gone. He was sixty-eight and a rthritic when he \ntottered out of the main gate in his Poli sh suit and his French shoes, his \nparole papers in one hand and a Greyhound bus ticket in the other. He was crying \nwhen he left. Shawshank was his worl d. What lay beyon d its walls was as terrible \nto Brooks as the Western Seas had been to superstitious fifteenth-century \nsailors. In prison, Brooksie had been a person of some importance. He was the \nlibrarian, an educated man. If he went to the Kittery library and asked for a \njob, they wouldn\'t even give him a library card. I hear d he died in a home for \nindigent old folks up Fre eport way in 1953, and at that he last ed about six \nmonths longer than I tho ught he would. Yeah, I guess the S tate got its own back \non Brooksie, all ri ght. They trained him to like it ins ide the shithouse and \nthen they threw h im out. \n \nAndy succeeded to Brooksie\'s job, and he was librarian fo r twen ty-three years. \nHe used the same force of will I\'d seen him use on Byro n H adley to get what he \nwanted for the library, and I saw him gradually turn on e small room (which still \nsmelled of turpentine because it had been a paint closet until 1922 and had \nnever been properly aired) lined with Reader\'s Di gest Con densed Books and \nNational Geographies into the best prison library in N ew England. \n \nHe did it a step at a time. He put a suggestion box by t he door and patiently \nweeded out such attempts at humor as More Fuk-Boox Ple eze a nd Excape in 10 EZ \nLesions. He got hold of the things the prisoners se emed serious about. He wrote \nto the major book clubs in New York and got two of them, The Literary Guild and \nThe Book-of-the-Month Club, to send edition s of all the ir major selections to us 34 \nat a special cheap rate. He dis covered a hunger for infor mation on such small \nhobbies as soap-carving, woo dworking, sleight of hand, and card solitaire. He \ngot all the books he could on such subjects. And those two jailhouse staples, \nErie Stanley Gardner and Louis L\'Amour. Cons never seem to get enough of the \ncourtroom or the open range. And yes, he did keep a box of fairly spicy \npaperbacks under the check out desk, loaning them out carefully and making sure \nthey always got back. E ven so, each new acquisition of that type was quickly \nread to tatters. \n \nHe began to write to the State Senate in Augusta in 1954. S tammas was warden by \nthen, and he used to pretend Andy was some sort of mascot . He was always in the \nlibrary, shooting the bull with Andy, and sometimes he\' d even throw a paternal \narm around Andy\'s shoulders or give him a goose. He didn\'t f oo l anybody. Andy \nDufresne was no one\'s mascot. \n \nHe told Andy that maybe he\'d been a banker on the outside , but that part of his \nlife was receding rapidly into his past and he had better get a hold on the \nfacts of prison li fe. As far as that bunch of jumped-up Re publican Rotarians in \nAugusta was c oncerned, there were only three viable expe nditures of the \ntaxpayers\' mone y in the field of prisons and correction s. Number one was more \nwalls, numbe r two was more bars, and number three was more guards. As far as the \nState S enate was concerned, Stammas explained, the folks in Thomastan and \nShawshan k and Pittsfield and South Portland were the scum of the earth. They \nwere th ere to do hard time, and by God and Sonny Jesus, i t was hard time they \nwere going to do. And if there were a few weevils in th e bread, wasn\'t that just \ntoo fucking bad? \n \nAndy smiled his small, composed smile and asked Stamma s wh at would happen to a \nblock of concrete if a drop of water fell on it on ce e very year for a million \nyears. Stammas laughed and clapped Andy on the back. "You got no million years, \nold horse, but if you did, I bleeve you\'d do it with that s ame little grin on \nyour face. You go on and write your let ters. I\'ll even m ail them for you if you \npay for the stamps." \n \nWhich Andy did. And he had the last laugh, although Stammas and Hadley weren\'t \nar ound to see it. Andy\'s requests for library funds were r outinely turned down \nuntil 1960, when he received a check for two hundred dollars-t he Senate prob ably \nappropriated it in hopes that he would shut up and go away. Vai n hope. Andy felt \nthat he had finally gotten one foot in the door and he simply redo ubled his \nefforts; two letters a week instead of one. In 1962 he got four h undred dollars, \nand for the rest of the decade the library received sev en h

undred dollars a year \nlike clockwork. By 1971 that had risen to an even thou sand. N ot much stacked up \nagainst what your average small-town library rece ives, I guess, but a thousand \nbucks can buy a lot of recycled Perry Mason s tories and Jake Logan Westerns. By \nthe time Andy left, you could go into the library (expande d from its original 35 \npaint-locker to three rooms), and find just about anythin g you\'d want. And if \nyou couldn\'t find it, chances were good that Andy could get i t for you. \n \nNow you\'re asking yourself if all this came about just be cause Andy told Byron \nHadley how to save the tax es on his windfall inherita nce. The answer is yes. \nAnd no. You can probabl y figure out what happened for yoursel f. \n \nWord got around that Shawshank was housing its very own pet financial wizard. In \nthe late spring and the s ummer of 1950, Andy set up two trust f unds for guards \nwho wanted to assure a college education for their kids, h e advised a couple of \nothers who wante d to take small fliers in common stock (and they did pretty damn \nwell, as t hings turned out; one of them did so well he was able to take an early \nreti rement two years later), and I\'ll be damned if he didn\'t advise the warden \nhimself, old Lemon Lips George Dunahy, on how to go about setting up a \nta x-shelter for himself. That was just before Dunahy got the bum\'s rush, and I \nbelieve he must have been dreaming about all the millio ns his book was going to \nmake him. By April of 1951, Andy was doing the tax returns fo r half the screws \nat Shawshank, and by 1952, he was doing almost all of them. He was p aid in what \nmay be a prison\'s most valuable coin: simple good will. \n \nLa ter on, after Greg Stammas took over the warden\'s of fice, Andy became even \nmore important-but if I tried to tell you the specifics of just how, I\'d be \nguessing. There are some things I know about and others I can only guess at. I \nknow that there were some prisoners who received all s orts of special \n considerations-radios in their cells, extraordinary vi siting privileges, thing s \nlike that-and there were people on the outside who were pa ying for them t o have \nthose privileges. Such people are known as "angels" by the prisoner s. All at \nonce some fellow would be excused from working in the plat e-shop on Saturday \nforenoons, and you\'d know that fellow had an angel out the re w ho\'d coughed up a \nchunk of dough to make sure it happened. The way it usual ly wor ks is that the \nangel will pay the bribe to some middle-level screw, a n d the screw will spread \nthe grease both up and down the administrative lad der. \n \nThen there was the discount auto-repair service that la id Warden Du nahy low. It \nwent underground for awhile and then emerged stronger than e ve r in the late \nfifties. And some of the contractors that worked at th e priso n from time to time \nwere paying kickbacks to the top administration official s, I\'m pretty sure, and \nthe same was almost certainly true of the companie s w hose equipment was bought \nand installed in the laundry and the license-p late shop and the stamping-mill \nthat was built in 1963. \n \nBy the late s ixties there was also a booming trade in pills, and the same \nadministrative crowd was involved in turning a buck on tha t. All of it added up \nto a prett y good-sized river of illicit income. Not like the pile of clandestine \nbuck s that must fly around a really big prison like Attica or San Quentin, but \nnot peanuts, either. And money itself becomes a problem after awhile. You ca n\'t \njust stuff it into your wallet and then shell out a bunch of crumpled twenties \nand dog-eared tens when you want a pool built in your back y ard or an addition \nput on your house. Once you get past a certain point, you ha ve to explain where \nthat money came from . . . and if your explanations ar en \'t convincing enough, \nyou\'re apt to wind up wearing a number yourself. \n \nSo there was a need for Andy\'s services. They took him out of the laundry a nd \ninstalled him in the library, but if you wanted to look at it another wa y, they \nnever took him out of the laundry at all. They just set him to work washing \ndirty money instead of dirty sheets He funneled it into stocks, bond s, tax-free \nmunicipals, you name it. \n \nHe told me once about ten years a fter that day on the plate-shop roof that his \nfeelings about what he was doi ng were pretty clear, and t hat his conscience was \nrelatively untroubled. Th e rackets would have gone on with him or without him. \nHe had not asked to b e sent to Shawshank, he went on; h e was an innocent man who \nhad been victim

ized by colossal bad luck, not a missiona ry or a do-gooder. \n \n"Besides, Re d," he told me with that same half-grin, "w hat I\'m doing in here \nisn\'t al 1 that different from what I was doing outside. I\'ll hand you a pretty \ncyni cal axiom: the amount of expert financial help an individual or company \nneed s rises in direct proportion to how many people that person or business is \ns crewing. \n \n"The people who run this place are stupid, brutal monsters for t he most part. \nThe people who run the straight world are brutal and monst rou s, but they happen \nnot to be quite as stupid, because the standard of compet enc e out there is a \nlittle higher. Not much, but a little. " \n \n"But the pills," I said. "I don\'t want to tell you your b usiness, but they make \nme nervous. Reds, uppers, downers, Nembutals- now they\'ve got these things they \ncall Phase Fours. I won\'t get anything like that. Never have." \n \n"No," Andy said. "I don\'t like the pills, either. Never have. But I\'m not much \no f a one for cigarettes or booze, either. But I don\'t push the pills. I don\'t \nbring them in, and I don\'t sell them once they are in. Mostly it\'s the scr re. What it co mes down to, Red, is some \npeople refuse to get their hands di rty at all. That\'s cal led sainthood, and the \npigeons land on your shoulder s and crap all over your shirt. The other extreme \nis to take a bath in the dirt and deal any goddamned thing t hat will turn a 37 \ndollar-guns, switc hblades big H. what the hell. You ever have a con come up to \nyou and offer y ou a contract?" \n \nI nodded. It\'s happened a lot of times over the years. Y o u are, after all, the \nman who can get it. And they figure if you can get t $hem\ b$ atteries for their $\ensuremath{\,^{\backslash}} ntransistor\ radios\ or\ cartons\ of\ Luckies\ or\ lids\ of$ reef er, you can put them in \ntouch with a guy who\'ll use a knife. "Sure you have," Andy agreed. "But you \ndon\'t do it. Because guys like us, Red, we kno w there\'s a th ird choice. An \nalternative to staying simon-pure or bathing in the fil th and the slime. It\'s \nthe alternative that grown-ups all over t he world pick. Y ou balance off your \nwalk through the hog-wallow against wha t it gains you. You choose the lesser of \ntwo evils and try to keep your good intentions in front o f you. And I guess you \njudge how well you\'re doing by how well you sleep at night . . . and what your \n are like. " \n \n"G ood intentions," I said, and laughed. "I know all about t hat Andy. A fellow \ncan toddle right off to hell on that road." \n \n"Don\'t you believe it," he said, growing somber. "This is hell right here. Right \nhere in The Shank. The y sell pills and I tell them wha t to do with the money. \nBut I\'ve also got the library, and I know of over two do zen guys who have used \nthe books in t here to help them pass their high school equivalency tests. Maybe \nwhen they get out of here they\'ll be able to crawl of f the shit heap. When we \nneeded that second room back in 1957, I got it. Because they want to keep me \nhappy. I work cheap. That\'s the trade-off." \n \n"And you\'ve got your own private q uarters." \n \n"Sure. That\'s the way I like it." \n \nThe prison population had risen slowly all through the fif ties, and it damn near \nexploded in the sixties, what with every college-age kid in America wanting to \ntry dope and the perfectly ridiculous penalties for the use of a little reefer. \nBut in al 1 that time Andy never had a cellmate, except for a big, silent Indian \nnamed Normaden (like all Indians in The Shank, he was called Chief), and \nNormaden didn\'t last long. A lot of the other long-timer s thought Andy was \ncrazy, b ut Andy just smiled. He lived alone and he liked it that way . . . and \nas h e\'d said, they liked to keep him happy. He worked cheap. \n \nPrison time is slow time, sometimes you\'d swear it\'s stop-time, but it pass es. It passes. \nGeorge Dunahy departed the scene in a welter of newspaper head lines shouting \nSCANDAL and NEST-FEATHERING. Stammas succeeded him, and for the next six \nyears Shawshank was a kind of living hell. During the rei gn of Greg Stammas the beds in \nthe infirmary and the cells in the Solitary Wing wer e always full. \n 38 \nOne day in 1958 I looked at myself in a small shavi ng mirro r I kept in my cell \nand saw a forty-year-old man looking back at m e. A kid had come in back in 1938, \na kid with a big mop of carroty red hair, half-crazy wit h remorse, thinking \nabout suicide. That kid was gone. The red hair was going gray and starting to \nrecede. There were crow\'s tracks aroun

d the eyes. On th at day I could see an old \nman inside, waiting his time to come out. It scared me. Nobody wants to grow old \nin stir. \n \nStammas wen t early in 1959. There had been several inves tigative reporters \nsniffing ar ound, and one of them even did four months under an assumed name, for \na crim e made up out of whole cloth. They were getting rea dy to drag out \nSCANDAL a nd NEST-FEATHERING again, but before they coul d bring the hammer \ndown on hi m, Stammas ran. I can understand that; boy, c an I ever. If he had been tried \nand convicted, he could have ended up right in here. If so, he might have las ted all \nof five hours. Byron Hadley had gone two years earlier. The sucker had a heart \nattack and took an early retirement. \n \nAndy never got touche d by the Stammas affair. In early 1959 a new warden was \nappointed, and a new assistant warden, and a new chief of guards. For the next \neight months or s o, Andy was just another con again. It was during that period \nthat Normade n, the big half-breed Passamaquoddy, shared Andy \'s cell with him. \nThen eve rything just started up again. Normaden was moved o ut, and Andy was \nliving in solitary splendor again. The names at the top change, but the rackets \nnev er do. \n \nI talked to Normaden once about Andy. "Nice Della," Norm aden sai d. It was hard \nto make out anything he said because he had a harelip and a cleft palate; his \nwords all came out in a slush. "I liked it there. He nev e r made fun. But he \ndidn\'t want me there. I could tell." Big shrug. "I was g lad to go, me. Bad draft \nin that cell. All the time cold. He don\'t let nob ody t ouch his things. That\'s \nokay. Nice man, never made fun. But big draf t." \n VIII \n 39 \nRita Hayworth hung in Andy\'s cell until 1955, if I remember right. Then it was \nMarilyn Monroe, that picture from The Seven-Year Itch wh ere she\'s standing over \na subway grating and the warm air is flipping her s kirt up. M arilyn lasted until \n1960, and she was considerably tattered about the edges when Andy replaced her \nwith Jayne Mansfield. Jayne was, you should pardon the ex pression, a bust. After \nonly a year or so she was replaced wit h an English act ress-might have been Hazel \nCourt, but I\'m not sure. In 196 6 that one came down and Raquel Welch went up for \na record breaking six-yea r engagement in Andy\'s cell. The last poster to hang \nthere was a pretty co untry-rock singer whose name was L inda Ronstadt. \n \nI asked him once what t he posters meant to him, and he gave me a peculiar, \nsurprised sort of look. "Why, they mean the same thing to me as they do to most \ncons, I guess," he said. "Freedom. You look at those prett y women and you feel \nlike you could almost . . . not quite but almost . . . ste p right through and be \nbeside th em. Be free. I guess that\'s why I always liked Raquel Welch the best. \nIt wa sn\'t just her; it was that beach she was standin g on. Looked like she was down in Mexico somewhere. Someplace quiet, where a man would be able to hear \nhimself think. Didn\'t you ever feel that way about a pic ture, Red? That you \ncould almost step right through it?" \n \nI said I\'d never really thought o f it that way. \n \n"Maybe someday you\'ll see what I mean," he said, and he was right. Years later I \nsaw exactly what he meant . . . and when I did, the fi rst thing I thought of was \nNormaden, and about how he\'d said it was alwa ys cold in A ndy\'s cell. \n \nA terrible thing happened to Andy in late March or early April of 1963. I have \ntold you that he had something that most of the other pr isoners, myself \nincluded, seemed to lack. Call it a sense of eq uanimity, o r a feeling of inner \npeace, maybe even a constant and unwavering faith that someday the long \nnightmare would end. \n \nWhatever you want to call it, Andy Dufresne always see med to have his act \ntogether. There was no ne of that sullen desperation abo ut him that seems to \nafflict most lifers a fter awhile; you could never smel 1 hopelessness on him. \n \nUntil that late winter of \'63. \n \nWe had another warden by then, a man named Samuel Norto n. The Mathers, Cotton \nand Increase, would have felt right at home with Sam No rton. So far as I know, \nno one had ever seen him so much as crack a smil e. He had a thirty-year pin from \nthe Baptist Advent Church of Eliot. His maj or innovati on as the head of our \nhappy family was to make sure that each in coming prisoner had a New Testament. \nHe had a small plaque on his desk, gol d letters inlaid in te akwood, which said \nCHRIST IS MY SAVIOR. A sampler on

the wall, made by h is wife, read: 40 \n \n HIS JUDGMENT COMETH AND THAT RIGHT EARLY. HIS JUDGMENT COMETH AND THAT RIGHT EARLY. HIS JUDG MENT COMETH AND THAT RIGHT EARLY. HIS JUDGMENT COMETH AND THAT RIGHT EARLY. \n \nThis latter sentiment cut zero ice with most of us. \n \nWe felt that the ju dgment had already occurred, and we would be willing to \ntestify with the bes t of them that the rock would not hide us nor the dead tree \ngive us shelter. He had a Bible quote for every occasion , did Mr. Sam Norton, \nand whenever y ou meet a man like that, my best advice t o you would be to grin \nbig and cov er up your balls with both hands. \n \nThere were less infirmary cases than in the days of Greg Stammas, and so far as \nI know the moonlight burials ceased altogether, but this is not to say that \nNorton was not a believer in punishm ent. Solitary was always well populated. Men \nlost their teeth not from beat ings but from bread and w ater diets. It began to \nbe called grain and drain, as in "I\'m on the Sam Norton grain and drain train, \nboys." \n \nThe man wa s the foulest hypocrite that I ever saw in a high position. The \nrackets I to ld you about earlier continued to flourish, but Sam Norton added his \nown ne w wrinkles. Andy knew about them all, and because w e had gotten to be \nprett y good friends by that time, he let me in on some of them. When Andy talked \n about them, an expression of amused, disgusted wonder would co me over his fac e, \nas if he were telling me about some ugly, predatory specie s of bug that was, by \nits very ugliness and greed, somehow more comic than ter rible. \n \nIt was Warden Norton who instituted the "Inside-Out" progr am you may have re ad \nabout some sixteen or seventeen years back; it was ev en written up in Ne wsweek. \nIn the press it sounded like a real advance in practical c orrection s and \nrehabilitation. There were prisoners out cutting pulpwood, prisoners r epairing \nbridges and causeways, prisoners constructing potato cellar s. Nort on called it \n"Inside-Out" and was invited to explain it to damn near e very Rotary and Kiwanis \nclub in New England, especially after he got his picture in Newsweek. The \nprisoners called it "road-ganging," but so far as I know, n one of them were ever \ninvited to express their views to the Kiwanians or t h e Loyal Order of Moose. \n \nNorton was right in there on every operation, th irty- year churchpin and all; \nfrom cutting pulp to digging storm-drains to 1 aying new culvert s under state \nhighways, there was Norton, skimming off the top. There were a hundred ways to \ndo it-men, materials, you name it. But he had it coming another way, as well. \nThe construction businesses in the area were deathly a fraid of Norton\'s \nInside-Out program, because prison labor i s slave labor, and you can't compete \nwith that. So Sam Norton, he of the Te staments and t he thirty-year church-pin, \nwas passed a good many thick envel opes under the table during his sixteen-year \ntenure as Shawshank\'s warden. And when an envelope was pa ssed, he would either 41 \noverbid the project, not bid at all, or claim that all his Inside-Outers were \ncommitted elsewher e. It has always been something of a wonder to me that Norton \nwas never foun d in the trunk of a Thunderbird parked off a hi ghway somewhere \ndown in Mass achusetts with his hands tied behind his bac k and half a dozen \nbullets in h is head. \n \nAnyway, as the old barrelhouse song says, My God, how t he money rolled in. \nNorton must have subscribed to the old Puritan notion th at the b est way to \nfigure out which folks God favors is by checking their ban k acco unts. \n \nAndy Dufresne was his right hand in all of this, his si lent partne r. The prison \nlibrary was Andy\'s hostage to fortune. Norton knew it, and No rton used it. Andy \ntold me that one of Norton\'s favorite aphorisms was O ne hand washes the other. \nSo Andy gave good advice and made useful suggestions. I can\'t s ay for sure that \nhe handtooled Norton\'s Inside-Out program, but I\'m damned sur e he processed the \nmoney for the Jesus-shouting son of a who re. He gave goo d advice, made useful \nsuggestions, the money got spread arou nd, and . . . son of a bitch! The library \nwould get a new set of automotive repair manuals, a fresh set of Grolier \nEncyclopedias, books on how to prepa re for the Scholasti c Achievement Tests. \nAnd, of course, more Erle Stanley Gardners and more Loui s L\'Amours. \n \nAnd I\'m convinced that what happened happened because Norton just didn\'t want to \nlose his good right hand. I\'l 1 go further: it happened becau se he was scared of \nwhat might happen-what A

ndy might say against him-if Andy ever got clear of \nShawshank State Prison. \n \nI got the story a chunk here and a chunk there over a spac e of seven year s, some \nof it from Andy-but not all. He never wanted to talk ab out that par t of his \nlife, and I don\'t blame him. I got parts of it from may be half a dozen different \nsources. I\'ve said once that prisoners are nothing but s la ves, but they have \nthat slave habit of looking dumb and keeping their ears o pen . I got it backwards \nand forwards and in the middle, but I\'ll give it t o you fro m point A to point Z. \nand maybe you\'ll understand why the man spe nt about ten mo nths in a bleak, \ndepressed daze. See, I don\'t think he knew the truth until 1963, fifteen years \nafter he came into this sweet little he llhole. Unti 1 he met Tommy Williams, I \ndon\'t think he knew how bad it coul d get. \n \nTommy Williams joined our happy little Shawshank family in Novembe r of 1962. \nTommy thought of himself as a native of Massachusetts, but he wa sn\'t proud; in \nhis twenty-seven years he\'d done time all over New En glan d. He was a \nprofessional thief, and as you may have guessed, my own f eeling was that he \nshould have picked another profession. \n \nHe was a married ma n, and his wife came to visit each and every week. She had an \nidea that thi ngs might go better with Tommy- and consequen tly better with their ree-year-old son and herself- if he got his high scho ol degree. She talked him \ninto it, and so Tommy Williams started visiting the li brary on a regular bas is. \n \nFor Andy, this was an old routine by then. He saw that Tommy got a s eries of \nhigh school equivalency tests. Tommy would brush up on the subjects he had \npassed in high school-there weren\'t many-and then take t he test. An dy also saw \nthat he was enrolled in a number of correspondence cours es cove ring the subjects \nhe had failed in school or just missed by dropping out. \n \nHe probably wasn\'t the best student Andy ever took over the jumps, and I don\'t \nknow if he ever did get his high school diploma, but that f orms no p art of my \nstory. The important thing was that he came to like An dy Dufresne very much, as \nmost people did after awhile. \n \nOn a couple of occasions he asked Andy "what a smart guy l ike you is doing in \nthe joint"-a question whi ch is the rough equivalent of th at one that goes \n"What\'s a nice girl like you doing in a place like this?" But Andy wasn\'t the \ntype to tell him; he w ould only smile and turn the conve rsation into some other \nchannel. Quite no rmally, Tommy asked someone else, and when he finally got the \nstory, I guess he also got the shock of his young life. \n \nThe person he asked was his partn er on the laundry\'s stea m ironer and folder. \nThe inmates call this device the mangler, because that \'s exactly what it will do \nto you if you aren\'t paying attention and get your bad self caught in it. His \npartner was Charli e Lathrop, who had been in for about twelve years on a murder \ncharge. He was more than glad to reheat the details of the Dufresne murder trial \nfor Tommy; it broke the monotony of pulling freshly pres sed bedsheets out of the \nmachi ne and tucking them into the basket. He was just gett ing to the jury \nwaitin g until after lunch to bring in their guilty verdict when the trouble \nwhist le went off and the mangle grated to a stop. They h ad been feeding in \nfresh ly washed sheets from the Eliot Nursing Home at the far end; these were \nspa t out dry and neatly pressed at Tommy\'s and Charlie\'s e nd at the rate of one \nevery five seconds. Their job was to grab them, fold t hem, and slap them int o \nthe cart, which had already been lined with clean brow n paper. \n \nBut T ommy Williams was just standing there, staring at C harlie Lathrop, his \nmout h unhinged all the way to his chest. He was standing in a drift of sheets \nth at had come through clean and which were now sopping up al 1 the wet muck on \nthe floor-and in a laundry wetwash, there\'s plenty of m uck. \n \nSo the hea d bull that day, Homer Jessup, comes rushing ove r, bellowing his head \noff a nd on the prod for trouble. Tommy took no notice of him. He spoke to \nCharli e as if old Homer, who had busted more heads than he could probably count, \nh adn\'t been there. \n 43 \n"What did you say that golf pro\'s name was?" \n \n"Quentin," Charlie answered back, all confused and upset by now. He later sa id \nthat the kid was as white as a truce flag. "Glenn Quenti n, I think. Some thing \nlike that, anyway-" \n \n"Here now, here now," Homer Jessup roared, h is neck as red as a roosters comb. \n"Get them sheets in cold water! Get quic

k! Get quick, by J esus, you-" \n \n"Glenn Quentin, oh my God," Tommy Williams said, and th at was all he got to say \nbecause Homer Jessup, that least peace able of men, brough t his billy down behind \nhis ear. Tommy hit the floor so hard he broke off thr ee of his front teeth. When \nhe woke up he was in solit ary, and confined to same for a week, riding a boxcar \non Sam Norton\'s famou s grain and drain train. Plus a bla ck mark on his report \ncard. \n \nThat wa s in early February of 1963, and Tommy Williams we nt around to six or \nseven other long-timers after he got out of solitary a nd got pretty much the \nsame story. I know; I was one of them. But when I aske d him why he wanted it, he \njust clammed up. \n \nThen one day he went to the library and spilled one hel luva big budget of \ninformation to Andy Dufresne. And for the first and las t time, at least since he \nhad approached me about the Rita Hayworth poster lik e a kid buying his first \n pack of Trojans, Andy lost his cool . . . only this ti me he blew it entirely. \n \nI saw him later that day, and he looked like a man who h as stepped on the \nbusiness end of a rake and given himself a good one, whap b etween the eyes. His \nhands were trembling, and when I spoke to h im, he didn\'t a nswer. Before that \nafternoon was out he had caught up with Billy Hanlon, who was the head screw, \nand set up an appointment with Warden Norton for the foll owing day. He told me \nlater that he didn\'t sleep a wink all that night; he just listened to a cold \nwinter wind howling outside, wat ched the searchlights go a round and around, \nputting long, moving shadows on the cement walls of the c age he had called home \nsince Harry Truman was Pres ident, and tried to think it all out. He said it was \nas if Tommy had produce d a key which fit a cage in the bac k of his mind, a cage \nlike his own cell. Only instead of holding a man, that cage held a tiger, and \nthat tiger\'s nam e was Hope. Williams had produced the key t hat unlocked the cage \nand the ti ger was out, willy-nilly, to roam his brain. \n \nFour years before, Tommy Wil liams had been arrested in Rhode Island, driving a \nstolen car that was full of stolen merchandise. Tommy turned in his accomplice, \nthe DA played ball, and he got a lighter sentence . . . two to four, with time \nserved. Eleven mo nths after beginning his term, his ol d cellmate got a ticket \nout and Tommy got a new one, a man named Elwood Blatch. Blatch had been busted 44 urglary with a weapon and was serving six to twelve . \n \n"I never seen such a high-strung guy," Tommy told me. "A m an like that should \nnever want to be a burglar, specially not with a gun. The slightest little \nnoise, he\'d go thr ee feet into the air . . . and come down shooting, more likely \nthan not. One night he almost strangled me because some guy down the hall was \nwhopping on his cell bars with a tin cup. \n \n"I did seven months with him, until they let me walk fr ee. I got time served and \n ime off, you understand. I can't say we talked because yo u didn\'t, you know, \nexactly hold a conversation with E 1 Blatch. He held a conversation with you. He \ntalked all the time. Never sh ut up. If you tried to get a w ord in, he\'d shake \nhis fist at you and roll his eyes. It gave me the cold chills whenever he done \nthat. Big tall guy he was, mostly bald, with these green eyes set way down deep \nin the sockets. J eez, I hope I never see him again. \n \n"It was like a talkin jag every night. Where he grew up, t he orphanages he run \naway from, the jobs he done, the wo men he fucked, the c rap games he cleaned out. \nI just let him run on. My fac e ain\'t much, but I didn\'t w ant it, you know, \nrearranged for me. \n \n"Ac cording to him, he\'d burgled over two hundred joints. It was hard for me to \nbelieve, a guy like him who went off like a firecracker every time someone cu t a \nloud fart, but he swore it was true. Now . . . listen t o me, Red. I kno w guys \nsometimes make things up after they know a thing, but even before I knew about \nthis golf pro guy, Quentin, I remember thinking that if El Blatc h ever burgled \nmy house, and I found out about it later, I\'d have to count myself just about \nthe luckiest motherfucker going still to be alive. Can yo u imagine him in some \nlady\'s bedroom, sifting through her jool\'ry box, and she coughs in her sleep or \nturns over quick? It gives me the cold chills jus t to thin k of something like \nthat, I swear on my mother\'s name it does. \n \n"He said he\'d killed people, too. People that gave him shit . At least th at\'s \nwhat he said. And I believed him. He sure looked like a ma n that coul

sawed-off \nfiring pin. I knew a guy who had a Smith and Wesson Police Specia l with a \nsawed-off firing pin. It wasn\'t no good for nothing, exce pt maybe for something \nto jaw about. The pull on that gun was so light that it w ould fire if this guy, \nJohnny Callahan, his name was, if he turned his recor d-pl ayer on full volume and \nput it on top of one of the speakers. That\'s how El Blat ch was. I can\'t explain \nit any better. I just never doubted that he ha d greased so me people. \n \n"So one night, just for something to say, I go: \'Who\'d y ou kill?\' Like a joke, \nyou know. So he laughs and says: \'There \'s one guy doing time up-Maine for these \ntwo people I killed. It was this guy and the wife of the s lob who\'s doing the 45 \ntime. I was creeping th eir place and the guy started to giv e me some shit.\' \n \n"I can\'t remember if he ever told me the woman\'s nam e or not," Tommy went on. \n"Maybe he did. But in New England, Dufresne\'s like Smith o r Jones in the rest of \nthe coun try, because there\'s so many Frogs up here. Dufre sne, Lavesque, \nOuelette, Poulin, who can remember Frog names? But he t old me the guy\'s name. He \nsai d the guy was Glenn Quentin and he was a prick, a big ri ch prick, a golf pro. \nEl said he thought the guy might have cash in the house, m aybe as much as fi ve \nthousand dollars. That was a lot of money back then, he says to me. So I go: \n\'When was that?\' And he goes: \'After the war. Just aft er the war.\' \n \n"So he went in and he did the joint and they woke up and th e guy gave him some \ntrouble. That\'s what El said. Maybe the guy just started to snore, tha t\'s what I \nsay. Anyway, El said Quentin was in the sack with some hotshot lawyer\'s wife and \nthey sent the lawyer up to Shawshank State Prison. The n he laughs this big \nlaugh. Holy Christ, I was never so glad of anything as I was when I got my \nwalking papers from that place." \n \n \n \n \n \n IX \n 46 \nI guess you can see why Andy went a little wonky when To mmy tol d him that story, \nand why he wanted to see the warden right away. Elwood B l atch had been serving a \nsix-to-twelve rap when Tommy knew him four years bef or e. By the time Andy heard \nall of this, in 1963, he might be on the verge of getting o ut . . . or already \nout. So those were the two prongs of the sp it Andy was r oasting on-the idea that \nBlatch might still be in on one hand, and the very rea l possibility that he \nmight be gone like the wind on the ot her. \n \nThere were inconsistencies in Tommy\'s story, but are n\'t there alwa ys in real \nlife? Blatch told Tommy the man who got sent up was a h otshot la wyer, and Andy \nwas a banker, but those are two professions that people who a ren\'t very educated \ncould easily get mixed up. And don\'t forget that twelv e year s had gone by \nbetween the time Blatch was reading the clippings about t he trial and the time \nhe told the tale to Tommy Williams. He also told Tom m y he got better than a \nthousand dollars from a footlocker Quentin had in h is clo set, but the police \nsaid at Andy\'s trial that there had been no sign of burgl ary. I have a few ideas \nabout that. First, if you take the cash and the man it belonged to is dead, how \nare you going to know anything was stole n, unless someone else can tell you it \nwas there to start with? Second, who \'s to say Blatch wasn\'t lying about that \npart of it? Maybe he didn\'t wan t to admit killing two peopl e for nothing. Third, \nmaybe there were signs of burglary and the cops either o verlooked them-cops can \nbe pretty dumb-or del iberately covered them up so they woul dn\'t screw the DA\'s \ncase. The guy w as running for public office, remember, and he needed a \nconviction to run o n. An unsolved burglary-murder would have done him no good at \nall. \n \nBut of the three, I like the middle one best. I\'ve known a few Elwood Blatches \nin my time at Shawshank-the trigger-pullers with the cra zy eyes. Such fellow s \nwant you to think they got away with the equivalent of t he Hope Diamond o n every \ncaper, even if they got caught with a two-dollar Timex a nd nine buc ks on the one \nthey\'re doing time for. \n \nAnd there was one thing in Tommy \'s story that convinc ed Andy beyond a shadow of \na doubt. Blatch hadn\'t hi t Quentin at random. He had call ed Quentin "a big rich \nprick," and he had k nown Quentin was a golf pro. Well, Andy and his wife had \nbeen going out to t hat country club for drinks and dinner on ce or twice a week \nfor a couple of

d do some \nkilling. He was just so fucking highstrung! Like a pistol with a

years, and Andy had done a considerable am ount of drinking there \nonce he fo und out about his wife\'s affair. There was a marina with the country \nclub, and for awhile in 1947 there had been a part-time grea se-and-gas jockey \nwor king there who matched Tommy\'s description of Elwood B latch. A big tall man, \nmostly bald, with deep-set green eyes. A man who had an unpleasant way of \n looking at you, as though he was sizing you up. He wasn\'t th ere long, Andy sa id. \nEither he quit or Briggs, the fellow in charge of the ma rina, fired hi m. But he \nwasn\'t a man you forgot. He was too striking for that. \n 47 \nSo Andy went to see Warden Norton on a rainy, windy day with big gray clouds \nscudding across the sky above the gray walls, a day when t he last of the sno w \nwas starting to melt away and show lifeless patches of last year\'s grass in the \nfields beyond the prison. \n \nThe warden has a good-sized office in the Administration Wing, and behind the \nwarden\'s desk there\'s a door whic h connects with the as sistant warden\'s office.. \nThe assistant warden was o ut that day, but a trusty was there. He was a \nhalf-lame fellow whose real na me I have forgotten; a ll the inmates, me included, \ncalled him Chester, afte r Marshal Dillon\'s sidekick. Ch ester was supposed to be \nwatering the plant s and waxing the floor. My guess is that the plants went \nthirsty that day a nd the only waxing that was done happen ed because of Chester\'s \ndirty ear p olishing the keyhole plate of that connecting door. \n \nHe heard the warden\'s main door open and close and then N orton saying: "Good \nmorning, Dufresne, h ow can I help you?" \n \n"Warden," Andy began, and old Chester told us that he could hardly recognize \nAndy\'s voice it was so changed. "Warden. . . there \'s so mething . . . something\'s \nhappened to me that\'s . . . that\'s so . . . so . . . I hardly know where to \nbegin." \n \n"Well, why don\'t you jus t begin at the beginning?" the wa rden said, probably in \nhis sweetest let\'s -all-turn-to- the-Twenty-third- Psa lm-and-read-in-unison \nvoice. "That usual ly works the best." \nAnd so Andy did. He began by refreshing Norton on the de ta ils of the crime he \nhad been imprisoned for. Then he told the warden exac tly what Tommy Williams had \ntold him. He also gave out Tommy\'s name, which you may think wasn\'t so wise in \nlight of later developments, but I\'d just ask you what else he could have done, \nif his story was to have any credibil ity at all. \n \nWhen he had finished, Norton was completely silent for some t ime. I can just see \nhim, probably tipped back in his office chair under the pic ture of Governor Reed \nhanging on the wall, his fingers steepled, his liv er lips pursed, his brow \nwrinkled into ladder rungs halfway to the crown of his he ad, his thirty-year pin \ngleaming mellowly. \n \n"Yes," he said finall y. "That\'s the damnedest story I ever heard. But I\'ll tell \nyou what surpri ses me most about it, Dufresne." \n \n"What\'s that, sir?" \n \n"That you were taken in by it." \n \n 48 \n"Sir? I don\'t understand what you mean." And C hester said that Andy Dufresne, \nwho had faced down Byron Hadley on the plate -shop roof th irteen years before, was \nalmost floundering for words. \n \n"W ell, now," Norton said. "It\'s pretty obvious to me t hat this young fellow Wi lliams is \nimpressed with you. Quite taken with you, as a matter of fact. He h ears your tale of woe, \nand it\'s quite natural of him to want to . . . cheer yo u up, let\'s say. Quite natural. He\'s a \nyoung man, not terribly bright. N ot surprising he didn\'t re alize what a state it would put \nyou into. Now wha t I suggest is-" \n \n"Don\'t you think I thought of that?" Andy asked. "But I \'d ne ver told Tommy about \nthe man working down at the marina. I never told anyone that-it never even crossed my \nmind! But Tommy\'s description of his c ellmate and that m an . . . they\'re identical!" \n \n"Well, now, you may be in dulging in a little selective pe rception there," Norton \nsaid with a chuckl e. Phrases like that, selective percept ion, are required learning for people \nin the penology and corrections business, and they use th em all they can. \n \n"That\'s not it at all. Sir." \n \n"That\'s your slant on it," Norton said, "but mine diffe rs. And let\'s remember that I have \nonly your word that there was such a man working at the Falmouth Hills Country Club \nback then." \n \n"N o, sir," Andy broke in again. "No, that isn\'t true. B ecause-" \n \n"Anyway," Norton overrode him, expansive and loud, "let\' s just look at it from the othe r \nend of the telescope, shall we? Suppose- just suppose, now-t hat there real

ly was a fellow \nnamed Elwood Blotch. " \n \n"Blatch, " Andy said tightly. \n \n"Blatch, by all means. And let\'s say he was Thomas W illiam\'s cellmate in R hode Island. \nThe chances are excellent that he has been released by now. Exce llent. Why, we don't even \nknow how much time he might have done there before he e nded up with Williams, do we? \nOnly that he was doing a six-to-twelve." \n \n"No. We don\'t know how much time he\'d done. But Tommy sai d he was a bad actor, a \ncut-up. I think there\'s a fair chance that he may still be in. Ev en if he\'s been released, the \nprison will have a record of his last known ad dress, the names of his relatives-" \n \n"And both would almost certainly be dead ends." \n \nAndy was silent for a moment, and then he burst out: "W ell, i t\'s a chance, isn\'t it?" \n 49 \n"Yes, of course it is. So just for a mome nt, Dufresne, let\'s assume that Blatch exists and \nthat he is still safely e nsconced in the Rhode Island State Penitentiary. Now what is he \ngoing to say if we bring this kettle of fish to him in a bucket? Is he going to fall down on \nhis knees, roll his eyes, and say: \'I did it! I did it! B y all means add a life term onto my \ncharge!\'?" \n \n"How can you be so obtuse?" Andy said, so low that Ches ter could barely hear. But he \nheard the warden just fine. \n \n"What? What did you call me?" \n \n"Obtuse.\'" Andy cried. "Is it deliberat e?" \n \n"Dufresne, you\'ve taken five minutes of my time-no, sev en- and I ha ve a very busy \nschedule today. So I believe we\'ll just declare this lit tle meeting closed and-" \n \n"The country club will have all the old time-cards, don\' t you realize that?" Andy shouted. \n"They\'ll have tax-forms and W-twos and unemployment com pensation forms, all with his \nname on them! There will b e employees there now that were there then, maybe Briggs \nhimself! It\'s bee n fifteen years, not forever! The y\'ll remember him! They will remember \nBlat ch.\' If I\'ve got Tommy to testify to what Blatch told him, and Briggs to tes tify that \nBlatch was there, actually working at the country club, I can get a new trial! I can-" \n \n"Guard! Guard.\' Take this man away!" \n \n"What\'s t he matter with you?" Andy said, and Chester to 1d me he was very nearly \nscre aming by then. "It\'s my life, my chance to get out , don\'t you see that? And you won\'t \nmake a single long-distance call to at least verify Tom my\'s stor y? Listen, I\'ll pay for the \ncall! I\'ll pay for-" \n \nThen there was a sou nd of thrashing as the guards grabbed h im and started to drag him \nout. \n \n"Solitary," Warden Norton said dryly. He was probably f ingering his thirty-y ear pin as he \nsaid it. "Bread and water." \n \nAnd so they dragged Andy awa y, totally out of control now, still screaming at the warden; \nChester said y ou could hear him even after the door was shut: "it\'s my life! It\'s my life, \ndon\'t you understand it\'s my life? " \n \nTwenty days on the grain and dra in train for Andy down there in solitary. It was his \nsecond jolt in solitar y, and his dust-up with Norton was his first real black mark since he \nhad joi ned our happy little family. \nI\'ll tell you a little bit about Shawshank\'s solitary while we\'re on the subject. It\'s something \nof a throwback to those hardy pioneer days of the early to mid-1700s in Maine. In those 50 o one wasted much time with such things as "penology " and rehabilitation" and \n"selective perception." In those days, you were taken ca re of in terms of ab solute black \nand white. You were either guilty or innocent. If you w ere gui lty, you were either hung or \nput in jail. And if you were sentenced to jail, you did not go to an institution. No, you dug \nyour own jail with a spade pro vided by the Province of Ma ine. You dug it as wide and as \ndeep as you could during the period between sunup and sundown. Then they gave you a \ncouple of skins and a bucket, and down you went. Once down, t he gazer would bar the \nto p of your hole, throw down some grain or maybe a piece of maggoty meat once or twice \na week, and maybe there would be a dipperful of barley soup on Sunday night. You \npissed in the bucket, and you held up the same bucket for wate r w hen the gazer came \naround at six in the morning. When it rained, you used the bucket to bail out your jail-cell \n . . unless, that is, you wanted to drown like a rat in a rain barrel. \n \nNo one spent a long time "in the hole," as it was called; thirty months was an unusually \nlong term, and so far as I\'ve been able to tell, the longest term ever spent from which an \ninmate actually emerged alive was served by the so-call ed "Durham Boy," a fourteen-year-\nold

psychopath who castrated a schoolmate with a piece o f rusty metal. He did seve n \nyears, but of course he went in young and strong. \n \nYou have to remembe r that for a crime that was more serious than petty theft or \nblasphemy or for getting to put a snot rag in your pocket whe n out of doors on the \nSabbath, you were hung. For low crimes such as those just mentioned and for others like \nthem, you\'d do your three or six or nine months in the hole and come out fis hbelly white, \ncringing from the wide-open spaces, your eyes half blind, your teeth more than likely \nrocking and rolling in their sockets from the scurvy, your feet crawling with fungus. Jolly \nold Province of Maine. Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum. \n \nShawshank\'s Solitary Wing was nowhere as bad as that . . . I guess. Things come in three \nmajor degrees in the human experience, I thin k. There\'s good, bad, and terrible. And as \nyou go down into progressive dark ness toward terrible, it ge ts harder and harder to make \nsubdivisions. \n \n To get to Solitary Wing you were led down twenty-three s teps to a basement lev el where \nthe only sound was the drip of water. The only light was supplied b y a series of dangling \nsixty-watt bulbs. The cells were keg-shaped, like thos e w all-safes rich people sometimes \nhide behind a picture. Like a safe, the r ound doorways were hinged, and solid instead of \nbarred. You got ventilation from above, but no light exc ept for your own sixty-watt bulb, \nwhich was turn ed off from a master-switch promptly at 8: 00 P.M., an hour before lights-\nout in the rest of the prison. The light bulb wasn\'t in a wire mesh cage or anyth ing like \nthat. The feeling was that if you wanted to exist down there in the dark, you were \nwelcome to it. Not many did . . . but after eight, of c ourse, you had no choice. You had a \nbunk bolted to the wall and a can with no toilet seat. You had three ways to spend your \ntime: sitting, shitting, or sleeping. Big choice. \n \nTwenty days could get to seem like a year. Thirty days co uld seem like two, and forty 51 \ndays like ten. Sometimes you could hear rats i n the vent ilation system. In a situation like \nthat, subdivisions of terrible tend to get lost. \n \nIf anything at all can be said in favor of solitary, it \'s just that you get time to think. Andy \nhad twenty days in which to think w hile he enjoyed his grain and drain, and when he got \nout he requested another meeting with the warden. Request de nied. Such a meeting, the \nwarden told hi m, would be "counter-productive." That\'s anot her of those phrases you have \n to master before you can go to work in the prisons and c orrections held. \n \nPatiently, Andy renewed his request. And renewed it. And r enewed it. He had changed, \nhad Andy Dufresne. Suddenly, as that spring of 1963 bloomed aroun d us, there were lines \nin his face and sprigs of gray showing in his hair. He h ad lost that little trace of a smile that \nalways seemed to linger around his mouth. His eyes stare d out into space more often, and \nyou get to know that w hen a man stares that way, he is counting up the years served, the \nmonths, t \n \n \n \n \n \n \n \n

renewed his request and renewed it. He was patient. He had nothing but time. I t got to \nbe summer. In Washington, President Kennedy was promisin g a fresh a ssault on poverty \nand on civil rights inequalities, not knowing he had only h alf a year to live. In Liverpool, a \nmusical group called The Beatles was emer ging as a force t o be reckoned with in British \nmusic, but I guess that no on e Stateside had yet heard of them. The Boston Red Sox, still \nfour years away from what New England folks call The Mi racle of \'67, were languishing in \nth e cellar of the American League. All of those things were going on out in a la rger world \nwhere people walked free. \n \nNorton saw him near the end of Jun e, and this conversa tion I heard about from Andy \nhimself some seven years la ter. \n \n"If it\'s the squeeze, you don\'t have to worry," Andy tol d Norton i n a low voice. "Do you \nthink I\'d talk that up? I\'d be cutting my own throa ed. His face was as lon g and cold as a slate gravestone. \nHe leaned back in h is office chair until the back of hi s head almost touched the sampler \nreadin HIS JUDGMENT COMETH AND THAT RIGHT EARLY. \n \n"But-" \n \n"Don\'t you e ver mention money to me again," Norton sa id. "Not in this office, not \nanywhe

re. Not unless you want to see that library turn ed back into a storage room an d \n in the locker again. Do you understand?" \n \n"I was trying to set your min d at ease, that\'s all." \n \n"Well, now, when I need a sorry son of a bitch l ike y ou to set my mind at ease, I\'ll retire. I \nagreed to this appointment b ecause I got tired of being pest ered, Dufresne. I want it to \nstop. If you wa nt to buy this particular Brooklyn Bridge, t hat\'s your affair. Don\'t make it \nmine. I could hear crazy stories like yours twice a wee k if I wanted to lay myself open to \nthem. Every sinner in this place would be using me for a cryi ng towel. I had more respect \nfor you. But this is the end. The end. Have we g ot an unde rstanding?" \n \n"Yes," Andy said. "But I\'ll be hiring a lawyer, y ou know. " \n \n"What in God\'s name for?" \n \n"I think we can put it togeth er," Andy said. "With Tommy Williams and with my \ntestimony and corroborative testimony from records an d employees at the country club, I \nthink we can put it together. " \n \n"Tommy Williams is no longer an inmate of this facil ity." 53 \n \n"He\'s been transferred." \n \n"Transferred where?" \n \n"What?" \n \n"Cashman. " \n \nAt that, Andy fell silent. He was an intelligent man, b ut it would have taken an \nextraordinarily stupid man not to smell deal all ov er th at. Cashman was a minimum-\nsecurity prison far up north in Aroostook Cou nty. The inm ates pick a lot of potatoes, and \nthat\'s hard work, but they are paid a decent wage for their labor and they can attend \nclasses at CVI, a pre tty decent vocational-technical institute, if they so desire. More \nimportant to a fellow like Tommy, a fellow with a youn g wife and a child, Cashman had a \nfurlough program . . . which meant a chance to live like a normal man, at lea st on the \nweekends. A chance to build a model plane with his kid, hav e sex w ith his wife, maybe go \non a picnic. \n \nNorton had almost surely dangled all of that under Tommy\'s nose with only one \nstring attached: not one more wor d about Elwood Blatch, not now, not ever. Or \nyou\'ll end up doing hard time in Thomaston down there on sc enic Route 1 with the \nreal hard guys, and inst ead of having sex with your wife y ou\'ll be having it \nwith some old bull qu eer. \n \n"But why?" Andy said. "Why would-" \n \n"As a favor to you, "Norton said calmly, "I checked wit h Rhode Island. They did \nhave an inmate named El wood Blatch. He was given what they call a PP-provisional \nparole, another on e of these crazy liberal programs to put criminals out on the \nstreets. He \'s since disappeared. " \n \nAndy said: "The warden down there . . . is he a friend o f yours?" \n \nSam Norton gave Andy a smile as cold as a deacon\'s wa tc h chain. "We are \nacquainted," he said. \n \n"Why?" Andy repeated. "Can \'t you tell me why you did it? Y ou knew I wasn\'t going \nto talk about . . . about anything you might have had going. You knew that. So \nwhy?" \n \n"B ecause people like you make me sick," Norton said delibera tely. "I like you \nright where you are, Mr. Dufresne, and as long as I am w arden here at Shawsh ank, \nyou are going to be right here. You see, you used to think t hat you we re better \nthan anyone else. I have gotten pretty good at seeing th at on a m an\'s face. I \nmarked it on yours the first time I walked into the libr ary. It might as well \nhave been written on your forehead in capital letters. Tha 54 \nand I like that just fine. It is not just that you t look is gone now, are a $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) ^{2}$ useful vessel, never $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) ^{2}$ that men like you need to learn humility. Why, you used \nto walk around that exercise yard as if it was a living room and you were at one \nof those cocktail parties where the he llbound walk around coveting each others\' \nwives and husbands and getting sw inishly drunk. But you don\'t w alk around that \nway anymore. And I\'ll be wa tching to see if you should s tart to walk that way \nagain. Over a period of years, I\'ll be watching you ,wit h great pleasure. Now \nget the hell out of here." \n \n"Okay. But all the extracurricular activities stop now, Norton The investment \ncounseling, the scams, the free tax advice. It all sto ps. Get H and R Block to \ntell you how to declare your income. \n \nWarden Norton\'s f ace first went brick-red . . . and the n all the color fell out $\ensuremath{\,^{\setminus}}$ \nof it. "You \'re going back into solitary for that. Thirt y days. Bread and water. \nAnoth er black mark. And while you\'re in think about this: if anything that\'s \nb een going on should stop, the library goes. I will make i t my personal busines \nto see that it got back to what it was before you came here. And I will m 5/5/24, 9:08 PM

NLP-final ake you \nlife . . . very hard. Very difficult. You\'ll do the harde st time i t possible to \ndo. You\'ll lose that one-bunk Hilton down in Cellblock Fi ve, for starters, and \nyou\'ll lose those rocks on the windowsill, an you\'ll lo se any protection the \nguards have given you against the sodomites. You will . . . lose everything. \n \nClear?" \n \nI guess it was clear enough. \n \n \n \nTime continued to pass-the oldest trick in the world, an maybe th e only one that \nreally is magic. But Andy Dufresne ha changed. He had grown harder. That\'s the \nonly way I can think (to put it. He went on doing Warde n Norton\'s dirty work \nand F held onto the library, so outwardly things wer e ab out the same. H \ncontinued to have his birthday drinks and his year-end hol iday drinks; he \ncontinued to share out the rest of each bottle. I got h is fresh rock polishing \ncloths from time to time, and in 1967 I g him a new rock-h ammer-the one I\'d \ngotten him nineteen yea ago had, as I told you, pl umb worn out. Nineteen years.\' \nWhen you say it sudden like that, those thr ee syllables sound like the thud and \ndouble locking of a tomb door. The rock -hammer, which had bee a ten dollar item \nback then, went for twenty-two by \'67. He and had a sad l ittle grin over that. \nAndy continued to shape and p olish the rocks he found in the exercise yard, but \nthe yard was smaller by then; half of what he been t here in 1950 had been \nasphalted over in 1962. N onetheless he found enough to keep him occupied, I \nguess. When he hi finish ed with each rock he would put it c arefully on his winds \nledge, which faced east. He told me he liked to look at th em in the sun, the \npieces of the pla net he had taken up from the dirt and shape d. Schists, \nquartzes, granites. Funny little mica-sculptures that were held together with \nairplane glue. Va

rious sedimentary conglomerates that wer e polished and cut in \nsuch a way th at you could see why Andy called them "mille nnium sandwiches"-the \nlayers of different material that had built up over a per iod of decades and \ncenturie s. \n \nAndy would give his stones and his rock-sculptures away from time to t ime in \norder to make room for new ones. He gave me the greates t number, I \nthink-counting the stones that looked like matched cufflinks , I had five. Th ere \n nwas one of the mica sculptures I told you about, carefully crafted to 1ook like a \nman throwing a javelin, and two of the sedimentary con glomerate s, all the levels \nshowing in smoothly polished cross-section. I\'ve still g ot them, and I take them \ndown every so often and think about what a man can do, i f he has time enough and \nthe will to use it, a drop at a time. \n \nS o, on the outside, at least, things were about the sam e. If Norton had wanted \nto break Andy as badly as he had said, he would have had to look below the \nsurface to see the change. But if he had seen how differ ent Andy had become, I \nthink Norton would have been well-satisfied with the fo ur years following his \nclash with Andy. \n \nHe had told Andy that Andy walked around the exerc ise yard a s if he were at a \ncocktail party. That isn\'t the way I would hav e put it, b ut I know what he \nmeant. It goes back to what I said about Andy wearing his freedom like an \ninvisible coat, about how he never really devel oped a pr ison mentality. His eyes \nnever got that dull look. He never develo ped the walk that men get when the day \nis over and they are going back to th eir cells for anot her endless night-that 56 \nflat-footed, hump-shouldered walk. Andy walked with his shoulde rs squared, and \nhis step was always ligh t, as if he were heading home to a good home-cooked meal \nand a good woman i nstead of to a tasteless mess of soggy vegetables, lumpy \nmashed potato, and a slice or two of that fatty, gristly stuff most of the cons \ncalled mystery meat . . . that, and a picture of Raquel W elch on the wall. \n \nBut for those four years, although he never became exac tly like the Others he \ndid become

silent, introspective, and brooding. Who could b lame him? So maybe it \nwas W arden Norton who was pleased . . . at least, for awhile. \n \nHis dark mood bro ke around the time of the 1967 World Series. That was the dream \nyear, the ye ar the Red Sox won the pennant instead of placing ninth, as the Las \nVegas bo okies had predicted. When it happened-when they won the American League \npenn ant -a kind of ebullience engulfed the whole prison. Th ere was a goofy sort \nof feeling that if the Dead Sox could come to life, the n maybe anybody could

do \nit. I can\'t explain that feeling now, any more than a n ex-Beatlemaniac could \nexplain that madness, I suppose. But it was real. Every r adio in the place was \ntuned to the games as the Red Sox pounded down the stretch. There was gloom when \nthe Sox dropped a pair in Cleveland near the end, and a nea r ly riotous joy when \nRico Petrocelli put away the pop fly that clinched it. A nd then there was the \ngloom that came when Lonborg was beaten in the sevent h game of the Series to end \nthe dream just sort of complete fruition. It pro bably ple ased Norton to no end, \nthe son of a bitch. He liked his prison wea ring sackclot h and ashes. \n \nBut for Andy, there was no tumble back down int o gloom. H e wasn\'t much of a \nbaseball fan anyway, and maybe that was why. Neverth eless, he seemed to have \ncaught the current of good feeling, and for him it didn\'t pet er out again after \nthe last game of the Series. He had ta ken that invisib le coat out of the closet \nand put it on again. \n \nI remem ber one bright-gold fall day in very late Octobe r, a couple of weeks \nafter the World Series had ended. It must have been a Sun day, because the \nexercis e yard was full of men "walking off the week"-tos sing a Frisbee or two, \npas sing around a football, bartering what they had to bar ter. Others would be at \nthe long table in the Visitors\' Hall, under the watchf ul eyes of the screw s, \ntalking with their relatives, smoking cigarettes, tellin g sincere lies, \nreceiving their picked-over care-packages. \n \nAndy was squatting Indian fa shion against the wall, chunkin g two small rocks \ntogether in his hands, his face turned up into the sunlight . It was surprisingly \nwarm, that sun, for a day so late in the year. \n \n"Hello, Red," he called. "Come on and sit a spel 1." \n \nI did. 57 \n \n"You want this?" he asked, and handed me one of th e two c arefully polished \n"millennium sandwiches" I just told you about \n \n"I sure do," I said. "It\'s very pretty. Thank you." \n \nHe shrugged and ch anged the subject. "Big anniversary coming up for you next \nyear." \n \nI no dded. Next year would make me a thirty-year man. Sixt y per cent of my life \n spent in Shawshank State Prison. \n \n"Think you\'ll ever get out?" \n \n"Sur e. When I have a long white beard and just about thre e be marbles left \nroll ing around upstairs." \n \nHe smiled a little and then turned his face up into the s un again, his eyes \nclosed. "Feels good." \n \n"I think it always does when you know the damn winter\'s almost right on top of \nyou." \n \nHe nodde d, and we were silent for awhile. \n \n"When I get out of here," Andy said fin ally, "I\'m going w here it\'s warm all the \ntime." He spoke with such calm a ssurance you would have th ought he had only a \nmonth or so left to serve. "Y ou know where I\'m goin, R ed?" \n \n"Nope. " \n \n"Zihuatanejo," he said, ro lling the word softly from hi s tongue like music. \n"Down in Mexico. It\'s a little place maybe twenty mi les from Playa Azul and \nMexico Highway Thirty-s even. It\'s a hundred miles north west of Acapulco on the \nPacific Ocean. You know what the Mexicans say about the Pacific?" \nI told him I didn\'t. \n \n"They say it has no memory. And that\'s where I want to finish out my life, R ed. \nIn a warm place that has no memory." \n \nHe had picked up a handful of pebbles as he spoke; now he toss ed them, one by \none, and watched them bounc e and roll across the baseba ll diamond\'s dirt \ninfield, which would be unde r a foot of snow before long. \n"Zihuatanejo. I\'m going to have a little hot el down the re. Six cabanas along the \nbeach, and six more set further back, for the highway t rade. 111 have a guy 58 \nwho\'ll take my guests out char ter fishing. There\'ll be a trophy for the guy who \ncatches the biggest marl in of the season, and I\'ll put h is picture up in the \nlobby. It won\'t be a family place. It\'ll be a place f or people on their \nhoneymoons first or sec ond varieties." \n \n"And where are you going to get the money to buy this fab ulous place?" I asked \n \n"Your stock account?" \n \nHe looked at me and smi led. "That\'s not so far wrong," h e said. "Sometimes you \nstartle me, Red." $\n \n$ what are you talking about?" $\n \n$ two types of me n in the world when it comes to bad \ntrouble," Andy said, cupping a match bet ween his hands and l ighting a cigarette. \n \n"Suppose there was a house full of rare paintings and sculptur es and fine old \nantiques, Red? And suppose th e guy who owned the house heard th at there was a \nmonster of a hurricane hea ded right at it? One of those two kinds of men just \nhopes for the best. The

hurricane will change course, h e says to himself. No \nright-thinking hurrica ne would ever dare wipe out all these Rembrandts, my two \nDegas horses, my Gr ant Woods, and my Bentons. Furthermo re, God wouldn\'t allow \nit. And if wors e comes to worst, they\'re insured. That \'s one sort of man. The \nother sort just assumes that hurricane is going to tear right through the middle \nof his house. If the weather bureau says the hurricane just changed course, this \ngu y assumes it\'ll change back in order to put his house on gr ound-zero again. \nThis second type of guy knows there\'s no harm in hoping fo r the best as lon g as \nyou\'re prepared for the worst." \n \nI lit a cigarette of my own. "Ar e you saying you prepared for the eventuality? " \n \n"Yes. I prepared for the hurricane. I knew how bad it loo ked. I didn\'t have much \ntime, but in the t ime I had, I operated. I had a friend-j ust about the only \nperson who stood by me-who worked for an investment com pany in Portland. He died \nabout six y ears ago. " \n \n"Sorry. " \n \n"Yeah." Andy tossed his butt away. "Linda and I had about fourteen thousand \ndollars. Not a big bundle, but hell, we were y oung. We had our whole lives ahead \nof us." He grimaced a little, then laughe d. "When the shi t hit the fan, I \nstarted lugging my Rembrandts out of the p ath of the hurrica ne. I sold my stocks \nand paid the capital gains tax just like a good little boy. Declared everything. \nDidn\'t cut any corners." \n \n"Didn\'t they freeze your estate?" \n \n"I was charged with murder, Red, not dead! You can\'t freeze the assets of an \ninnocent man-thank God. And it was awhile before they even got brave enough to \ncharge me with the crime. Ji m-my friend-and I, we had s ome time. I got hit \npretty good, just dumping ev erything like that. Got my nose s kinned. But at the \ntime I had worse things to worry about than a small ski nning on the stock \nmarket." \n \n"Yeah, I\'d say you did." \n \n"But when I came to Shawshank it was all safe. It\'s s till safe. Outside these \nwalls, Red, there\'s a man that no living soul has ever seen face to face. He has \na Social Security card and a Maine driver\'s licen se. He \'s got a birth \ncertificate. Name of Peter Stevens. Nice, anonymous n ame, huh?" \n \n"Who is he?" I asked. I thought I knew what he was going to sa y, but I couldn\'t \nbelieve it. \n \n"Me. " \n \n"You\'re not going to tell m e that you had time to set up a false identity while \nthe bulls were sweatin g you," I said, "or that you finis hed the job while you \nwere on trial for-" \n \n"No, I\'m not going to tell you that. My friend Jim was the one who set up the \nfalse identity. He started after my appeal was turned down , and the maj or pieces \nof identification were in his hands by the spring of 1950." \n \n"He must have been a pretty close friend," I said. I was not sure how much o f \nthis I believed a little, a lot, or none. But the day was warm and the sun was \nout, and it was one hell of a good story. "All of that\' s one hundred p er cent \nillegal, setting up a false ID like that. " \n \n"He was a close fri end," Andy said. "We were in the warr together. France, \nGermany, the occupat ion. He was a good friend. \n \nHe knew it was illegal, but he also knew that s etting up a false identity in \nthis country is very easy and very safe. He t ook my mo ney my money with all the \ntaxes on it paid so the IRS wouldn\'t ge t too interested-a nd invested it for \nPeter Stevens. He did that in 1950 and 1951. Today it amounts to three hundred \nand seventy thousand dollars, plus change." \n \nI guess my jaw made a thump when it dropped against my chest, b 60 \n \n"Think of all the things people wish they\'d inve ecause he smiled. sted in s ince 1950 or so, and \ntwo or three of them will be things Peter Ste vens wa s into. If I hadn\'t ended up \nin here, I\'d probably be worth seven or eight million bucks by now. I\'d have a \nRolls . . . and probably an ulcer as big as a portable r adio." \nHis hands went to the dirt and began sifting o ut more pebb les. They moved \ngracefully, restlessly. \n \n"It was hoping for the best and expecting the worst-noth ing but that. The false \nname was. just to keep what little capital I had untainte d. It was lugging the \npaintings o ut of the path of the hurricane. But I had no i dea that the hurricane \n. . . that it could go on as long as it has." \n \nI didn\'t say anything for awhile. I guess I was trying to absorb the idea that \nthis small, spare man in priso n gray next to me could be worth more money than \nWarden Norton would make i n the rest of his miserable l ife, even with the scams \nthrown in. \n \n"When

you said you could get a lawyer, you sure weren\'t kiddin g," I said at \nlas t. "For that kind of dough you could have hired Clarence Darrow, or whoever\'s \npassing for him these days. Why didn\'t you, Andy? Christ! You could have bee n \nout of here like a rocket." \n \nHe smiled. It was the same smile that had been on his face when he\'d told me he \nand his wife had had their whole liv es ahead of them "N o," he said. \n \n"A good lawyer would have sprung the Will iams kid from Cashm an whether he wanted \nto go or not," I said. I was gettin g carried away now. " You could have gotten \nyour new trial, hired private de tectives to look for tha t guy Blatch, and blown \nNorton out of the water to boot. Why not, Andy?" \n"Because I outsmarted myself. If I ever try to put my ha nds on Peter Stevens\'s \nmoney from inside here, I\'ll lose every cent of it. My friend Jim could have \narranged it, but Jim\'s dead. You see the probl em? " \n \nI saw it. For all the good that money could do Andy, it m ight as we ll have \nreally belonged to another person. In a way, it did. And if the stuf f it was \ninvested in suddenly turned bad, all Andy could do would be to w at ch the plunge, \nto trace it day after day on the stocks and-bonds page of the Press-Herald. It\'s \na tough life if you don\'t weaken, I guess. \n \n"I\'ll tell you how it is, Red. There\'s a big hayfield i n the town of Buxton. You \nknow where Buxton is at, don\'t you?" \n \nI said I did. It lies right next door to Scarborough. \n 61 \n"That\'s right. And at the north end of this p articular h ayfield there\'s a rock \nwall, right out of a Robert Frost poem. And somewhere a long the base of that \nwall is a rock that has no business in a Maine hayfie ld. It\'s a piece of \nvolcanic glass, and until 1947 it was a paperweight on my off ice desk. My friend \nJim put it in that wall. There\'s a key underneath it. The key opens a safe \ndeposit box in the Portland branc h of the Casco Bank." \n \n"I guess you\'re in a peck of trouble," I said. "Whe n your f riend Jim died, the \nIRS must have opened all of his safe deposit bo xes. Alon g with the executor of \nhis will, of course." \n \nAndy smiled and tapped the side of my head. "Not bad. There\' s more up there than \nmarshmall ows, I guess. But we took care of the possibility that Jim might die \nwhile I was in the slam. The box is in the Peter St evens name, and once a year \nth e firm of lawyers that served as Jim\'s executors se nds a check to the Casco t o \ncover the rental of the Stevens box. \n \n"Peter Stevens is inside that bo x, just waiting to get out. His birth \ncertificate, his Social Security card, and his driver\'s $\,$ license. The license is $\,$ \nsix years out of date because $\,$ Jim died six years ago, true , but it\'s still \nperfectly renewable for a five-do llar fee. His stock c ertificates are there, the \ntax-free municipals, and ab out eighteen bearer bonds in t he amount of ten \nthousand dollars each." \n \nI whistled. \n \n"Peter Stevens is locked in a safe deposit box at the C asco Bank in Portland and \nAndy Dufresne is locked in a safe deposit box at Shawsh an k," he said. "Tit for \ntat. And the key that unlocks the box and the money and t he new life is under a \nhunk of black glass in a Buxton hayfield. Told you this much , so I\'ll tell you \nsomething else, Red-for the last twenty ye ars, give or take, I have been \nwatching the papers with a more than usual i nterest for news of any construction \n nprojects in Buxton. I keep thinking tha t someday soon I\'m going to read that \nthey\'re putting a highway through th ere, or erecting a new community hospital, \nor building a shopping center. B urying my new life under ten feet of concrete, \nor spitting it into a swamp s omewhere with a big load of fill." \nI blurted, "Jesus Christ, Andy, if all o f this is true, how do you keep from \ngoing crazy?" \n \nHe smiled. "So far, all quiet on the Western front." \n \n"But it could be years-" \n \n"It will b e. But maybe not as many as the State and W arden Norton think it\'s \ngoing t o be. I just can\'t afford to wait that long. I kee p thinking about ihuatanejo and that small hotel. That\'s all I want f rom my life now, Red, and I \ndon\'t think that\'s too much to want. I didn\'t kill Glenn Quentin and I didn\'t \nkill my wife, and that hotel . . . it\'s not too much t o want. To s wim and get a \ntan and sleep in a room with open windows and space . . . tha t\'s not too much to \nwant." \n \nHe slung the stones away. \n \n"You know, R ed," he said in an offhand voice, " a place 1 ike that . . . I\'d have \nto ha ve a man who knows how to get things." \n \nI thought about it for a long time.

And the biggest drawbac k in my mind wasn\'t \neven that we were talking piped reams in a shitty little prison exercise yard \nwith armed guards looking down at us from their sentry posts . "I couldn\'t do \nit," I said. "I couldn\'t ge t along on the outside. I\'m wha t they call an \ninstitutional man now. In he re I\'m the man who can ge t it for you, yeah. But out \nthere, anyone can get it for you. Out there, if you wan t posters or rock hammers \nor one particula r record or a boat-in-a-bottle model kit , you can use the \nfucking Yellow Pa ges. In here, I\'m the fucking Yellow Pages . I wouldn\'t know how \nto begin. Or where." \n \n"You underestimate yourself," he said. "You\'re a self-educa te d man, a self-made \nman. A rather remarkable man, I think." \n \n"Hell, I don \'t even have a high school diploma." \n \n"I know that," he said. "But it isn \'t just a piece of pape r that makes a man. \nAnd it isn\'t just prison that breaks one, either." $\n \n$ "I couldn \t 't hack it outside, Andy. I know that." \n \nHe got up. "You think it over," he said casually, just as t he inside whistle \nblew. And he strolled off, as if he were a free man w ho had just made anothe r \nfree man a proposition. And for awhile just that was en ough to make melee s free. \nAndy could do that. He could make me forget for a time that we were both lifers, \nat the mercy of a hard-ass parole board and a psalm-singi ng wa rden who liked \nAndy Dufresne right where he was. After all, Andy was a lapdog who could do \ntax-returns. What a wonderful animal! But by that night in my cell I felt like a \nprisoner again. The whole idea seemed absurd, and that men tal image of blue \nwater and white beaches seemed more cruel than foolish -it dragged at my brain \nlike a fishhook. I just couldn\'t wear that invisibl e coa t the way Andy did. I \nfell asleep that night and dreamed of a great gl assy black stone in the middle \nof a hayfield; a stone shaped like a giant bl acksmith\'s a nvil. I was trying to \nrock the stone up so I could get the key that was underneath . It wouldn't budge; \nit was just too damned big. And in the background, but getting closer, I could 63 \nhear the baying of bloodho

XII \n \nWhich leads us, I guess, to the subject of jailbreaks. Sur e, they hap pen from \ntime to time in our happy little family. You don\'t go ove r the wa ll, though, not \nat Shawshank, not if you\'re smart. The searchlight bea ms g o all night, probing \nlong white fingers across the open fields that surround th e prison on three \nsides and the stinking marshland on the fourth. Cons do go over the wall from \ntime to time, and the searchlights almost always catc h them. If not, they get \npicked up trying to thumb a ride on Highway 6 or Hi ghway 99. If they try to cut \nacross country, some farmer sees them and just phones t he location in to the \nprison. Cons who go over the wall are stupid cons. Shaws hank is no Canon City, \nbut in a rural area a man humping his ass across country in a gray pajama suit \nsticks out like a cockroach on a weddin g cake. \n \nOver the years, the guys who have done the best-maybe oddly, mayb e not so \noddly-are the guys who did it on the spur of the moment. So me of t hem have gone \nout in the middle of a cartful of sheets; a convict san dwich on white, you could \nsay. There was a lot of that when I first came in h ere, but over the years they \nhave more or less closed that loophole. \n \nWarden Norton\'s famous "Inside-Out" program produced its shar e of escapees, too. \n They were the guys who decided they liked what lay to the right of the hyphen \nbetter than what lay to the left. And again, in most cases it was a very casu al \nkind of thing. Drop your blueberry rake and stroll into the bushes while one of \nthe screws is having a glass of water at the truck or w hen a couple o~ them get \ntoo involved in arguing over yards passing or rushing or the ol d Boston \nPatriots. \n \nIn 1969, the Inside-Outers were picking potatoes in Sabbatus. It was the third \nof November and the work was almost done. There w as a guard named Henry \nPugh - and he is no longer a member o our happy littl e fam ily, believe me - \nsitting on the back bumper of one of the potato truc ks and having his lunch with \nhis carbine across his knees when a beautiful (or so i t was told to me, but \nsometimes these things get exaggerated) ten-p oint buck stro lled out of the cold \nearly afternoon mist. Pugh went after it with visions of just how that trophy \nwould look mounted in his rec room, an d while he was doing it, three of his \ncharges just walked away. Two were rec

aptured in a Lisbon Falls pinball parlor. 64 \nThe third has not beer found to this day. \n \nI suppose the most famous case of all was that of Sid Ne dea u. This goes back to \n1958, and I guess it will never be topped. Sid was out lining th e ball field for \na Saturday intramural baseball game when the thre e o\'cl ock inside whistle blew, \nsignaling the shift change for the guards. The parking lot i s just beyond the \nexercise yard, on the other side of the electrically operated main gate. At \nthree the gate opens and the guards comi ng on duty and those going off mingle. \nThere\'s a lot of back-slapping and b ullyragging, comparison of league bowling \nscores and the usual number of ti red old ethnic jokes. \n \nSid just trundled his lining machine right out throu gh the gat e, leaving a \nthree-inch baseline all the way from home plate in t he exercise yard to the \nditch on the far side of Route 6, where they found t he ma chine overturned in a \npile of lime. Don\'t ask me how he did it. He wa s dressed in his prison uniform, \nhe stood six-feet-two, and he was billowing clouds of li me-dust behind him All I \ncan figure is that, it being Friday af ternoon and all, t he guards going off were \nso happy to be going off, and th e guards coming on were so do wnhearted to be \ncoming on, that the members of the former group never go t their heads out of the \n nclouds and those in the 1 atter never got their noses of f their shoe tops . . . \nand old Sid Nedeau ju st sort of slipped out between the two. \n \nSo far as I know, Sid is still at large. Over the year s, Andy Dufresne and I had \na good many laughs over Sid Nedeau\'s great escape, and when w e heard about that \nairline hijacking for ransom, the one where the guy para chuted from the back \ndoor of the airplan e, Andy swore up and down that D. B. Co oper\'s real name was \nSid Nedeau. \n \n"And he probably had a pocketful of baseline lime in his pocket for good 1 uck," \nAndy said. "That lucky son of a bitch." \n \nBut you should understand that a case like Sid Nedeau, or the fellow who got \naway clean from the Sabba tus potato-field crew, guys like that are winning the \nprison version of the Irish Sweepstakes. Purely a case of six different kinds of \nluck somehow jell ing together all at the same moment. A stiff like Andy could \nwait ninety ye ars and not get a similar break. \n \nMaybe you remember, a ways back, I mentio ned a guy named Henley Backus, the \nwashroom foreman in the laundry. He came to Shawshank in 1922 and died in the \nprison infirmary thirty-one years late r. Escapes and e scape attempts were a \nhobby of his, maybe because he never quite dared to take the plunge himself. He \ncould tell you a hundred differen t schemes, all of them cr ackpot, and all of \nthem had been tried in The Shan k at one time or anothe r. My favorite was the \ntale of Beaver Morrison, a b& e convict who tried to build a glider from scratch \nin the plate-factory base ment. The plans he was workin g from were in a 65 \ncirca-1900 book called The Modern Boy\'s Guide to Fan and Adven ture. Beaver got \nit built without b eing discovered, or so the story goes, only to discover there \nwas no door fr om the basement big enough to get the damne d thing out. When \nHenley told th at story, you could bust a gut laughing, and he knew a dozen-no, \ntwo dozen-a lmost as funny. \n \nWhen it came to detailing Shawshank bust-outs, Henley ha d it down chapter and \nverse. He told me once that during his time there had be en better than four \nhundred escape attempts that he knew of. Really think about that for a moment \n nbefore you just nod your head and read on Four hund red escape a ttempts! That \ncomes out to 12.9 escape attempts for every year Henley B ackus was in Shawshank \nand keeping track of them. The Escape-Attemp t-of-the-Month Club. Of course most \nof them were pretty slipshod affairs, t he sort of thin g that ends up with a \nguard grabbing some poor, sidling slob \'s arm and growling, "Wh ere do you think \nyou\'re going, you happy asshol e?" \n \nHenley said he\'d class maybe sixty of them as more se rious attempt s, and he \nincluded the "prison break" of 1937, the year before I arriv ed at The Shank. The \nnew Administration Wing was under construction then and f our teen cons got out, \nusing construction equipment in a poorly locked shed. The who le of southern \nMaine got into a panic over those fourteen "hardened cri minals," most of whom \nwere scared to death and had no more idea of where the y should go than a \njackrabbit does when it\'s headlight-pinned to the highwa y with a big truck \nbearing down on it. Not one of those fourteen got away.

Two of them were shot \ndead-by civilians, not police officers or prison perso nn el-but none got away. \nHow many had gotten away between 1938, when I came here, and that day in October \nwhen Andy first mentioned Zihuatanejo to me? P utting my information and Henley\'s \ntogether, I\'d say ten. Ten that got awa y clean. And alt hough it isn\'t the kind \nof thing you can know for sure, I \'d guess that at least ha lf of those ten are \ndoing time in other instituti ons of lower learning like The Shank. Because you \ndo get institutionalized. When you take away a man\'s free dom and teach him to \nlive in a cell, he see ms to lose his ability to thi nk in dimensions He\'s like \nthat jackrabbit I mentioned, frozen in the oncoming li ghts of the truck that is \nbound to kill it. More often than not a con who\'s just out will pull some dumb \njob that h asn\'t a chance in hell of succeeding . . . a nd why? Because it\'ll get \nhim back inside. Back where he understands how things work. \n \nAndy wasn\'t that way, but I was. The idea of seeing the Pacific sounded good, \nbut I was afra id that actually being there would Scare me to death-the bigness \nof it. \n \nAnyhow, the day of that conversation about Mexico, andd about Mr. Peter Steve ns . \n. . that was the day I began to believe that Andy had s ome idea of doi ng a \ndisappearing act. I hoped to God he would be careful if he did, and st ill, I \nwouldn\'t have bet money on his chances of succeeding. Wa rden Norto \nwas watching Andy with a special close eye. Andy wasn\'t n, you see, 66 just another deadhead \nwith a number to Norton; they had a working relationsh i p, you might say. Also, \nAndy had brains and he had heart. Norton was deter mined to use the one and crush \nthe other. \n \nAs there are honest politici ans on the outside-ones whoo stay bought-there are \nhonest prison guards, and if you are a good judge of character and if you have \nsome loot to spread ar ound, I suppose it\'s possible that yo u could buy enough \nlook-the-other-way to make a break. I\'m not the man to tell you such a thing has \nnever been d one, but Andy Dufresne wasn\'t the man who c ould do it. Because, as \nI\'ve s aid, Norton was watching. Andy knew it, and the sc rews knew it, too. \n \nNobo dy was going to nominate Andy for the Inside-Out progra m, not as long as \nWa rden Norton was evaluating the nominations. And Andy w as not the kind of man \nto try a casual Sid Nedeau type of escape. \n \nIf I had been him, the though t of that key would have tor mented me endlessly. I \nwould have been lucky to get two hours\' worth of honest s hut-eye a night. Buxton \nwas less than thir ty miles from Shawshank. So near a nd yet so far. \n \nI still thought his bes t chance was to engage a lawyer and try for the retrial. \nAnything to get out from under Norton\'s thumb. Maybe Tomm y Williams could be \nshut up by nothin g more than a cushy furlough program, but I w asn\'t entirely \nsure. Maybe a good old Mississippi hard-ass lawyer could cra ck him . . . and \nmaybe that l awyer wouldn\'t even have to work that hard. Williams had honestly \nliked An dy. Every now and then I\'d bring these points up to Andy, who would only \nsm ile, his eyes far away, and say he was thinking about it. \n \nApparently he \'d been thinking about a lot of other things, as well. \n \nIn 1975, Andy Duf resne escaped from Shawshank. He hasn\'t bee n recaptured, and I \ndon\'t thin k he ever will be. In fact, I don\'t think Andy Dufresne even exists \nanymor e. But I think there\'s a man down in Zihuatanejo, Mexico, named Peter \nStev ens. Probably running a very new small hotel in t his year of our Lord 1976. \n \nI\'ll tell you what I know and what I think; that\'s about all I can do, isn\'t it? \n \nOn March 12th, 1975, the cell doors in Cellblock 5 opened at 6: 30 A.M., as they \ndo every morning around here except Sunday. And as they do e very day except \nSunday, the inmates of those cells stepped forward into t he corridor and formed \ntwo lines as the cell doors slammed shut behind them. T hey walked up to the main \ncellblock gate, where they were counted off by t wo guards before being sent on \ndown to the cafeteria for a breakfast of oatm eal, scr ambled eggs, and fatty \nbacon. \n 67 \nAll of this went according to routine until the count at the cellblock gate. \nThere should have been tw enty-seven. Instead, there we re twenty-six. After a \ncall to the Captain of the Guards, Cellblock 5 was allow ed to go to breakfast. \n \nThe Captain of th e Guards, a not half-bad fellow named R ichard Gonyar, and his \nassistant, a jolly prick named Dave Burkes, came down to Cellblock 5 right away. \nGonyar r

e-opened the cell doors and he and Burkes went down the corridor \ntogether, dragging their sticks over the bars, their guns o ut. In a case like \nthat wh at you usually have is someone who has been take n sick in the night, so \nsic k he can\'t even step out of his cell in the morning. More rarely, someone has \ndied . . . or committed suicide. \n \nBut this time, they found a mystery ins tead of a sick man or a dead man. They \nfound no man at all. There were four teen cells in Cell block 5, seven to a side, \nall fairly neat-restriction of visiting privileges is the penalty for a sloppy \ncell at Shawshank-and all ve ry empty. \n \nGonyar\'s first assumption was that there had been a mi scount o r a practical \njoke. So instead of going off to work after breakfast, the in mates of Cellblock \n5 were sent back to their cells, joking and happy. Any br e ak in the routine was \nalways welcome. \n \nCell doors opened; prisoners s tepped in; cell doors closed. Some clown shouting, \n"I want my lawyer, I want my lawyer, you guys run this place just like a \nfrigging prison." Burkes: "Sh ut up in there, or I\'ll rank you. " The clown: "I \nranked your wife, Burki e." Gonyar: "Shut up, all of you, or you\'ll spend the day \nin there." \n \n He and Burkes went up the line again, counting noses. They didn\'t have to go \nfar. \n \n"Who belongs in this cell?" Gonyar asked the rightside n ight guar d. \n \n"Andrew Dufresne," the rightside answered, and that was a ll it took. Everything \nstopped being routine right then. The balloon went up. \nIn all the prison movies I\'ve seen, this wailing horn goes off when there\'s been \na break. That never happens at Shawshank. The first thi ng Gonyar did was to get \nin touch with the warden. The second thing was to get a search of the pr ison \ngoing. The third was to alert the state police in Scarb orough to the p ossibility \nof a breakout. \n \nThat was the routine. It didn\'t call for th em to searc h the suspected escapee\'s \ncell, and so no one did. Not then. Wh y would they? It was a case of what you see \nis what you get. It was a small square room, bars on the window and bars on the \nsliding door. Rocks on the \n \nAnd the poster, of course. It was Linda Ronstadt by th windowsill . 68 en . The poster was right \nover his bunk. There had been a poster there, in t hat e xact same place, for \ntwenty-six years. And when someone, who was Warde n No rton himself, as it turned \nout, poetic justice if there ever was anybod y looked behi nd it, they got one \nhell of a shock. \n \nBut that didn\'t ha ppen until six-thirty that night, almost twelve hours after \nAndy had been r eported missing, probably twenty hours afte r he had actually made \nhis escap e. \n \nNorton hit the roof. \n \nI have it on good authority. Chester, the t rusty, who w as waxing the hall floor \nin the Admin Wing that day. He didn\'t have to polish any keyplates with his ear \nthat day; he said you could hear t he warden clear down to Records & Files as he \nchewed on Rich Gonyar\'s ass. \n \n"What do you mean, you\'re \'satisfied he\'s not on the pri son grounds\'? What does \nthat mean? It means you didn\'t find him! You better find him! You better! \nBecause I want him! Do you hear me? want him!" Gonyar said somethin g. \n"Didn\'t happen on your shift? That\'s what you say. So fa r as I can tel l, no one \nknows when it happened. Or how. Or if it really did. Now, I want him in my \noffice by three o\'clock this afternoon, or some heads are going to roll. I can \npromise you that, and I always keep my promises." \n \nSomet hing else from Gonyar, something that seemed to pr ovoke Norton to even \ngrea ter rage. \n \n"No? Then look at this! Look at this.\' You recognize it ? Last night\'s tally for \nCellblock Five. Every prisoner accounted for! Dufresne w as locked up last night \nat nine and it is impossible for him to be gone now! It is impossible! Now you \nAnd him!" \n \nBut at three that afternoon Andy was still among the m issing. Norton himself \nstormed down to Cellblock 5 a f ew hours later, where the rest of us had been \nlocked up all of that day. Ha d we been questioned? We had spen t most of that \nlong day being questioned b y harried screws who were feeli ng the breath of the \ndragon on the backs of their necks. We all said the same thing: we had seen \nnothing, heard nothin g. And so far as I know, we were all telling the truth. I \n hknow that I was. All we could say was that Andy had indee d been in his cell at \nthe time of t he lock-in, and at lights-out an hour later . \n \nOne wit suggested that Andy had poured himself out through the keyhole. The \nsuggestion earned the guy fo

ur days in solitary They were upt ight. So Norton came down. 69 \nHe stalked down glaring at us with blue eyes nearly hot e nough to strike sparks from the \ntempered steel bar of our cages. He looked at us as if he believed we were al l in on it \nProbably he did believe it. \n \nHe went into Andy\'s cell and lo oked around. It was just as Andy had left it, the \nsheets on his bunk turned back but without looking slept-in. Rocks on the \nwindowsill . . . but not all of them. The ones he like d best he took with him. \n \n"Rocks," Norton hisse d, and swept them off the window le dge with a clatter. \n \nGonyar, who was n ow on overtime, winced but said nothing . \n \nNorton\'s eyes fell on the Lin da Ronstadt poster. Linda was looking back over her \nshoulder, her hands tuck ed into the back pockets of a very t ight pair of \nfawn-colored slacks. She w as wearing a halter and she h ad a deep California tan. \nIt must have offende d the hell out of Norton\'s Baptist s ensibilities, that \n \nposter. \n \nWatch ing him glare at it, I remembered what Andy had onc e said about feeling he \n could almost step through the picture and be with the girl. \nIn a very real w ay, that was exactly what he did, as Norton was only seconds \nfrom discoverin g. \n \n"Wretched thing!" he grunted, and ripped the poster from the wall with a single \nswipe of his hand. And revealed the gaping, crumbled hole in the c oncrete behind \nit . \n \nGonyar wouldn\'t go in. \n \nNorton ordered him. God, they must have heard Norton orde ring Rich Gonyar to go \nin there all ov er the prison, and Gonyar just refused hi m, point blank. \n \n"I\'ll have you r job for this!" Norton screamed. He was as hysterical as a woman \nhaving a hot-flash. He had utterly blown his cool. His neck had turned a rich, \ndark red, and two veins stood out, throbbing, on his foreh ead. "You can count on \nit, you . . . you Frenchman! I\'ll have your job and I\'l l see to it that yo u \nnever get another one in any prison system in New Engl and!" \n \nGonyar silently held out his service pistol to Norton, butt first. He\'d had enough. He was \nthen two hours overtime, going on three, and he\'d just ha d enough. I t was as if Andy\'s \ndefection from our happy little family had driven Norton right over the edge of some \nprivate irrationality that had been there for a l ong t ime. . . \n \nI don\'t know what that private irrationality might have been, of course. But I \ndo know that there were twenty-six cons listening to 70 \nwith Rich Gonyar that evening as the last of N orton s little dust-up the ligh t faded from a dull \nlate-winter sky, all of us hard-timers and long -line ride rs who had seen the \nadministrators come and go, the hard-asses an d the candy- asses alike, and we all \nknew that Warden Samuel Norton had just passed what the en gineers like to call \n"the breaking strain." \n \nAnd by God, it almost seemed to me that somewhere I co uld hear Andy Dufresne \nlaugh \n \nNorton finally got a skinny drink of water on the night shift to go into the \nhole that had been behind Andy\'s poster of Linda Ronstadt . The sk inny guard\'s \nname was Rory Tremont, and he was not exactly a ball of fire in the brains \ndepartment. Maybe he thought he was going to win a Bronze Sta r or something. As \nit turned out, it was fortunate that Norton got someone o f Andy\'s approximate \nheight and build to go in there; if they had sent a bi g-as sed fellow, as most \nprison guards seem to be, the guy would have stuck in there a s sure as God made \ngreen grass . . . and he might be there still. \n \nTremont went in with a nylon filament rope, which so meone had found in th e trunk \nof his car, tied around his waist and a big six-battery flashlight i n one hand. \nBy then Gonyar, who had changed his mind about quitting and who seemed to be the \nonly one there still able to think clearly, had dug out a set of blueprints. \n \nI knew well enough what they showed him, a wall which l ooked, in cross-section, \nlike a sandwich. The entire wall was ten feet thi ck. T he inner and outer \nsections were each about four feet thick. In the ce nte r was two feet of \npipe-space, and you want to believe that was the meat of the thing . . . in more \nways than one. \n \nTremont\'s voice came out o f the hole, sounding hollow a nd dead. "Something \nsmells awful in here, Ward en." \n \n"Never mind that! Keep going." \n \nTremont\'s lower legs disappear ed into the hole. A moment later his feet were \ngone, too. His light flashed dimly back and forth. \n \n"Warden, it smells pretty damn bad." \n \n"Never m ind, I said!" Norton cried. \n \nDolorously, Tremont\'s voice floated back: "S

mells like shit. Oh God, that\'s what \nit is, it\'s shit, oh my God lemme out ta here I\'m gonna blow my groceries oh shit \nit\'s shit oh my Gawwwwwd!" An d then came the unmistakab le sound of Rory Tremont \nlosing his last couple o 71 \n \nWell, that was it for me. I couldn\'t help myself. The who le day, hell no, the \nlast thirty years, all came up on me at once and I sta rted laughing fit to \nsplit, a laugh such as I\'d never had since I was a fre e m an, the kind of laugh I \nnever expected to have inside these gray walls. And oh de ar God didn\'t it feel \ngood! \n \n"Get that man out of here!" War den Norton was screami ng, and I was laughing so \nhard I didn\'t know if he m eant me or Tremont. I just wen t on laughing and \nkicking my feet and holding onto my belly. I couldn\'t have stopped if Norton had \nthreatened to shoot me dead-bang on the spot. "Get him O UT!" \n \nWell, friends and neighbors, I was the one who went. S traight down to solitary, \nand there I stayed for fifteen days. A long shot. But ev ery now and then I \d \nthink about poor old not-too -bright Rory Tremont bellowi ng oh shit it\'s shit, \nand then I\'d think abou t Andy Dufresne heading south in his own car, dressed in \na nice suit, and I \'d just have to laugh. I did that fifteen days in solitary \npractically sta nding on my head. Maybe because half of m e was with Andy \nDufresne, Andy Duf resne who had waded in shit and came out clean on the other \nside, Andy Dufre sne, headed for the Pacific. \n \nI heard the rest of what went on that night from half a dozen sources. There \nwasn\'t all that much, anyway. I guess tha t Rory Tremon t decided he didn\'t have \nmuch left to lose after he\'d lost h is lunch and dinner, because he did go on. \nThere was no danger of falling do wn the pipe-shaft betwee n the inner and outer \nsegments of the cellblock wal l; it was so narrow that Tremont actually had to \nwedge himself down. He sai d later that he could only take half-breaths and that \nhe knew what it would be like to be buried alive. \n \nWhat he found at the bottom of the shaft was a master sewer-pipe which served \nthe fourteen toilets in Cellblock 5, a por celain pipe tha t had been laid \nthirty-three years before. It had been broke n into. B eside the jagged hole in \nthe pipe, Tremont found Andy\'s rock-hamm er. \n \nAndy had gotten free, but it hadn\'t been easy. \n \nThe pipe was ev en narrower than the shaft Tremont had just descended. Rory \nTremont didn\'t go in, and so far as I know, no one else did, either. It must \nhave been damn near unspeakable. A rat jumped out of the pipe as Tremont was \nexamining the hole and the rock-hammer, and he swore la ter that it was nearly as \nbig as a cocker spaniel pup. He went back up the crawlspace t o Andy\'s cell like \na m onkey on a stick. \n \nAndy had gone into that pipe. Maybe he knew that it emp tie d into a stream five \nhundred yards beyond the prison on the marshy weste rn side . I think he did. The 72 \nprison blueprints were around, and Andy would have found a way to look at them. \nHe was a methodical cuss. He would have known or found out that the sewer-pipe \nrunning out of Cellblock 5 was t he last one in Shawshank not hooked into the new \nwaste-treatment plant, and he would have known it was do it by mid- 197 5 or do \nit never, because in Au gust they were going to switch us o ver to the new waste treatment \nplant, to o. Five hundred yards. The length of five football fields. Just shy of half a mile. He \ncrawled that distance, maybe with one of those small pen lights in h is hand, maybe with \nnothing but a couple of books of matches. He crawled thro ugh foulness that I either can\'t \nimagine or don\'t want to imagine. Maybe th e rats scatt ered in front of him, or maybe they \nwent for him the way such an imals sometimes will whe n they\'ve had a chance to grow \nbold in the dark. He must have had just enough clearance at the shoulders to keep \nmoving, and he probably had to shove himself through the places where the lengths of \npipe we re joined. If it had been me, the claustrophobia w ould have driven me mad a do zen \ntimes over. But he did it. \n \nAt the far end of the pipe they found a set of muddy footpri nts leading out of \nthe sluggish, polluted creek the pip e fed into. Two miles fro m there a search \nparty found his prison uniform. T hat was a day later. \n \nThree months after that memorable day, Warden Norton resigned. He was a broken \nman, it gives me great pleasure to report. The spr ing was gone from his step. On \nhis last day he shuffled act with his head do wn like an o ld con shuffling down \nto the infirmary for his codeine pills. I

t was Gonyar who took over, and to \nNorton that must have seemed like the un kindest cut of all . For all I knee, Sam \nNorton is down there in Eliot now, attending services at the Baptist church \nevery Sunday, and wondering how the hell Andy Dufresne eve r could have gotten \nthe better of him. \n \nI could h ave told him; the answer to the question is sim plicity itself. Some \nhave go t it. Sam. And some don\'t. and never will. \n \n

t it, Sam. And some don\'t, and never will. \n \ 73 \n \nXIII \n \nThat\'s what I know; now I\'m going to tell you what I th ink I may have it wrong \non some of the specifics, but I\'d be will ing to let my watch and chain that I\'ve \ngot the general outline down pretty well. Because, with A ndy being the sort of \nman that he was, there\'s only o ne or two ways that it could have been. And every \nnow ad then, when I think it out, I think of Normaden, t hat half-crazy Indian. \n"Nice Della," Normaden had said after celling with Andy for eight months. "I was \nglad to go, me. Ba d draft in that cell. All the time col d. He don\'t let nobody \ntouch his thi ngs. That\'s okay. Nice man, never made fun. But big draft." \n \nPoor crazy Normaden. be knew more than all the rest of us, and he knew it sooner. And \n it was eight long months before Andy could get him out of there and have the \ncell to himself again. If it hadn\'t been for the eight months Normaden had spent \nwith him after Warden Norton first came in. I do beli eve that Andy wo uld have \nbeen free before Nixon resigned. \n \nI believe now that it began i n 1949, way back then - not with the rock-hammer, but \nwith the Rita Hayworth poster. I told you how nervous he seemed when he asked \nfor that, nervous an d filled with suppressed excitement. At the time I thought \nit was just emba rrassment, that Andy was the sort of guy who\'d never want \nsomeone else to k now that he had feet of clay and want ed a woman . . . \nespecially if it was a fantasy-woman. But I think now that I was wrong. I think \nnow that Andy \'s excitement came from something else a ltogether. \n \nWhat was responsible for the hole that Warden Norton eventually found behind the \nposter of a girl that hadn\'t even been born when that photo of Rita Hayworth was \ntaken? And y Dufresne\'s perseverance and hard work, yeah - I don\'t take any of that \naway from him. But there were two other elements in the equation: a lot of luck, \nand WPA concrete. \n \nYou don\'t need me to explain the luck, I gu ess. The WPA con crete I checked out \nfor myself. I invested some time and a couple of stamps and wrote first to the \nUniversity of Maine History Departme nt and then to a fellow whose address they \nwere able to give me. This fellow had been foreman of the WPA project that built \nthe Shawshank Max Security W ing. \n \nThe wing, which contains Cellblocks 3, 4, and 5, was built in the ye ars 1934-37. \nNow, most people don\'t think of cement and concrete as " techn ological \ndevelopments," the way we think of cars and oil furnaces and rocke t-ships, but \nthey really are. There was no modern cement until 1870 or so, and no modern \nconcrete until after the turn of the century. Mixing co ncrete is as delicate a \nbusiness as making bread. You can get it too watery or no t watery enough. You \ncan get the sand-mix too thick or too thin, and the sam e is true of the \ngravel-mix. And back in 1934, the science of mixing the stuf f was a lot less \nsophisticated than it is today. \n \nThe walls of Cellblock 5 were solid enough, but they were n\'t exactly dry and \ntoasty. As a matter or fact, they were and are pretty damned dank. After a long \nwet spell they would sweat and sometimes even drip. Cracks had a way of \nappearing, some an inch deep. They were routinely mortare d over. \n \nNow here comes Andy Dufresn e into Cellblock 5. He\'s a m an who graduated from the \nUniversity of Maine \'s school of business, but he\'s al so a man who took two or \nthree geology courses along the E way. Geology had, in fa ct, become his chief \nhobby. I im agine it appealed to his patient, meticulous na ture. A \nten-thousand-year ic e age here. A million years of moun tain-building there. \nPlates of bedrock g rinding against each other deep under the earth\'s skin over \nthe millennia. Pressure. Andy told me once that all of geology is the study of \npressure. \n \n And time, of course. He had time to study those walls. Plenty of time. Wh en the cell door \nslams and the lights go out, there\'s nothing else to loo k at. \n \nFirst-timers usually have a hard time adjusting to the co nfinement of

prison \nlife. They get screw-fever. Sometimes they have to b e hauled down to the \ninfirmary and sedated a couple of times before they get o n the beam. It \'s not \nunusual to hear some new member of our happy little famil y banging on the bars \nof his cell and screaming to be let out . . . and befor e the cr ies have gone on \nfor long, the chant starts up along the cellblock: "Fres h fish, hey little \nfishie, fresh fish, fresh fish, got fresh fish today! " \n \nAndy didn\'t flip out like that when he came to The Shank i n 1948, but that \nto say that he didn\'t feel many of the same things. He may h ave come close to \nmadness; some do, and some go sailing right over the edge. Old life blown away \nin the wink of an eye, indeterminate nightmare stretch i ng out ahead, a long \nseason in hell. \n \nSo what did he do, I ask you? He s earched almost desperatel y for something to \ndivert his restless mind. Oh, t here are all sorts of ways to divert yourself, \neven in prison; it seems like the human mind is full of an infinite number of \npossibilities when it comes to diversion. I told you ab out the sculptor and his \nThree Ages of Jesus. Th ere were coin collectors who w ere always losing their \ncollections to thieve s, stamp collectors, one fellow who had postcards from \nthirty-five differen t countries-and let me tell you, he would have turned out \nyour lights if he \'d caught you diddling with his postcards. \n \nAndy got interested in rocks. A of his cell. \n \nI think that his initial intention might have been to do no more than to carve \nhis initials into the wall where the poster of Rita Haywo rth would soon be \nhanging. His initials, or maybe a few lines from some poe m. Instead, what he \nfound was that interestingly weak concrete. Maybe he st arted to carve his \ninitials and a big chunk of the wall just fell out. I can see him, lying there \non his bunk, looking at that broken chunk of concrete, turn ing it over in his \nhands. Never mind the wreck of your whole life, neve r m ind that you got \nrailroaded into this place by a whole trainload of bad 1 uck. Let\'s forget all \nthat and look at this piece of concrete. \n \nSome months further along he might have decided it would be fun to see how much \n of that wall he could take out. But you can\'t just start di gging into your wa ll \nand then, when the weekly inspection (or one of the sur prise inspections that \nare always turning up interesting caches of booze, drugs, di rty pictur es, and \nweapons) comes around, say to the guard: "This? Just excav ating a l ittle hole in \nmy cell wall. Not to worry, my good man." \n \nNo, he couldn \'t have that. So he came to me and asked if I could get him a Rita \nHaywort h poster. Not a little one but a big one. \n \nAnd, of course, he had the rock -hammer. I remember thin king when I got him that \ngadget back in \'48 that i t would take a man six hundred years t o burrow through \nthe wall with it. Tr ue enough. But Andy only had to go thr ough half the wall-and \neven with the soft concrete, it took him two rock-ham mers and twenty-seven years \nto do i t. \n \nOf course he lost most of one of those years to Norm aden, and he could only work \nat night, preferably late at night, when almost everyb ody is asle ep-including \nthe guards who work the night shift. But I suspect the thin g w \ndown the most was getting rid of the wall as he took i hich slowed him 76 t out. He could muffle the \nsound of his work by wrapping the head of his ham mer in ro ck-polishing cloths, \nbut what to do with the pulverized concrete a nd the occas ional chunks that came \nout whole? \n \nI think he must have bro ken up the chunks into pebbles and . . . \n \nI remembered the Sunday after I had gotten him the rockha mmer. I remember \nwatching him walk across the exer cise yard, his face puf fy from his latest \ngo-round with the sisters. I saw him stoop, pick up a pebble . . . and it \ndisappeared up his sleeve. That in side sleeve-pocket is an old prison trick. Up \nyour sleeve or just inside th e cuff of your pants. And I h ave another memory, \nvery strong but unfocused, maybe something I saw more than once. This memory is \nof Andy Dufresne walki ng across the exercise yard on a h ot summer day when the \nair was utterly st ill. Still, yeah . . . except for t he little breeze that \nseemed to be blowi ng sand around Andy Dufresne\'s feet. So maybe he had a couple \nof cheaters i n his pants below the knees. You loaded the cheaters up with fill \nand then just strolled around, your hands in your pockets, an d when you felt \nsafe an d unobserved, you gave the pockets a little twitch. The pockets, of \ncourse,

are attached by string or strong thread to the c heaters. The fill goes \ncasc ading out of your pants legs as you walk. The World war II POWs who were \ntry ing to tunnel out used the dodge. \n \nThe years went past and Andy brought hi s wall out to the exercise yard cupful by \ncupful. He played the game with ad ministrator after adminis trator, and they \nthought it was because he wanted to keep the library growing. I have no doubt \nthat was part of it, but the m ain thing Andy wanted was to keep Cell 14 in \nCellblock 5 a single occupancy. \n \nI doubt if he had any real plans or hopes of breaking out, at least not at \nfirst. He probably assumed the wall was ten feet of so lid concrete, and that if \nhe succeeded in boring all the way through it, he\'d come o ut thirty fee t over \nthe exercise yard. But like I say, I don\'t think he was worried over much about \nbreaking through. His assumption could have run this way: I m onl y making a foot \nof progress every seven years or so; therefore, it would ta ke me seventy years \nto break through; that would make me one hundred and one year s old. \n \nHere\'s a second assumption I would have made, had I been A n dy: that eventually I \nwould be caught and get a lot of solitary time, not to me ntion a very large \nblack mark on my record. After all, there was the regu la r weekly inspection and \na surprise toss-which usually came at night-every second week or so. He must \nhave decided that things couldn\'t go on for lon g. sooner or later, some screw \nwas going to peek behind Rita Hayworth just to make sure An dy didn\'t have a \nsharpened spoon-handle or some marijuana r eefers Scotch- taped to the wall. \n 77 \nAnd his response to that second a ssumption must have been To hell with it. Maybe \nhe even made a game out of it. How far in can I get bef ore they find out? Prison \nis a goddam boring pl ace, and the chance of being surprised b y an unscheduled \ninspection in the middle of the night while he had his po ster unstuck probably \nadded some spi ce to his life during the early years. \n \nAnd I do believe it would have bee n impossible for him t o get away with it just \non dumb luck. Not for twentyseven years. Nevertheless, I have to believe that \nfor the first two yearsuntil mid-May of 1950, when he h elped Byron Hadley get \naround the tax on hi s windfall inheritance-that\'s exac tly what he did get by on. \n \nOr maybe h e had something more than dumb luck going for him even back then. He \nhad mo ney, and he might have been slipping someone a litt le squeeze every week \nto take it easy on him. Most guards will go along with th at if the price is \nri ght; it\'s money in their pockets and the prisoner gets to keep his whack off \npictures or his tailor made cigarettes. Also, Andy was a model prisoner- qui et, \nwell-spoken, respectful, non-violent. It\'s the crazies and the stampede rs that \nget their cells turned upside-down at least once every six months, their \nmattresses unzipped, their pillows taken away and cut open, the outflo w pipe \nfrom their toilets carefully probed. \n \nThen, in 1950, Andy became something more than a model pris oner. In 1950, he \nbecame a valuable commodi ty, a murderer who did tax-return s better than H&R \nBlock. He gave gratis es tate-planning advice, set up tax-sh elters, filled out \nloan applications (so metimes creatively). I can remem ber him sitting behind his \ndesk in the libr ary, patiently going over a car-loan agre ement paragraph by \nparagraph with a screwhead who wanted to buy a used DeSoto, telling the guy what \nwas good about the agreement and what was bad about it, ex plaining to him that \n it wa s possible to shop for a loan and not get hit quite so bad, steering him \nawa y from the finance companies, which in those days were sometimes little it \nb etter than legal loan sharks. When he d finished, the screwhead started to put \nout his hand . . . and then drew it back to himself quickly . He d forgotten for \na moment, you see, that he was dealing with a mascot, not a man. \n \nAn dy kept up on the tax laws and the changes in the stock m arkets and so his \n usefulness didn\'t end after he d been in cold storage for a while, as it might \nhave done. He began to get his library money, his runni ng war with the siste rs \nhad ended, and nobody tossed his cell very hard. He was a good nigger. \n \nThen one day, very late in the going-perhaps around Octobe r of 1967-the \nl ong-time hobby suddenly turned into something else. One n ight while was in the \nhole up to his waist with Raquel Welch hanging down over h is ass, the pick e nd of \nhis rock-hammer must have suddenly sunk into concrete past the hilt.

\nHe would have dragged some chunks of concrete back, but maybe he heard other \nfalling down into that shaft, bouncing back and forth, cl inking of that \nstandpipe. Did he know by then that he was going to come upo n that shaft, or was \nhe totally surprised? I don\'t know. He might have seen th e prison blue prints by \nthen or he might not have. If not, you can be damned sur e he foun d a way to look \nat them not long after. \n \nAll at once he must have reali zed that, instead of just playing a game, he was \nplaying for high stakes . . . in terms of his own life and his own future, tie \nhighest. Even then he c ouldn\'t have known for sure, but h e muss have had a \npretty good idea becau se it was right around then that he t alked to me about \nZihuatanejo for the first time. All of a sudden, instea d of just being a toy, \nthat stupid hole in the wall became his master-if he kn ew about the sewer-pipe \nat the bottom and that it led under the outer wall, it di d, anyway. \n \nHe\'d had the key under the rock in Buxton to worry about fo r years. Now he had D \nworry that some eager-beaver new guard would look behind hi s poster and expose \nthe who le thing, or that he would get another cellmate, or that he would, after \nal 1 those years, suddenly be transferred He had all thos e things on his mind for \nthe next eight years. All Scan say is that he must ha ve been one of the cool est \nmen who ever lived. I would have gone completely nuts aft er awhile, liv ing with \nal that uncertainty. But Andy just went on playing the gam e. \n \nHe had to carry tie possibility of discovery for anoth er eight years-the \n probability)f it, you might say, because no matter how carefully he stacked t ie \ncards in his favor, as an inmate of a state prison, h e just didn\'t have that \nmany to stack . . . and the gods had been kind to him for a very long t ime; some \nnineteen years. \n \nThe most ghastly irony I can think of would h ave been i f he had been offered a \nparole. Can you imagine it? Three days be fore the parole e is actually released, \nhe is transferred into the light sec urity wing to undergo a complete physical \nand a battery of vocational tests. While he\'s there, his old cell is completely \ncleaned out. Instead of getti ng his parole, Andy would have gotten a long turn \ndownstairs in solitary, fo llowed by some more time upst airs . . . but in a \ndifferent cell. \n \nIf he broke into the shaft in 1967, how come he didn\'t esc ape until 1975 ? I \ndon \'t know for sure-but I can advance some pretty good guesse s. \nFirst, he wou ld have become more careful than ever. He was too smart to just \npush ahead at flank speed and try to get out in eight months, or even in \neighteen. He must have gone on widening the opening on the crawlspace a little \nat a tim e. A hole as big as a teacup by the time he to ok his New Year\'s Eve \ndrink that year. A hole as big as a dinner-plate by the time he took his \nbirthday drink in 1968. As big as a serving-tray by the time the 1969 baseball \nseaso n opened. \n 79 \nFor a time I thought it should have gone much faster than it apparently \ndid-after he broke through, I mean. It seemed to me that, ins tead of hating to \npulverize the crap and take it out of his cell in the che ater gadgets I have \ndescribed, he could simply let it drop down the shaft. T he length of time he \ntook makes me believe that he didn\'t dare do that. He migh t have decided that \nthe noise would arouse someone\'s suspicions. Or, i f he kn ew about the \nsewer-pipe, as I believe he must have, he would have be e n afraid that a falling \nchunk of concrete would break it before he was rea dy, scr ewing up the cellblock \nsewage system and leading to an investigatio n. And an inv estigation, needless to \nsay, would lead to ruin. \n \nStill a nd all, I\'d guess that, by the time Nixon was sw orn in for his second \nter m, the hole would have been wide enough for him to wr iggle through . . . and \nprobably sooner than that. Andy was a small guy. \n \nWhy didn\'t he go the n? \n \nThat\'s where my educated guesses run out, folks; from this point they become \nprogressively wilder. One possibility is that the crawl space itself was clogged \nwith crap and he had to clear it out. But that wouldn\'t ac coun t for all the \ntime. So what was it? \n \nI think that maybe Andy got scare d. \n \nI\'ve told you as well as I can how it is to be an ins titutional man. At first \nyou can\'t stand those four walls, then you get so you can abide t hem, then you \nget so you accept them . . . and then, as your body and yo ur mind and your \nspirit adjust to life on an HO scale, you get to love th em. Y

ou are told when to \neat, when you can write letters, when you can smoke. I f you\'re at work in the \nlaundry or the plate-shop, you\'re assigned five minu tes of each hour when you \ncan go to the bathroom. For thirty-five years, my ti me was twenty-five minutes \nafter the hour, and after thirty-five years, t hat\'s t he only time I ever felt \nthe need to take a piss or have a crap: tw enty-five min utes past the hour. And \nif for some reason I couldn\'t go, the need would pass at t hirty after, and come \nback at twenty-five past the next hour. \n \nI think Andy may have been wrestling with that tiger-th at institut ional \nsyndrome-and also with the bulking fears that all of it might have bee n for \nnothing. \n \nHow many nights must he have lain awake under his poste r, thinking about that \nsewer line, knowing that the one chance was all he \'d e ver get? The blueprints \nmight have told him how big the pipe\'s bore w as, but a bl ueprint couldn\'t tell \nhim what it would be like inside that pi pe-if he would be a ble to breathe \nwithout choking, if the rats were big eno \nretreating . . . and a bluepr ugh and mean enough to fight instead of 80 int couldn\'t\'ve told him what he\'d find at the end \nof the pipe, when and if he got there. Here\'s a joke eve n funnier than the \nparole would have bee n: Andy breaks into the sewer line, crawls through five \nhundred yards of ch oking, shit-smelling darkness, and comes up against a \nheavy-gauge mesh scree n at the end of it all. Ha, ha, v ery funny. \n \nThat would have been on his mind. And if the long shot a ctually came in and he \nwas able to get out, wou ld he be able to get some civili an clothes and get away \nfrom the vicinity o f the prison undetected? Last of all , suppose he got out of \nthe pipe, got a way from Shawshank before the alarm was raised, got to Buxton, \noverturned th e right rock. . . and found nothing beneath? N ot necessarily \nsomething so d ramatic as arriving at the right field and discovering that a \nhighrise apart ment building had been erected on the spot, o r that it had been \nturned into a supermarket parking lot. \n \nIt could have been that some little kid who li ked rocks no ticed that piece of \nvolcanic glass, turned it over, saw the dep osit-box key, and took both it and \nthe rock back to his room as souvenirs. M aybe a Novemb er hunter kicked the rock, \nleft the key exposed, and a squirre l or a crow with a liki ng for bright shiny \nthings had taken it away. Maybe there had been spring flo ods one year, breaching \nthe wall, washing the key away. Maybe anything. \n \nSo I think-wild guess or not-that Andy just froze i n place for awhile. After \nall, you can\'t lose if you don\'t bet. What did he have to lose, you ask? His \nlibrary, for one thing. The poison peace of i nstitution al life, for another. Any \nfuture chance to grab his safe identit y. \nBut he finally did it, just as I have told you. He tried . . . and, my! Didn\'t \nhe succeed in spectacular fashion? You tell me! \n \nBut did he get away, you ask? What happened after? What happen ed when he got to \nthat meado w and turned over that rock . . . always assumi ng the rock was still \nthere? I can\'t describe that scene for you, because th is institutional man is \nsti ll in this institution, and expects to be for years to come. But I\'ll tell \nyou this. Very late in the summer of 1975, on September 15th , to be exact, I got \na postcard which had been mailed from the tiny town of McNary, Texas. Th at town \nis on the American side of the border, directly across from El Porv enir. The \nmessage side of the card was totally blank. But I know. I know it in my heart as \nsurely as I know that we\'re all going to die someday. \nMcN ary was where he crossed. McNary, Texas. \n \nSo that\'s my story, Jack. I never believed how long it would take to write it \nall down, or how many pag es it would take. I started writi ng just after I got \nthat postcard, and her e I am finishing up on January 14th, 1976. I\'ve used three \npencils right d own to knuckle-stubs, and a whole tablet of paper. I\'ve kept the s carefully hidden. . . not that many could read my hen -tracks, anyway. \nIt stirred up more memories than I ever would have belie ved. Writing about \nyou rself seems to be a lot like sticking a branch into clear river-water and \nro iling up the muddy bottom. \n \nWell, you weren\'t writing about yourself I he ar someone in the peanut-gallery \nsaying. You were writing about Andy Dufres ne. You\'re nothi ng but a minor \ncharacter in your own story. But you know, that\'s just n ot so. It\'s all about \nme, every damned word of it. Andy was

the part of me the y could never lock up, \nthe part of me that will rejoice w hen the gates final ly open for me and I walk \nout in my cheap suit with my t wenty dollars of mad-money in my pocket. That part \nof me will rejoice no ma tter how old and broken and sca red the rest of me is. I \nguess it\'s just th at Andy had more of that part than me, and used it better. \nThere are others here like me, others who remember A ndy. We\'re glad he\'s gone, \nbut a littl e sad, too. Some birds are not meant to be caged, that\'s all. Their \nfeather s are too bright, their songs too sweet and wil d. So you let them go, or \nwh en you open the cage to feed them they somehow fly out past you. And the part \nof you that knows it was wrong to imprison them in the first place rejoices, but \nstill, the place where you live is that much more drab and empty for the ir \ndeparture. \n \nThat\'s the story and I\'m glad I told it, even if it is a bit inconclusive and \neven though some of the memories the pencil prodded u p (like that branch poking \nup the river-mud) made me feel a little sad and e ven older than I am. Thank you \nfor listening. And Andy, if you\'re really do wn there, as I believe you are, look \nat the stars for me just after sunset, and touch the sa nd, and wade in the \n and feel free. \n \n \n n n n n n n n n n n n n n n n n nXIV \n \nI never expected to take up this narrative again, but here I am with the \ndog-eared, folded pages open on the desk in front of me. Here I am addi ng \nanother three or four pages, writing in a brand-new tabl et. A tablet I b ought in \na store-I just walked into a store on Portland\'s Congres s Street and bought it. \nI thought I had put finish to my story in a Shawshank pris on cell on a bleak \nJanuary day in 1976. Now it\'s May of 1977 and I am sitting in a small, cheap \nroom of the Brewster Hotel in Portland, adding to it. \n \nThe window is open, and the sound of the traffic floatin g in seem huge, \ne xciting, and intimidating. I have to look constantly ov er at the window and \nreassure myself that there are no bars on it. I slee p poorly at night becaus e \nthe bed in this room, as cheap as the room is, seems much too big and luxu rious. \nI snap awake every morning promptly at six-thirty, feeli ng disorient ed and \nfrightened. M) dreams are bad. I have a crazy feeling of free fall. The \nsensation is as terrifying as it is exhilarating. \n \nWhat has happene d in my life? Can\'t you guess? I was parol ed. After thirty-eight rs of routine hearings and routine denials (in the co urse of those \nthirty-e ight years, three lawyers died on me), my parol e was granted. I suppose \nthe y decided that, at the age of fifty-eight, I was fina lly used up enough to be \ndeemed safe. \n \nI came very close to burning the document you have just r ead. They search \noutgoing parolees almost as carefully as they search inc om ing "new fish." And \nbeyond containing enough dynamite to assure me of a quic k tur naround and another \nsix or eight years inside, my "memoirs" contained some thing else: the name of \nthe town where I believe Andy Dufresne to be. M exican police gladly cooperate \nwith the American police, and I didn\'t want my freedom-o r my unwillingness to \ngive up the story I\'d worked so long and hard to write-to co st Andy his. \n \nThen I remembered how Andy had brought i n his five hundred dollars back in 1948, \nand I took out my story of him the same way. Just to be on the safe side, I \ncarefully rewrote each page which mentioned Zihuatanejo. If the papers had been \nfound during my "outside sear ch," as they call it at The S hank, I would have \ngone back in on turnaround . . . but the cops would have bee n looking for Andy \nin a Peruvian seacoast town named Las Intrudres. \n \nThe Parole Committee got me a job as a "stock-r oom as sistant" at 310 the big \nFoodWay Market at the Spruce Mall in South Po rtland - whi ch means I became just \none more aging bag-boy. There\'s only tw o kinds of bag-boy s, you know; the old \nones and the young ones. No one ever looks at either kin d. If you shop at the \nSpruce Mall FoodWay, I may have ev en taken your groceries out to your car . . . \nbut you\'d have had to have s

hopped there between March and April of 1977, \nbecause that\'s as long as I w orked there. \n \nAt first I didn\'t think I was going to be able to make it on the outside at all. \nI\'ve described prison society as a scaled-down model of y our outside world, but \nI had no idea of how fast things moved on the ou

tside; th e raw speed people move \nat. They even talk faster. And louder. \n \nIt was the toughest adjustment I\'ve ever had to make, and I haven\'t finishe $\mbox{\bf d}$ \nmaking it yet . . . not by a long way. Women, for inst ance. After hardly knowing \nthat they were half of the human race for forty year s, I was sudden ly working in \na store filled with them. Old women, pregnant women wea ring t ee-shirts with \narrows pointing downward and a printed motto reading BABY HE RE, skinny women \nwith their nipples poking out at their shirts-a woman wear ing something like \nthat when I went in would have gotten arrested and then h ad a sanity \nhearing-women of every shape and size. I found myself goi ng aro und with a \nsemi-hard almost all the time and cursing myself for be ing a dir ty old man. \nGoing to the bathroom, that was another thing. When I had to go (and the urge \nalways came on me at twenty-five past the hour), I had to fig ht the almost \noverwhelming need to check it with my boss. Knowing that t was 84 \njust go and do in this too bright outside world was something I could one thi ng; adjusting my \ninner self to that knowledge after all those years of checking it with the \nnearest screwhead or facing two days in solitary for t he oversight . . . that \nwas something else. \n \nMy boss didn\'t like me. He was a young guy, twenty-six or -seven, and I could \nsee that I sort of dis gusted him, the way a cringing, ser vile old dog that \ncrawls up to you on it s belly to be petted will disgust a m an. Christ, I \ndisgusted myself. But . . . I couldn\'t make myself stop. I w anted to tell him: \nThat\'s what a whol e life in prison does for you, young m an. It turns everyone in \na position o f authority into a master, and you into eve ry master\'s dog. Maybe \nyou know you\'ve become a dog, even in prison, but since ev eryone else in gray is \na dog, too, it doesn\'t seem to matter so much. Outside, i t does. But I couldn \'t \ntell a young guy like him. He would never understand. Neither would my PO, a \nbig, bluff ex-Navy man with a huge red beard and a large st ock of Pol ish jokes. \nHe saw me for about five minutes every week. "Are you s taying ou t of the bars, \nRed?" he\'d ask when he\'d run out of Polish jokes. I\'d say y eah, and that would \nbe the end of it until next week. \n \nMusic on the r adio. When I went in, the big bands were just getting up a good \nhead of stea m. Now every song sounds like it\'s about fuckin g. So many cars. At \nfirst I felt like I was taking my life into my hands ev ery time I crossed the \nstree t. \n \nThere was more-everything was strange and frightening-but maybe you g et the \nidea, or can at least grasp a corner of it. I began to think about do ing \nsomething to get back in. When you\'re on parole, almost anything will s erve. I\'m \nashamed to say it, but I began to think about stealing so me mone y or shoplifting \nstuff from the FoodWay, anything, to get back in where i t was quiet and you knew \neverything that was going to come up in the course of the day. \n \nIf I had never known Andy, I probably would have done that . Bu t I kept thinking \nof him, spending all those years chipping patiently away a t the cement with his \nrock-hammer so he could be free. I thought of that and it made me ashamed and \nI\'d drop the idea again. Oh, you can say he had mor e reaso n to be free than I \n he had a new identity and a lot of money. B ut that\'s not really true, you \nknow. Because he didn\'t know for sure that the new identity was still there, and \nwithout the new identity, the money w ould always be out of reach. No, what he \nneeded was just to be free, and if I kicked away what I ha d, it would be like \nspitting in the face of everythi ng he had worked so hard to win back. \n \nSo what I started to do on my time off was to hitchhi ke rides down to the little \ntown of Buxton. This was in t he early April of 1977, the snow just starting to \nmelt off the fields, the a ir just beginning to be warm, the baseball teams \ncoming north to start a ne w season playing the only gam e I\'m sure God approves 85 \nof. When I went on these trips, I carried a Silva com pass in my pocket. \nThere\'s a big hay field in Buxton, Andy had said, and at the north end of that \nhayfield there \'s a rock wall, right oat of a Robert Fr ost poem. And somewhere \nalong the base of that wall is a rock that has no ear thly business in a Maine \nhayfiel d. \n \nA fool\'s errand, you say. How many hayfields are there in a small ru ral town \nlike Buxton? Fifty? A hundred? Speaking from personal experie nce, I\'d put it at \neven higher than that, if you add in the fields now culti vat

ed which might have \nbeen haygrass when Andy went in. And if I did find the r i ght one, I might never \nknow it. Because I might overlook that black piece of vol canic glass, or, much \nmore likely, Andy put it into his pocket and to ok it with h im. \n \nSo I\'d agree with you. A fool\'s errand, no doubt about it. Worse, a dangerous \none for a man on parole, because some of those field s were clearly marked with \nNO TRESPASSING signs. And, as I\'ve said, they\'r e more than happy to slam your \nass back inside if you get out of line. A foo l's errand . . . but so is chipping \nat a blank concrete wall for twenty-se ven years. And when you\'re no longer the \nman who can get it for you and jus t an old bag-boy, it\'s nice to have a hobby to \ntake your mind off your new life. My hobby was looking fo r Andy\'s rock. \nSo I\'d hitchhike to Buxton an d walk the roads. I\'d listen to the birds, to the \nspring runoff in the culv erts, examine the bottles the retreating snows had \nrevealed-all useless nonreturnables, I am sorry to sa y; the world seems to have \ngotten awfully spen dthrift since I went into the slam-a nd looking for hayfields. \n \nMost of th em could be eliminated right off. No rock wall s. Others had rock \nwalls, but my compass told me they were facing the wron g direction. I walked \nthese wro ng ones anyway. It was a comfortable thing to be doing, and on those \nouting s I really felt free, at peace. An old dog walked wit h me one Saturday. \nAnd one day I saw a winter-skinny deer. \n \nThen came April 23rd, a day I\'ll not forget even if I liv e another fifty-eight \nyears. It was a balmy Saturday af ternoon, and I was wa lking up what a little boy \nfishing from a bridge told me was called The Old Smith Ro ad. I had taken a lunch \nin a brown FoodWay ba g, and had eaten it sitting on a ro ck by the road. When \nI was done I careful ly buried my leavings, as my dad taught me before he died, \nwhen I was a spra t no older than the fisherman who ha d named the road for me. \nAround two o \'clock I came to a big field on my left. The re was a stone wall at \nthe far end of it, running roughly northwest. I walked back to it, squelching \nover the wet ground, and began to walk the wall. A squirrel scoffed me from an \no ak tree. \n \nThree-quarters of the way to the end, I saw the rock. N o mistak e. Black glass \nand as smooth as silk. A rock with no earthly business in a M aine hayfield. For \na long time I just looked at it, feeling that I might cry \nThe squirrel had followed me, and it was still , for whatever reason. 86 chatterin g away. My heart was \nbeating madly. \n \nWhen I felt I had myself under control, I went to the rock, squatted beside \nit-the joints in my knees went off like a double-barrel ed shotgun-and let my \nhand touch it. It was re al. I didn\'t pick it up because I th ought there would be \nanything under i t; I could just as easily have walked away without finding what \nwas beneath. I certainly Clad no plans to take it away with me, because I didn\'t \nfeel i t was mine to take-I had a feeling that taking that trock from the field \nwou ld have been the worst kind of theft. No, I only picke d it up to feel it \nbe tter, to get the heft of the thing, and, I suppose, to prove its reality by \n feeling its satiny texture against my skin. \n \nI had to look at what was und erneath for a long time. My eyes saw it, but it \ntook awhile for my mind to catch up. It was an envelope, carefully wrapped in a \nplastic bag to keep aw ay the damp. My name was written ac ross the front in \nAndy\'s clear script. \n \nI took the envelope and left the rock where Andy had left it, and Andy\'s friend \nbefore him. \n \n Dear Red, \n If you\'re reading this, then you\'r e out. One way or an other, you\'re out. And f \n you\'ve followed along this far, you might be willing to come a little further. \n I think you remember the name of the town, don\'t you ? I could use a good man \n to help me get m y project on wheels. Meantime, have a drink on me-and do think \n it over. I will be keeping an eye out for you. Remembe r that hope is a good \n thing, R ed, maybe the best of things, and no good thing ever dies. I will be \n hopin g that this letter finds you, and finds you well. \n \n Your friend, \n Peter Stevens \n \nI didn\'t read that letter in the field. A kind of terror had come over me, a \nneed to get away from there before I was seen. To make what may be an \nappropriate pun, I was in terror of being apprehended. \n \nI went ba ck to my room and read it there, with the sme ll of old men\'s dinners \ndrift ing up the stairwell to me-Beefaroni, RiceaRoni, N oodleRoni. You can bet \nth

at whatever the old folks of America, the ones on f ixed incomes, are eating \ntonight, it almost certainly ends in "roni." \n \nI opened the envelope and read the letter and then I put my head in my arms and \ncried. With the lette r there were twenty new fifty do llar bills. \n 87 \nAnd here I am in the Br ewster Hotel, technically a f ugitive from justice \nagain-parole violation is my crime. No one\'s going to t hrow up any roadblocks to \ncatch a criminal wa nted on that charge, I guess-wonderin g what I should do now. \nI have this ma nuscript. I have a small piece of luggage ab out the size of a \ndoctor\'s bag that holds everything I own. I have ninete en fifties, four tens, a \nfive, th ree ones, and assorted change. I broke one of t he fifties to buy this \ntable t of paper and a deck of smokes. \n \nWondering what I should do. \n \nBut th ere\'s really no question. It always comes down to just two choices. Get \nbu sy living or get busy dying. \n \nFirst I\'m going to put this manuscript back in my bag. Then I\'m going to buckle \nit up, grab my coat, go downstairs, an d check out of this f leabag. Then I\'m \ngoing to walk uptown to a bar and pu t that five-dollar bill down in front of the \nbartender and ask him to bring me two straight shots of Jack Daniel\'s-one for me \nand one for Andy Dufresn e. Other than a beer or two, t hey\'ll be the first drinks \nI\'ve taken as a free man since 1938. Then I am going to ti p the bartender a \ndollar and than k him kindly. I will leave the bar and wal k up Spring Street to \nthe Greyhou nd terminal there and buy a bus ticket to El P aso by way of New York \nCity. When I get to El Paso, I\'m going to buy a ticket t o McNary. And when I get \nto McNary, I guess I\'ll have a chance to find out if an old crook like me c an \nfind a way to float across the border and into Mexico. \n \nSure I reme mber the name. Zihuatanejo. A name like that is just too pretty to \nforget. \n \nI find I am excited, so excited I can hardly hold the pen cil in my trembl ing \nhand. I think it is the excitement that only a free m an can feel, a fre e man \nstarting a long journey whose conclusion is uncertain. \n \nI hope An dy is down there. \n \nI hope I can make it across the border. \n \nI hope to see my friend and shake his hand. \n \nI hope the Pacific is as blue as it has been in my dre ams. \n \nI hope. \n \n \nThe End 88 \n \n '

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In []: # Define clean_text function
def clean_text(text):
    words = nltk.word_tokenize(text)
    punctuations = ['.', ',', '/', '!', '?', ';', ':', '(',')', '[',']', '-', '_
    punctuations = re.sub(r'\W', ' ', str(text)) # Remove all punctuations
    stop_words = stopwords.words('english')
    w_num = re.sub('\\w*\\d\\w*', '', text).strip()
    keywords = [word for word in words if not word in stop_words and word in pu
    return keywords

# Pass text to clean_text function
    text = pdf_text
    wordnet_lemmatizer = WordNetLemmatizer()
    lemmatized_words = [wordnet_lemmatizer.lemmatize(word) for word in clean_text(teclean_data = ' '.join(lemmatized_words)
    print(clean_data)
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1 society con nections dead local sport figure also dead prominent young business man dock There plus scandal newspaper could hint The prosecution case The trial 1 asted long DA planning run House Representative wanted John Q Public get good lon g look resume It cr ackerjack legal circus spectator getting line four morning de spite subzero temperature assure seat The fact prosecution case Andy never co nte sted wife Linda Collins Dufresne June expressed interest learning game golf Falmo uth H ill Country Club indeed take lesson four month in tructor Falmouth Hills go If pro Glenn Quentin late Augus Andy learned Quentin wife become lover Andy Linda Dufresne argued bitterly afternoon September th e subject argument infidelity He testified Linda professed glad knew sneaking around said distressing She told And y planned btain Reno divorce Andy told would see hell would se e Reno She went sp end night Quentin Quentin rented b ungalow far golf course The next morning clean ing woman fo und dead bed Each shot four time It last fact militated Andy others The DA political aspiration made great deal opening statement closing summation A ndrew Dufresne said wronged husband seeking revenge cheating w ife DA said could understood condoned But revenge much colder type Consider DA thundered jury Four nd four Not six shot eight He fired gun empty stopped reload could shoot FOUR FOR HIM AND FO UR FOR HER Portland Sun blared The Boston Register dubbed E A clerk Wi se Pawnshop Lewiston testified hat sold Police Special Andrew Dufresne two day do uble murder A bartender country club bar testified Andy come around seven evening September tossed hree straight whiskey got ol told bartender going Glenn Quentin house bartender could read rest paper Another clerk one store mile Quentin house told court Dufresne come around quarter nine night He purchased cigarette three q uart beer dishtowel T county medical examiner testified Quentin Dufresne woman ki lled night September Th e detective Attorney General office c harge case testifie d turnout le seventy yard bungalow afternoon September three piece evidenc e remo ved turnout first item two empty quart bottle Nar ragansett Beer defendant finger print second item twelve c igarette end Kools defendant brand third item plaster ca set tire track exactly matching pattern tire defendant Plymouth In living room Quentin bungalow four dishtowel found lying sofa There po The detective theorized agonized objection An dy lawyer murderer wrapped towel around muzzle murde muffle sound gunshot Andy Dufresne took stand defense told h story calmly coolly dispass ionately He said begun hear distressing rumor wife Glenn Quentin early last week July In late August become distressed enough investigate bit On evening Linda sup posed gone shopping Portland r golf lesson Andy followed Quentin Quentin rent ed house inevitably dubbed paper He parked turnout Quentin drove back country club c ar parked three hour later Do mean tell court followed w ife Plymouth sedan DA as ked cross examination I swapped car evening friend Andy said cool admission inves tigation good eye jury After returning friend car picking gone home Linda bed rea ding book He asked trip Portland She replied fun seen thing liked well enough buy That I knew sure Andy told th e breathless spectator He spoke calm remote voice d elivered almost testimony What frame mind seventeen day bet ween night wife murde red Andy lawyer asked I great distress Andy said calmly coldly Like man reciting shopping list said considered suicide even gone far purchase gun Lewiston Septemb er His lawyer invited tell jury happened wife left meet Glenn Quentin night murde r Andy told impression made worst possible I knew close thirty year I tell man I ever known What right give little time What wrong kept bott led inside If ever da rk night soul writer ha called would never know He type man decide commit suicide would without leaving note affai r put neatly order If cried witness stand h voic e thickened grown hesitant even started yelling th District Attorney I believe wo uld gotten life sentence wound Even would parole But told story like recording ma chine seeming ay jury This Take leave They left He said drunk night l es drunk si nce August man handle liquor ry well Of course would hard jury swa llow They coul d see coldly young man neat doubl woolen suit ever getting drunk wife sleazy litt le affair golf pro I believed I chance watch Andy six men six woman Andy Dufresne took four drink year time I knew He would meet exercise yard every year week b ef ore birthday two week Christmas On ccasion would arrange bottle Jack Daniel He bo ught way mo st con arrange buy slave wage pay plus l ittle Up got time dime hour In raised way quarter My commission liquor ten per cent add surcharge price fine sippin whiskey like Black Jack get idea many hour Andy Dufresne sweat prison laun

dry going buy four drink year On morning birthday September would h ave big knock another night light The following day give rest bottle back I would share around As bottle dealt one drink Christmas night another New Year Eve Then bottle would also come wi th instruction pas Four drink behavior n bitten hard bottle Hard eno ugh draw blood He told jury night tenth drunk could remember happened little isol ated snatc he He gotten drunk I took double helping Dutch courage put taking Lind a After left meet Quentin remembered deciding confront On way Quentin bungalow sw ung country club couple quick one He could said remember telling barte nder could read rest paper saying anything hi He remembered buying beer dishtowel Wh would I want dishtowel asked one paper reported three lady juror shuddered Later much lat er speculated clerk wh testified subject dishtowel I think worth jot ting said Su ppose canvas witness Andy aid one day exercise yard stumble fellow sold e beer ni ght By three day gone The fact case h ave broadsided paper Maybe ganged guy five six cop plus dick Attorney General office plus DA as istant Memory pretty subject ive thing Red They could started I possible purchased four five dishtowel worked way If enough people want remember something pretty powerful persuader I agreed c ould But one even powerful Andy went hat musing way I think least possible convin ced It limelight Reporters asking question picture paper topped course star turn court I saying deliberately falsified story perjured I think possible th could pa ssed lie detector test flying color sworn h mother sacred name I bought dishtowel But still memory goddam subjective thing I know much even though lawyer thought I ha lying half story never bought business dishtowel It crazy face I drunk thi nki ng muffling gunshot If I done I would let r ip He went turnout parked He drank be er smoked cigarette He watched light downstairs Quentin place go He watched singl e light go upstairs fifteen minute later w atched one go He said could guess rest Dufresne go Glenn Quentin house nd kill two lawyer thundered No I Andy answered B y midnight said w sobering He also feeling first sign bad hangover He decide go h ome sleep think whole thing adult fa shion next day At time I drove home I beginn ing think th wisest course would simply let go Reno get Thank Mr Dufresne The DA popped You divorced quickest way could think You divorced revolver wrapped dishto wel No sir I Andy said calmly And shot lover No sir You mean shot Quentin first I mean I shoot either one I drank two quart beer smoked however many cigarette poli ce found turnout Then I drove home went bed You told jury August Se ptember tenth feeling suicidal Yes sir Suicidal enough buy revolver Yes Would bother overmuch D ufresne I told yo u seem suicidal type No Andy said impress terrib ly sensitive I doubt much I feeling suicidal I would ake problem There slight tense titter court room point jury Did take night S eptember tenth No I already Oh yes The DA smiled sarcastically You threw river The Royal River On afternoon September n inth Yes s ir One day murder Yes sir That convenient It neither convenient inconvenient Only truth I believe heard Lieutenant Mincher testimony Mincher charge party dragged s tretch Royal n ear Pond Road Bridge Andy testified thrown gun The police found Ye s sir You know I heard Then heard tell court found gun although dragged three day That rather convenient Convenience aside fact find gun Andy responded calmly But I like point jury Pond Road Bridge close Royal River empt y Bay Yarmouth The curr ent strong The gun may c arried bay And comparison made rifling bullet taken bloo dstained corps wife Glenn Quent rifling barrel gun That correct Mr Dufresne That also rather convenient At according paper Andy displayed one slight emotional rea ction allowed entire period trial A slight bitter smile crossed face Since I inno cent crime sir since I telling truth throwing gun river day crime took place seem s decidedly inconvenient gun neve r found The DA hammered two day He Ha clerk tes timony dishtowel Andy Andy repeated could n ot recall buying admitted also could remember buy ing Was true Andy Linda Dufresne taken jo int insurance policy early Yes true And acquitted true Andy stood gain fifty thousand dollar benefit True A nd true gone Glenn Quentin house murder heart also true indeed committed murder t wice No true Then think happened since n sign robbery I way knowing sir Andy said quietly The case went jury snowy Wednes day afternoon The twelve juryman came bac k The baili ff said would back earlier held order enj oy nice chicken dinner Bent ley Restaurant county expense The found guilty brother Maine would ne air dance s pring crocus poked head snow The DA asked thought happened Andy sl ipped idea I g ot la te one evening It taken seven year u progress nodding acquaintance fairly c

lose I never felt really close Andy I believe I one ev er get really close Both c ellblock beginning end although I halfway corridor What I think He humor th e sou nd I think lot bad luck floating around night Mo could ever get together short sp an time I think must stranger passing Maybe someone fl tire road I went home Mayb e burglar Maybe psychopath He killed And I III As simple And condemned spend rest life Shawshank part mattered Five year later began parole hearing turned regular c lockwork spite model prisoner Getting pas Shawshank wh en got murder stamped sl ow work slow river eroding rock Seven men sit board two st ate prison every one s even as hard water drawn well You ca buy guy ca ca cry As far board concerned mon ey talk nobody walk There reason Andy case wel 1 belongs little along story There trusty name Kendricks pretty heavy money back fifty four year befor e got paid Mo st interest paid line work dead ca find way keeping ear ground Th Kendricks insta nce access record I never going se e running stamper goddam Kendricks told parole board vote agains Andy Dufresne After I know I know sixteen year later sti Cell C ellblock By They prob ably would gotten let around They give life count anyway Ma ybe et loose someday Well listen I knew guy Sherwood Bolton nam e pigeon cell Fro m let h im pigeon He Birdman Alcatraz pigeon Jake called He set Jake free day She rw ood walk Jake flew away pretty could want But ab week Sherwood Bolton left hap py little family friend f mine called west corner exercise yard Sherwood used han g A bird lying like small pile dirty It looked starved My friend said Is Jake Red It That pigeon dead turd I remember first time Andy Dufresne got touch wi th some thing I remember like yesterday That time wanted Rita Hayworth though That came 1 ater In summer came ar ound something else Most deal done right exercise yard one went Our yard big much bigger It perfect square ninety yard side The north side e r wall either end The guard armed binoculars riot gun The main gate north side Th e truc k south side yard There five Sh awshank busy place work delivery We factor y big industrial laundry pri son plus Kittery Receiving Hospital Eliot Nursing Ho me There also big automotive garage mechanic inmate fix prison st ate municipal m ention private car scre w administration officer one occasion parole b oard The e ast side thick stone wall full tiny slit window Cellblock side wall The west side Administ ration infirmary Shawshank never overcrowded prison back filled somethin g like capacity given time might eighty hundred twenty con playing toss football baseball shooting crap jawing making deal On Sunday place even crowded Sunday pla ce would looked like country holiday wome It Sunday Andy first came I jus finishe d talking Elmore Armitage fellow often came handy radio Andy walked I knew course reputation snob cold fish People saying marked tro uble already One people saying Bogs Diamond bad man case Andy cellmate I heard way wan ted although people alrea dy saying thought shit smelled sweeter ordinary But I listen rumor man I judge He llo said I Andy Dufresne He offered h I shook He man waste time social got right point I understand man know get thing I agreed I able locate certain item time ti me How Andy asked Sometimes I said thing seem come hand I ca explain Unless I Iri sh He smiled little I wonder could get rock What would would want Andy looked sur prised Do make motivation part yo ur business With word like I could understand g otten reputa tion snobby sort kind guy like put I sensed tiny thread humor questi on I tell I said If wanted toothbrush I would ask question I quote price Because toothbrush see sort object You strong feeling lethal object I An old baseball fle w toward u turne picked air It move Frank Malzone wo uld proud Andy flicked ball back come quick flick wrist throw mustard I could see lot people watching u ne ey e went business Probably guard tower w ere watching I wo gild lily con swing weig ht n prison maybe four five small one maybe two three dozen big one At Shawshank I one weight I thought f Andy Dufresne would lot time went He probably knew kowto wing sucking I respected Fair enough I tell I want A rock hammer look like miniat ure long He held hand foot apart I first noticed neatly kept n ail It got small s harp pick one end flat blunt hammerhead n I want I like rock Rocks I said Squat m inute said I humored We hunkered haunch like Indians Andy took handful exercise y ard dirt began sift neat hand emerged fine cloud Small pebble left one two sparkl y rest dull plain One dull one quartz dull rubbed clean Then nice ilky glow Andy cleaning tossed I caught na med Quartz sure said And look Mica Shale Silted gr an ite Here place graded limestone cut place side hill He tossed away dusted hand I rockhound At least I rockhound In old life I like one limited scale Sunday expedi

tion exercise yard I asked standin g It silly idea yet seeing little piece quartz ha given heart funny tweak I know exactly associati outside world I suppose You t hink thing term yard Quartz something picked small stream Better Sunday expeditio n Sunday ex peditions said You could plant item like somebody skull I remarked I enemy said quietly No I smiled Wait awhile If trouble I handle without using roc k Maybe want try escape Going wall Because He laughed politely When I saw three e ks later I understood You know I said anyone see 1 1 take away If saw spoon take away What going sit yard start bangin away Oh I believe I lot better I nodded Tha t part really business way A man engages service get something Whether keep r I g et business How much would item like go I asked I beginning enjoy quiet style Whe n spent ten year sti r I get awfully tired bellower braggart Yes I think would fa ir say I liked Andy th e first Eight dollar shop said I r ealize business like wo rk Cost plus ten per cent going rate I go dangerous item For something like gadge t talking take little get wheel turning Let say ten doll ar Ten I looked smiling little Have got ten doll ar I said quietly A long time I discovered better five h undred He brought When check hot el one bellhop obliged bend ant take look lot wo rk put fine point man really determined get fairly large item quite way enough si ght unless bellhop happen draw mood pull rubber glove go prospecting That fine I said You ought know I expect get caught I get I suppose I said I could tell sligh t change gray eye knew exactly I going say It slight lightening gleam special iro nic humor If get caught say found That the long short They put solitary three we ek plus course lose toy get black mark reco rd If give name never business Not mu ch pair shoelace bag Bugler And I send fellow around lump I like violence underst and position I c allow get around I ca handle That would sure finish Yes I suppos e would I understand need w I never worry I said In place like percentage He nodd ed walked away Three day later walked u besi de exercise yard laundry morning bre ak He spe ak even look way pressed picture Honorable Alexander Ham ilton hand nea tly good magician He man adapted fast I got I cell one night described It tool es cape would taken n six hundred year tunnel wall using I figured I still felt misg iving If planted pickaxe end man head would surely never listen Fibber McGee Moll y radio A nd Andy already begun trouble sister I hoped wa wanting hammer In end I trusted judgment Early next morning twenty minute horn went I slipped package Cam els Ernie old trusty swept Cellblock corridor let free He slipped tunic without w ord I see rock hammer nineteen year w damned near worn away nothing The following Sunday Andy walked exerci se yard He nothing look day I tell His lower lip swelle d big looked like summer sausage right eye swollen ugly washboard scrape across o ne cheek He ha ving trouble sister right never mentioned Thanks tool said walked away I watched curiously He walked step saw somet hing dirt bent picked It small rock Prison fatigue except worn mechanic job pocket But way get around The little pebble disappeared Andy sl eeve come I admired I admired In spit e problem going life There housands wo ca plenty prison e ither And I noticed although face looke d twister happened hand still neat clean nail I see much next six month Andy spen t lot time solitary IV A word sister In lot pen known bull queer jailho use latel y term fashion killer queen But Shawshan k always sister I know name I gue s diff erence It come surprise day lot buggery going inside new fish aybe misfortune you ng slim ho mosexuality like straight sex come hundred different shape form There men ca stand without sex kind turn man keep going crazy Usually follows arrangeme nt bet ween two fundamentally heterosexual men although I sometimes wondered th e y quite heterosexual thought going get back wife girlfriend There also men get tu rned prison In c urrent parlance go gay come Mostly al way play female favor comp eted fiercely And sister They prison society rapist society outside wall They usu ally hard bullet brutal crime Their prey young weak inexperienced n case Andy Duf resne Their hunting ground sh owers cramped areaway behind industrial washer laun dry sometimes infirmary On one occasion rape occurre projection booth behind audi torium Most often sister take force could free wanted hat way turned always seem crush one siste r another like teenage girl Sinatras Presleys Redfords But f sist er joy always taking force I guess always Because small size fair good look maybe also quality I admired siste r Andy day walked If kind fairy sto ry I tell Andy f ought good fight left alone I wi sh I could say I ca Prison world The first time shower le three day joined happy Shawshank family Just lot slap tickle hat time I

understand They like size make real move like jackal finding prey weak hamstrung look Andy punched back bloodied lip big hulking sister named Bogs many year since know A guard broke could go Bogs promised get Bogs The second time behind washer laundry A lot gone long dusty narrow space year guard kno w let It dim littered b ag washing bleaching compound drum Hexlite catalyst harmless salt hand dry murder ous battery acid wet The guard like go back There room maneuver one first thing t each come work place like never let con get place ca back Bogs day Henley Backus en washroom foreman since told four friend wer Andy held bay awhile scoop burning Hexlite threat ening throw eye came closer tripped trying back around one big Was hex fourpockets That took They I guess phrase one change much one generation next That four isters They bent one held Phillips screwdriver temple gave business It rip I speaking personal experience ask wish I Yo u bleed awhile If want clown ask ing started yo ur period wad bunch toilet paper keep back unde rwear stop The ble eding really like menstrual flow keep two maybe three day slow trickle Then stop No harm done unless done something even unnatural No physical harm ne rape e ventually look face mirr decide make Andy went alone way went ev erything alone d ay He must come conclusion others come namely two way deal sister fight get taken get taken He decided fight When Bogs two buddy cam af ter week laundry incident I heard ya go broke Bogs said according Ernie around time Andy slugged wit h He bro ke nose fellow named Rooster MacBride fa rmer beating stepdaughter death Rooster died I happy add They took three When done R ooster might Pete Verness I complete ly sur Andy knee Bogs Diamond stepped front He pearl razor day word Diamond Pearl engraved side grip He opened said I gon na open fly mister n going swallow I give swallow And done sw allowed mine gon na swallow Rooster I guess done broke nose I think ought something pay Andy said Anything stick mouth ou going lose Bogs looke d Andy like crazy Ernie said No told Andy talking slowly like Andy stupid kid You understand I said You anything like I put eight inch steel ear Get I understood s aid I think understood I going bite whatever stick mouth You put razor brain I gu ess know sudden serious brain injury cause th e victim simultaneously urinate def ecate bite He looked Bogs smiling little smile ld Ernie said three discussing sto ck bond wit h instead throwing hard could Just wearing one banker suit instead kn eeling di rty floor pant around ankle blood trickling th e inside thigh In fact w ent I understand lex sometimes strong victim jaw pried open cr owbar jackhandle B ogs put anything Andy mouth night late February neither Rooster MacBride far I kn ow n one else ever either What three beat Andy wi thin inch life four ended jolt solitary Andy Rooster MacBride went way infirmary How many time particular crew I know I think Rooster lost taste fairly early n osesplints month fellow Bogs Diamo nd left summ er That strange thing Bogs found cell ba dly beaten one morning earl y June show breakfast He would say done gotten business I know screw bribed almos t anything e xcept get gun inmate They make big salary And day electronic locking system closed TV controlled whole area prison Back cellblock turnkey A guard coul d bribe real easy let two three block yes even Diamond cell Of course job like wo uld cost lot mone Not outside standard Prison economics smaller scal When awhile dollar bill hand look like twenty di outside My guess Bogs done cost someone seri ous piece buck say turnkey two three apiece guy I saying Andy Dufresne I know h e brought five hundred dollar came banker straight man understands better rest u wa y money become power And I know three broken rib hemorrhaged eye sprained back di slocated Diamond left Andy alone In fact left everyone pretty much alone He got 1 ike high wind summertime bluster bite You could say n fact turned weak sister Tha t end Bogs Diamond man might event ually killed Andy Andy taken step prevent took step But end Andy trouble sister The little hiatus began although hard often Jack als like easy prey easier picking around Andy Dufres ne He always fought I rememb er He knew I guess let even without fighting got much easier let way without figh ting next time So Andy would turn bruise face every awhile mat ter two broken fin ger six eight month Diamond beating Oh sometime late man landed infirmary broken cheekbo ne probably result someone swinging nice chunk pipe wrapped flannel He al ways fought back result time solitary But I think solitary hardship for Andy men He got along The sister something adjusted n stopped almost completely That part story I get due time V In fall Andy met one morning exerc ise yard asked I could get half dozen What hell I asked He told rockhounds called polishing cloth size d

ishtowel They heavily padded w ith smooth side rough smooth side like sandpaper r ough side almost abrasive industrial steel wool Andy also kept box cell although get imagine kited fro prison laundry I told I thought could business I e nded get ting shop I arranged get This time I charged Andy usual ten per cent pe nny I see anything lethal even dangerous dozen x quares padded cloth indeed It five month 1 ater Andy asked I coul get Rita Hayworth That conversation took place auditorium mo Nowadays get twice week back show monthly event Usually movie got morally upli fting message one The Lost Weekend different The mora l dangerous drink It moral could take comfort Andy maneuvered get next halfway thro ugh show leaned little c loser asked I could get Rita Haywort I tell truth kind tickled He usually cool ca lm nd collected night jumpy hell almost embarrassed h e asking get load Trojans o ne ga dgets supposed enhance solitary pleasure magazine put He seemed overcharged man verge blowing radiator I get I said No sweat calm You want big one little one At time Rita best girl f ew year Betty Grable came two size For buck yo u could g et little Rita For could big Rita four fe et high woman The big one said looking I tell h e hot sketch night He blushing like kid trying get kootch show big broth er Can Take easy sure I Does bear shit wo od The audience applauding catcalling b ug came wall get Ray Milland bad case DT How soon A week Maybe le But sounded dis appointed hoping one stuffed pant right How much I quoted wholesale price I could afford give hi one cost good customer Furthermore good one night problem Bogs Roo ster rest I wondered long would h used crack someone head open Posters big part b usiness behind b ooze cigarette usually half step ahead reefer In sixty business exploded every direction lot people wanting funky like Jimi Hendrix Bob Dylan Eas y Rider poster But mostly girl one queen another A day Andy spoke laundry driver I bus iness back brought better sixty poster Rita Hayworths You may even remember picture sure Rita bathing suit one hand behind head eye f ull sulky red lip parte d They called Rita Hayworth might well called Woman Heat The prison administratio n know black market n case wondering Sure They probably know almost much ab busin ess I They live know prison like big vent somewhere let steam They make occasion bust I done time solitary ime three year something like poster wink Live let live And big Rita Hayworth went fishie cell ssumption came mail friend relative Of cou rse al 1 friend relative opened content invent oried go back rechecks inventory s heet something har mless Rita Hayworth Ava Gardner When pressure cooker learn liv e let live somebody carve mouth bove Adam apple You learn make allowance It Ernie took poster Andy cell And Ernie brought back note written Andy careful hand one w ord Thanks A little later filed u morning chow I glanced cell saw Rita bunk swims uited glo ry one hand behind head eye soft satiny lip par ted It bunk could look night glow arc sodium light exercise yard But bright morning sunlight dark slashe across shadow bar single slit window VI Now I going tell happened tha finally end ed Andy series skirmish siste r It also incident eventually got laundry nto libra ry filled left happy little family earlier year You may noticed much I told alre ady saw something told I told Well c as I simplified even really repeated wi repe at information That way T grapevine real use going stay ahead Also course know pi ck grain truth chaf f lie rumor You may also gotten idea I describing meone legen d man I would agree ruth To u knew Andy space year element fantasy sense almost g et wha I mean That story I passed Andy refusing give Bogs Diamond part myth kept fighting sister part got library job part one impo rtant difference I I saw happe ned I swear mother name true The oath convicted murderer may worth much believe I lie Andy I fair speaking term The guy fa scinated Looking back poster episode I s ee one thing I ne glected tell maybe I Five week hung Rita I forgot ten gone deal Ernie passed sma white box bar cell From Dufresne said low never missed stroke Th anks Ernie I said slipped half pack Cam el Now hell I wondering I slippe cover bo x There lot white cotton inside tha I looked long time For minute like I even dar e touch pretty There cry shortage f pretty thing slam real pity lot men even seem miss There two piece quartz box hem carefully polished They chipped driftwood sha pe There li ttle sparkle iron pyrite like fleck gold If heavy would served fine p air men close matched set How much work went creating two piece Hours hour I knew First chipping shaping almost endless polishing finishing Looking I felt warmth m an woman feel looking something pretty something worked thing really separate u a nimal I I fel something else A sense awe man brute persistence But I ne ver knew

persistent Andy Dufresne could much later In May power decided roof factory ought roofing tar They w anted done got hot asked volunteer th e work planned take week More seventy men spoke outside work May one damn fine month outside work Nine te n name drawn hat two happened A ndy For next week marched exercise ard breakfast two guard front two behind plus gua rds tower keeping weather eye proceeding fiel good measure Four u would carrying big extension ladder tho e morning march I alw ays got kick way Dickie Betts n job called sort ladder extensible put th e side l ow flat building Then start hot bucket tar roof Spill shit jitterbug w ay infirma ry There six guard project picked n basis seniority It almost good week vacation instead sweating laundry standi ng bunch con cutting pulp brush somewhere field r egular May holiday sun sitting heir back low parapet shooting bull back forth The y even keep half eye u south wall sentry post close enough fellow could spit chew u wanted If anyone party made one funny move would take four second cut smack two bullet So screw sat took ease All needed couple buried c rushed ice would lord cr eation One fellow named Byron Hadley th year Shawshank longer I Longer last tw wa rden put together matter fact The fellow running show Yankee named George Dunahy He degree pen al administration No one liked far I could tell except peopl e gott en appointment I heard interested thr ee thing compiling statistic book later pub lished mall New England outfit called Light Side Press probably pay done team int ramural baseball championship Sept ember getting law passed Maine A regular bear death penalty George Dunahy He fired job came running discount service prison g a rage splitting profit Byron Hadley Greg Stammas Hadley nd Stammas came one old ha nd keeping ass Dunahy took walk No one sorry see go nobody exactly pleased see Gr eg Stammas step shoe either He sh ort man tight hard gut coldest brown eye ever s aw He always h ad painful pursed little grin face go bat hroom could quite manage During Stammas tenure warden lot brutality Shawshank although I proof I believe m aybe half dozen moonlight burial stand scrub forest lie east prison Dunahy bad Gr eg Stammas cruel wretched c man He Byron Hadley good friend As warden George D un ahy nothing posturing figurehead Stammas Hadl ey actually administered prison Had ley tall shambling man thinning red hair He sunburned easily talked loud move fas t enough suit h im clout stick On day third roof talking another guard named Mert Entwhistle Hadley gotten amazingly good news gripi ng That thankless man good wor d f anyone man convinced whole world The wo rld cheated best year life world woul d happy cheat rest I seen screw I though almost saintly I think I know happens ab le see difference life poor struggling might life men paid State watch These guar d able formulate comparison concerning pain Others ca wo For Byron Hadley basis c omparison He could sit cool ease warm May sun find gall mourn good luck le ten fo ot away bunch men wo rking sweating burning hand great big bucket filled bubblin g tar men work hard ordinary round day looked like respite You may remember old q uestion one supposed define outlook life answer For Byron Hadley th e answer woul d always half empty glass half empty Forever ever amen If gave cool drink apple c ider think vinegar If old wife always faithful tell b ecause damn ugly So sat tal king Mert Entwhistle loud enough f u hear broad white forehead already starting r edden sun He one hand thrown back low parapet surrounding roof The butt We got st ory along Mert It seemed H adley older brother gone Texas fourteen year ago rest family heard son bitch since They as umed dead good riddance Then week half ago 1 awyer calle Austin It seemed Hadley brother died four month ago rich man It frigg ing incredible lucky som e asshole get paragon gratitude roof said The money come result oil close million dollar No Hadley might made e ven happy least brother le ft pretty damned decen bequest thousand dollar surviving member family back Maine could found Not bad Like getting lucky winning sweepstakes But Byron Hadley glass always half empty He spent morning bitching Mert bite goddam go vernment going ta ke windfall They leave enough buy new car allowed happens You pay da mn tax car r epair maintenance got goddam kid peste ring take ride top And drive old enough Me rt said Old M ert Entwhistle knew side bread buttered say wh must obvious rest u If money worrying bad Byron old kid old sock I take hand After al 1 friend That r ight wanting drive wanting learn drive Chrissake Byron said shudder Then happens end year If figured tax wrong enough left pay overdraft got pay pocket ybe even b orrow one kikey loan agency And audit anyway know It matter And government audit al way take Who fight Uncle Sam He put hand inside shirt sque ezes tit purple end

getting short end Christ He lapsed morose silence thinking terri ble bad luck inh erit thousand dollar Andy Dufresne spreading tar big brush le fifteen foot away h e tossed pail walked Mert Hadley sittin We tightened I saw one screw Tim Youngblo od drag hand pistol holstered One fellow sentry tower struck partner arm turned F or one moment I thought Andy going get shot clubbed Then said softly Hadley Do tr ust wife Hadley stared He starting get red face I knew bad sign In three second g oing pull billy club give Andy butt end right solar plexus big bundle nerve A har d enough hit kill hey always go If kill paralyze long enough get whatever cute mo ve planned Boy Hadley said I give one chance pic k brush And goin roof head Andy looked calm still His eye w ere like ice It heard And I found wanting tell hi giv e crash course The crash course never le hear guard talking never try horn conver s ation unless asked always tell want hear shut Black man white man red man yello w man prison matter got brand equality In prison eve ry con low life get used ide a intend survive en like Hadley Greg Stammas really would kill soon look When st ir belong State forget wo e I known men lost eye men lost toe finger I knew one m an lost tip penis counted lucky lost I wanted tell Andy already late He could go back pick brush would still big lug waiting shower night ready leg leave writhing cement You could buy lug like pack cigarette thr ee Baby Ruths Most I wanted tell make worse already What I keep running tar onto roof nothing happening Like every one else I look as f irst I It cracked already Shawshank always Hadleys willing f inish job breaking Andy said Maybe I put wrong Whether trust immaterial The probl em whether believe would eve r go behind back try hamstring Hadley got Up Mert go t Tim Youngblood got Hadley face red side brick house Your problem said going man y bone still got unbroken You count nfirmary Come Mert We throwing sucker side Ti m Youngblood drew gun The rest u kept tarring like mad The sun beat They going Ha dley Mert simpl going pitch side Terrible accident Dufresne prisoner HNK taking c ouple empty slipped ladder Too bad They laid hold Mert right arm Hadley left Andy resist His eye never left Hadley red face If got thumb Hadley said calm composed voice reason every cent money Final score Byron Hadley tho usand Uncle Sam zip Me rt started drag toward edge Hadley stood For moment Andy like ro pe game Then Had ley said Hold one second Mert What mean boy I mean got thumb wife gi Andy said Yo u better start making sense boy going The IRS allows gift spouse Andy said It goo d sixty thousand dollar Hadley looking Andy poleaxed Naw ai right said Tax free T ax free Andy said IRS ca touch cent one How would know thing like Tim Youngblood said He used banker Byron I se Shut ya head Trout Hadley said without looking Tim Youngblood flushed shut Some guard called h im Trout thick lip buggy eye Hadley k ept looking Andy Y ou smart banker shot wife Why I believe smart banker like So I wind breaking rock right alongside You like hat would Andy said quietly If went j ail tax evasion go federal penitentiary Shawshank But wo The e gift spouse perfec tly legal loophole I done dozen hundr ed It meant primarily people small business pas people come windfall Like I think lying Hadley said could ee There emotion da wning face something th grotesque overlying long ugly countenance receding sunbur ned brow An almost obscene emotion seen feature Byron Hadley It hope No I lying T here reason ta ke word either Engage sob Hadley cried Andy shrugged Then go IRS T hey tell ame thing free Actually need tell You would h ave investigated matter Yo u right I need smart banker show bear go wood You need tax lawyer banker set gift cost something Andy said Or terested I glad set nearly free charge The price woul d b e three beer apiece Mert said let rusty guffaw He sl apped knee A real old Me rt I hope died intestinal cancer part world morphine yet undiscovered worker ai c ute You ai got Shut friggin trap Hadley growled Mert shut Hadle looked Andy What saying I saying I ask three beer apiece coworkers seems fair Andy said I think ma n feel like man working door springtime bottle suds That opinion It would go smoo th I sure th eir gratitude I talked men ther e day Rennie Martin Logan Pierre Pau 1 Bonsaint three saw thing felt thing Suddenly An dy upper hand It Hadley gun hip bil ly hand Hadley friend Greg Stammas behind whole prison administration behind Stammas whole power State behind th golden sunshine matter I felt hear leap chest never since truck drove four others gate back I stepped exercise yard Andy lookin g Hadley cold clear calm eye thousand agreed I played mind I know It man man Andy simply forced way strong man force weaker man wr ist table game Indian rasseling There reason see Hadley given Mert nod minute pitched Andy overside nto head stil

l taken Andy advice No reason But I could get couple beer I wanted Ha dley said A beer taste good working The colossal bastard even managed sound magnanimous I giv e one piece advice IRS would bot Andy said His eye Axed unwinkingly Hadley Make g ift wife sure If think even chance migh backshoot could work something else Hadle y asked harshly e Hotshot Banker ate way boxcar wo uld dare fart unless I gave no d Mert Youngblood screw yucked dutifully Andy never cracked smile I write form ne ed said You get post office I fill signature That sounded suitably important Hadl ey chest swelle Then glared around rest u hollered What jimm y starin Move ass go ddammit He looked back Andy You come ov er hotshot And listen well messin somehow gon na find chasing head around Shower C week Yes I understand Andy said softly A nd understand The way turned understood lot I u That day job convict crew tarred roof ended sitting row en spring morning drinking Black Label beer supplied harde st screw ever walked turn Shawshank State Prison That beer warm still best I ever life We sat drank felt sun shoulder even expression usement Hadley watching ape d rink beer instead spoil It lasted twenty minute twenty minute felt like free men We could drinkin g beer tarring roof one house Only Andy drink I already told dri nking h abits He sat hunkered shade hand dangling knee watching u smiling little It amazing many men remember way amazing many men Andy Dufresne faced Byron Hadle y I thought nine ten u ust two hundred u maybe believed h eard So asked give answ er question whether I trying tell man legend hat got made around man like pearl a round little piece ha say answer lie somewhere All I know sure Andy Dufresne much like anyone else I ever knew since I came inside He brought five hundred dollar j ammed back porch somehow graymeat son bitch managed bring something else well A s ense worth maybe feeling would winner end maybe sense freedom even inside goddamn ed gray wall It kind inner light carried around I knew h im lose light also part story VII By World Series time year Phila delphia Whiz Kids dropped four straight trouble sister Stammas Hadley passed word If A ndy Dufresne came either screw med part coterie showed much single drop blood underpant every sister Shawshank would go bed night headache They fight As I pointed always old car thief firebug guy go tten kick handling little child After day roof Andy went way sister went He worki ng library tough old con named Brooks Hatlen Hatlen gotten job back late twenty c ause college education Brooksie degree animal husbandry true enough college educa tion institute lower learning like The Shan k rare case beggar able chooser In Br ooksie killed wife daughter losing streak poker back Coolidge President paroled A s usual State wisdom let go long chance might become useful part society gone He rthritic tottered main gate Polish suit French shoe parole paper one hand Greyhou nd bus ticket He cry left Shawshank world What lay beyon wall terrible Brooks Wes tern Seas superstitious sailor In prison Brooksie person importance He librarian educated man If went Kittery library asked job would even give library card I hea r died home indigent old folk Freeport way last ed six month longer I thought wou ld Yeah I guess S tate got back Brooksie right They trained like in ide shithouse threw Andy succeeded Brooksie job librarian fo r year He used force I seen use By ro n Hadley get wanted library I saw gradually turn one small room still smelled turpentine paint closet never properly aired lined Reader Digest Con densed Books National Geographies best prison library N ew England He step time He put suggest ion box door patiently weeded attempt humor More Pleeze nd Excape EZ Lesions He g ot hold thing prisoner seemed serious He wrote major book club New York got two T he Literary Guild The Club send edition ir major selection u special cheap rate H e discovered hunger infor mation small hobby woodworking sleight hand card solita ire He got book could subject And two jailhouse staple Erie Stanley Gardner Louis Cons never seem get enough courtroom open range And yes keep box fairly spicy pap erback checkout desk loaning carefully making sure always got back Even new acqui sition type quickly read tatter He began write State Senate Augusta S tammas ward en used pretend Andy sort mascot He always library shooting bull Andy sometimes e ven throw paternal arm around Andy shoulder give goose He f ool anybody Andy Dufr esne one mascot He told Andy maybe banker outside part life receding rapidly past better get hold fact prison life As far bunch Re publican Rotarians Augusta conce rned three viable expe nditures taxpayer money field prison correction Number one wall number two bar number three guard As far State Senate concerned Stammas expl ained fol k Thomastan Shawshank Pittsfield South Portland scum earth They hard ti

me God Sonny Jesus hard time going And weevil th e bread fucking bad Andy smiled small composed smile asked Stammas wh would happen block concrete drop water fell e year million year Stammas laughed clapped Andy back You got million year old ho rse I bleeve ame little grin face You go write letter I even ail pay stamp Which Andy And last laugh although Stammas Hadley around see Andy request library fund r outinely turned received check two hundred Senate probably appropriated hope wo uld shut go away Vai n hope Andy felt finally gotten one foot door simply redoubl ed effort two letter week instead one In got four hundred dollar rest decade libr ary received sev en hundred dollar year like clockwork By risen even thousand N o t much stacked average library receives I guess thousand buck buy lot recycled Pe rry Mason story Jake Logan Westerns By time Andy left could go library expande or iginal three room find anythin g want And could find chance good Andy could get N ow asking came cause Andy told Byron Hadley save tax windfall inherita nce The an swer yes And You probably figure happened yoursel Word got around Shawshank housi ng pet financial wizard In late spring summer Andy set two trust f unds guard wan ted assure college education kid h e advised couple others wanted take small flie r common stock pretty damn well thing turned one well wa able take early retirem ent two year later I damned advise warden old Lemon Lips George Dunahy go setting That Dunahy got bum rush I believe must dreaming millio n book going make By Apri 1 Andy tax return fo r half screw Shawshank almost He paid may prison valuable co in simple good Later Greg Stammas took warden fice Andy became even I tried tell specific I guessing There thing I know others I guess I know prisoner received or ts special cell extraordinary vi siting privilege thing like people outside pa yi ng privilege Such people known angel prisoner All fellow would excused working pl at Saturday forenoon know fellow angel coughed chunk dough make sure happened The way usually wor k angel pay bribe screw screw spread grease administrative ladder Then discount service la id Warden Dunahy low It went underground awhile emerged stronger e ver late fifty And contractor worked th e prison time time paying kick back top administration official I pretty sure almost certainly true company w ho se equipment bought installed laundry shop built By late sixty also booming trade pill administrative crowd involved turning buck tha All added pretty river illici t income Not like pile clandestine buck must fly around really big prison like At tica San Quentin peanut either And money becomes problem awhile You ca stuff wall et shell bunch crumpled twenty ten want pool built back ard addition put house On ce get past certain point ha explain money came explanation ar e convincing enoug h apt wind wearing number So need Andy service They took laundry installed librar y wanted look another way never took laundry They set work washing dirty money in stead dirty sheet He funneled stock bond municipals name He told ten year day roo f feeling pretty clear hat conscience relatively untroubled The racket would gone without He asked sent Shawshank went h e innocent man victimized colossal bad luc k missiona ry Besides Red told w hat I different I outside I hand pretty cynical axiom amount expert financial help individual company need rise direct proportion many people person business screwing The people run place stupid brutal monster p art The people run straight world brutal monst rous happen quite stupid standard competenc e little higher Not much But pill I said I want tell b usiness make ner vous Reds upper downer got thing call Phase Fours I wo get anything like Never No Andy said I like pill either Never But I much one cigarette booze either But I pu sh pill I bring I sell Mostly screw Yeah I know There fine line What co me Red pe ople refuse get hand dirty That cal led sainthood pigeon land shoulder crap shirt The extreme take bath dirt deal goddamned thing hat turn switchblade big hell You ever con come offer contract I nodded It happened lot time year Yo u man get And figure get b atteries transistor radio carton Luckies lid reef er put touch guy u se knife Sure Andy agreed But Because guy like u Red know th ird choice An altern ative staying bathing fil th slime It alternative world pick Y ou balance walk ga in You choose lesser two evil try keep good intention front f And I guess judge w ell well sleep night dream Good intention I said laughed I know hat Andy A fellow toddle right hell road Do believe said growing somber This hell right Right The S hank They sell pill I tell wha money But I also got library I know two zen guy us ed book help pas high school equivalency test Maybe get able crawl f shit heap Wh en needed second room back I got Because want keep happy I work cheap That And go

t private quarter Sure That way I like The prison population risen slowly fif tie damn near exploded sixty every kid n America wanting try dope perfectly ridiculou s penalty use little reefer But time Andy never cellmate except big silent Indian named Normaden like Indians The Shank ca lled Chief Normaden last long A lot thou ght Andy crazy Andy smiled He lived alone liked way said liked keep happy He work ed cheap Prison time slow time sometimes swear pass It pass George Dunahy departe d scene welter newspaper headline shouting SCANDAL Stammas succeeded next six yea r Shawshank kind living hell During rei gn Greg Stammas bed infirmary cell Solita ry Wing always full One day I looked small shaving mirro r I kept cell saw man lo oking back A kid come back kid big mop carroty red hair wit h remorse thinking su icide That kid gone The red hair going gray starting recede There crow track arou nd eye On th day I could see old man inside waiting time come It scared Nobody wa nt grow old stir Stammas went early There several inves tigative reporter sniffin g around one even four month assumed name crime made whole cloth They getting rea dy drag SCANDAL coul bring hammer Stammas ran I understand boy c I ever If tried convicted could ended right If might lasted five hour Byron Hadley gone two year earlier The sucker heart attack took early retirement Andy never got touched Stam mas affair In early new warden appointed new assistant warden new chief guard For next eight month Andy another con It period Normaden big Passamaquoddy shared And y cell Then everything started Normaden moved ut Andy living solitary splendor Th e name top change racket never I talked Normaden Andy Nice Della Norm aden said I t hard make anything said harelip cleft palate word came slush I liked He nev er made fun But want I could tell Big shrug I glad go Bad draft cell All time cold H e let nobody ouch thing That okay Nice man never made fun But big draft VIII Rita Hayworth hung Andy cell I remember right Then Marilyn Monroe picture The Itch sta nding subway grating warm air flipping skirt M arilyn lasted considerably tattere d edge Andy replaced Jayne Mansfield Jayne pardon ex pression bust After year rep laced English act Hazel Court I sure In one came Raquel Welch went record breakin g engagement Andy cell The last poster hang pretty singer whose name L inda Ronst adt I asked poster meant gave peculiar surprised sort look Why mean thing con I g uess said Freedom You look prett woman feel like could almost quite almost ste p right beside Be free I guess I always liked Raquel Welch best It beach standin g Looked like Mexico somewhere Someplace quiet man would able hear think Did ever f eel way pic ture Red That could almost step right I said I never really thought w ay Maybe someday see I mean said right Years later I saw exactly meant I fi rst t hing I thought Normaden said always cold A ndy cell A terrible thing happened And y late March early April I told something pr isoners included seemed lack Call se nse equanimity r feeling inner peace maybe even constant unwavering faith someday long nightmare would end Whatever want call Andy Dufresne always see med act toge ther There none sullen desperation abo ut seems afflict lifer awhile could never smel 1 hopelessness Until late winter We another warden man named Samuel Norto Th e Mathers Cotton Increase would felt right home Sam No rton So far I know one eve r seen much crack smile He pin Baptist Advent Church Eliot His major innovati hea d happy family make sure incoming prisoner New Testament He small plaque desk gol d letter inlaid te akwood said CHRIST IS MY SAVIOR A sampler wall made h wife rea d HIS JUDGMENT COMETH AND THAT RIGHT EARLY HIS JUDGMENT COMETH AND THAT RIGHT EAR LY HIS JUDGMENT COMETH AND THAT RIGHT EARLY HIS JUDGMENT COMETH AND THAT RIGHT EA RLY This latter sentiment cut zero ice u We felt judgment already occurred would willing testify best rock would hide u dead tree give u shelter He Bible quote ev ery occasion Sam Norton whenever meet man like best advice would grin big cover b all hand There le infirmary case day Greg Stammas far I know moonlight burial cea sed altogether say Norton believer punishment Solitary always well populated Men lost teeth beating bread w ater diet It began called grain drain I Sam Norton gra in drain train boy The man foulest hypocrite I ever saw high position The racket I told earlier continued flourish Sam Norton added new wrinkle Andy knew w e gott en pretty good friend time let When Andy talked expression amused disgusted wonde r would co face telling ugly predatory specie bug ugliness greed somehow comic te r rible It Warden Norton instituted progr may read sixteen seventeen year back ev en written Newsweek In press sounded like real advance practical c orrections reh abilitation There prisoner cutting pulpwood prisoner repairing bridge causeway pr

isoner constructing potato cellar Norton called invited explain damn near e Rotar y Kiwanis club New England especially got picture n Newsweek The prisoner called far I know n one ever invited express view Kiwanians th e Loyal Order Moose Norto n right every operation year churchpin cutting pulp digging laying new culvert st ate highway Norton skimming top There hundred way material name But coming anothe r way well The construction business area deathly fraid Norton program prison lab or slave labor ca compete So Sam Norton Testaments passed good many thick envelop e table tenure Shawshank warden And envelope pa ssed would either overbid project bid claim committed elsewhere It always something wonder Norton never found trunk Thunderbird parked hi ghway somewhere Massachusetts hand tied behind bac k half d ozen bullet head Anyway old barrelhouse song say My God money rolled Norton must subscribed old Puritan notion th best way figure folk God favor checking ban k ac count Andy Dufresne right hand si lent partner The prison library Andy hostage fo rtune Norton knew Norton used Andy told one Norton favorite aphorism O ne hand wa sh So Andy gave good advice made useful suggestion I ca ay sure handtooled Norton program I damned sur e processed money son whore He gave goo advice made useful s uggestion money got spread around son bitch The library would get new set automot ive repair manual fresh set Grolier Encyclopedias book prepare Scholasti c Achiev ement Tests And course Erle Stanley Gardners Loui And I convinced happened happen ed Norton want lose good right hand I go happened becau se scared might Andy migh t say Andy ever got clear Shawshank State Prison I got story chunk chunk spac e s even year He never wanted talk ab part life I blame I got part may half dozen dif ferent source I said prisoner nothing laves slave habit looking dumb keeping ear open I got backwards forward middle I give fro point A point maybe understand man spent ten mo nths bleak depressed daze See I think knew truth fifteen year came s weet little hellhole Unti 1 met Tommy Williams I think knew bad could get Tommy W illiams joined happy little Shawshank family November Tommy thought native Massac husetts proud year done time New En gland He professional thief may guessed f eel ing picked another profession He married man wife came visit every week She idea thing might go better consequently better son got high scho ol degree She talked Tommy Williams started visiting li brary regular basis For Andy old routine He sa w Tommy got series high school equivalency test Tommy would brush subject passed high take test Andy also saw enrolled number correspondence cours e covering subj ect failed school missed dropping He probably best student Andy ever took jump I know ever get high school diploma f orms part story The important thing came like An dy Dufresne much people awhile On couple occasion asked Andy smart guy l ike j oint question rough equivalent th one go What nice girl like place like But Andy type tell would smile turn conve rsation channel Quite normally Tommy asked someo ne else finally got story I guess also got shock young life The person asked part ner laundry stea ironer folder The inmate call device mangler exactly paying atte ntion get bad self caught His partner Charlie Lathrop twelve year murder charge H e glad reheat detail Dufresne murder trial Tommy broke monotony pulling freshly p res sed bedsheets machine tucking basket He gett ing jury waiting lunch bring gui lty verdict trouble whistle went mangle grated stop They h ad feeding freshly was hed sheet Eliot Nursing Home far end spat dry neatly pressed Tommy Charlie e nd r ate one every five second Their job grab fold hem slap cart already lined clean b row n paper But Tommy Williams standing staring C harlie Lathrop mouth unhinged w ay chest He standing drift sheet come clean sopping al 1 wet muck laundry wetwash plenty uck So head bull day Homer Jessup come rushing ove r bellowing head prod t rouble Tommy took notice He spoke Charlie old Homer busted head could probably co unt What say golf pro name Quentin Charlie answered back confused upset He later said kid white truce flag Glenn Quenti n I think Something like Here Homer Jessup roared neck red rooster comb Get sheet cold water Get quick Get quick J esus Glen n Quentin oh God Tommy Williams said th got say Homer Jessup least peaceable men brough billy behind ear Tommy hit floor hard broke thr ee front teeth When woke s olitary confined week riding boxcar Sam Norton famous grain drain train Plus bla ck mark report card That early February Tommy Williams nt around six seven got so litary nd got pretty much story I know I one But I aske wanted clammed Then one d ay went library spilled one hel luva big budget information Andy Dufresne And fir st la time least since approached Rita Hayworth poster like kid buying first pack

Trojans Andy lost cool ti blew entirely I saw later day looked like man h stepped business end rake given good one whap b etween eye His hand trembling I spoke nsw er Before afternoon caught Billy Hanlon head screw set appointment Warden Norton foll owing day He told later sleep wink night listened cold winter wind howling o utside watched searchlight go round around putting long moving shadow cement wall c age called home since Harry Truman President tried think He said Tommy produced key fit cage bac k mind cage like cell Only instead holding man cage held tiger t iger name Hope Williams produced key hat unlocked cage tiger roam brain Four year Tommy Williams arrested Rhode Island driving stolen car full stolen merchandise T ommy turned accomplice DA played ball got lighter sentence two four time served E leven month beginning term ol cellmate got ticket Tommy got new one man named Elw ood Blatch Blatch busted burglary weapon serving six twelve I never seen guy Tomm y told A like never want burglar specially gun Th e slightest little noise go thr ee foot air come shooting likely One night almost strangled guy hall whopping cel l bar tin cup I seven month let walk fr ee I got time served time understand I ca say talked yo u know exactly hold conversation El Blatch He held conversation He talked time Never shut If tried get w ord shake fist roll eye It gave cold chill whenever done Big tall guy mostly bald green eye set way deep socket Jeez I hope I never see It like talkin jag every night Where grew orphanage run away job done woman fucked c rap game cleaned I let run My face ai much I w ant know rearranged According burgled two hundred joint It hard believe guy like went like firecracke r every time someone cut loud fart swore true Now listen Red I know guy sometimes make thing know thing even I knew golf pro guy Quentin I remember thinking El Bla tch ever burgled house I found later I count luckiest motherfucker going still al ive Can yo u imagine lady bedroom sifting box cough sleep turn quick It give cold chill thin k something like I swear mother name He said killed people People gave shit At least said And I believed He sure looked like n could killing He fucking h firing pin I knew guy Smith Wesson Police Special firing pin It good nothing exce pt maybe something jaw The pull gun light w ould fire guy Johnny Callahan name tu rned recor full volume put top one speaker That El Blat ch I ca explain better I never doubted greased people So one night something say I go ou kill Like joke kn ow So laugh say one guy time two people I killed It guy wife lob time I creeping place guy started giv e shit I ca remember ever told woman nam e Tommy went Maybe But New England Dufresne like Smith r Jones rest country many Frogs Dufre sne Lav esque Ouelette Poulin remember Frog name But old guy name He said guy Glenn Quent in prick big ri ch prick golf pro El said thought guy might cash house aybe much five thousand dollar That lot money back say So I go And go war Just aft er war S o went joint woke th e guy gave trouble That El said Maybe guy started snore I sa y Anyway El said Quentin sack hotshot lawyer wife sent lawyer Shawshank State Pri son The n laugh big laugh Holy Christ I never glad anything I I got walking paper place IX I guess see Andy went little wonky To mmy told story wanted see warden r ight away Elwood B latch serving rap Tommy knew four year befor By time Andy hear d might verge getting ut already So two prong spit Andy r oasting idea Blatch mig ht still one hand rea l possibility might gone like wind There inconsistency Tomm y story always real life Blatch told Tommy man got sent h otshot lawyer Andy bank er two profession people educated could easily get mixed And forget twelve year g one time Blatch reading clipping trial time told tale Tommy Williams He also told Tomm got better thousand dollar footlocker Quentin clo set police said Andy trial sign burgl ary I idea First take cash man belonged dead going know anything stole n unless someone else tell start Second say Blatch lying part Maybe want admit ki lling two peopl e nothing Third maybe sign burglary cop either verlooked pretty d eliberately covered woul screw DA case The guy running public office remember nee ded conviction run An unsolved would done good But three I like middle one best I known Elwood Blatches time cra zy eye Such fellow want think got away equivalent Hope Diamond every caper even got caught Timex nd nine buck one time And one thin g Tommy story convinc ed Andy beyond shadow doubt Blatch hit Quentin random He ca ll ed Quentin big rich prick known Quentin golf pro Well Andy wife going country club drink dinner ce twice week couple year Andy done considerable ount drinking found wife affair There marina country club awhile grea jockey working matched To mmy description Elwood B latch A big tall man mostly bald green eye A man unpleas

ant way looking though sizing He th ere long Andy said Either quit Briggs fellow charge rina fired But man forgot He striking So Andy went see Warden Norton rainy windy day big gray cloud scudding across sky gray wall day last snow starting mel t away show lifeless patch last year grass field beyond prison The warden office Administration Wing behind warden desk door connects sistant warden office The as sistant warden day trusty He fellow whose real name I forgotten inmate included c alled Chester Marshal Dillon sidekick Ch ester supposed watering plant waxing flo or My guess tha plant went thirsty day waxing done happen ed Chester dirty ear po lishing keyhole plate connecting door He heard warden main door open close N orto n saying Good morning Dufresne I help Warden Andy began old Chester told u could hardly recognize Andy voice changed Warden mething something happened I hardly kn ow begin Well begin beginning wa rden said probably sweetest Psa voice That usual ly work best And Andy He began refreshing Norton deta il crime imprisoned Then to ld warden exactly Tommy Williams told He also gave Tommy name may think wise ligh t later development I ask else could done story credibility When finished Norton completely silent time I see probably tipped back office chair pic ture Governor Reed hanging wall finger steepled liver lip pursed brow wrinkled ladder rung half way crown ad pin gleaming mellowly Yes said finally That damnedest story I ever h eard But I tell surprise Dufresne What sir That taken Sir I understand mean And C hester said Andy Dufresne faced Byron Hadley roof th irteen year almost flounderi ng word Well Norton said It pretty obvious hat young fellow Williams impressed Qu ite taken matter fact He hears tale woe quite natural want cheer yo u let say Qui te natural He young man terribly bright Not surprising alize state would put Now I suggest Do think I thought Andy asked But I ne ver told Tommy man working marin a I never told anyone never even crossed mind But Tommy description cellmate iden tical Well may indulging little selective pe rception Norton said chuckle Phrases like selective percept ion required learning people penology correction business use th em That Sir That slant Norton said mine diffe r And let remember I word ma n working Falmouth Hills Country Club back No sir Andy broke No true B Anyway Nor ton overrode expansive loud let look end telescope shall suppose hat really fello w named Elwood Blatch Andy said tightly Blatch mean And let say Thomas W illiam c ellmate Rhode Island The chance excellent released Excellent Why even know much t ime might done e nded Williams Only No We know much time done But Tommy sai bad a ctor I think fair chance may still Even released prison record last known address name And would almost certainly dead end Andy silent moment burst W ell chance Ye s course So moment Dufresne let assume Blatch exists still safely ensconced Rhode Island State Penitentiary Now going say bring kettle fish bucket Is going fall kn ee roll eye say I I B mean add life term onto charge How obtuse Andy said low Che s ter could barely hear But heard warden fine What What call Obtuse Andy cried Is deliberate Dufresne taken five minute sev I busy schedule today So I believe decl are lit tle meeting closed The country club old realize Andy shouted They unemplo yment com pensation form name There employee maybe Briggs It fifteen year forever The remember They remember Blatch If I got Tommy testify Blatch told Briggs testi fy Blatch actually working country club I get new trial I Guard Guard Take man aw ay What matter Andy said Chester ld nearly screaming It life chance get see And w o make single call least verify Tom story Listen I pay call I pay Then sound thra shing guard grabbed h im started drag Solitary Warden Norton said dryly He probab ly f ingering pin said Bread water And dragged Andy away totally control still sc reaming warden Chester said could hear even door shut life It life understand lif e Twenty day grain drain train Andy th ere solitary It second jolt solitary Norto n first real black mark since joined happy little family I tell little bit Shawsh ank solitary subject It something throwback hardy pioneer day early Maine In day one wasted much time thing penology rehabilitation selective perception In day ta ken ca term absolute black white You either guilty innocent If w ere guilty eithe r hung put jail And sentenced jail go institution No dug jail spade provided Prov ince Ma ine You dug wide deep could period sunup sundown Then gave couple skin bu cket went Once gazer would bar top hole throw grain maybe piece maggoty meat twic e week maybe would dipperful barley soup Sunday night You pissed bucket held buck et wate r gazer came around six morning When rained used bucket bail unless wante d drown like rat rain barrel No one spent long time hole cal led thirty month unu

sually long term far I able tell longest term ever spent inmate actually emerged alive served ed Durham Boy old psychopath castrated schoolmate piece f rusty meta 1 He seven year course went young strong You remember crime serious petty theft b lasphemy forgetting put snot rag pocket whe n door Sabbath hung For low crime jus mentioned others like three six nine month hole come fishbelly white cringing spa ce eye half blind teeth likely rocking rolling socket scurvy foot crawling fungus Jolly old Province Maine bottle rum Shawshank Solitary Wing nowhere bad I guess T hings come three major degree human experience I think There good bad terrible An d go progressive darkness toward terrible ge t harder harder make subdivision To get Solitary Wing led teps basement level sound drip water The light supplied ser ies dangling bulb The cell like w rich people sometimes hide behind picture Like safe round doorway hinged solid instead barred You got ventilation light exc ept bulb turned promptly hour rest prison The light bulb wire mesh cage anything like The feeling wanted exist dark welcome Not many eight c ourse choice You bunk bolt ed wall toilet seat You three way spend time sitting shitting sleeping Big choice Twenty day could get seem like year Thirty day co uld seem like two forty day lik e ten Sometimes could hear rat vent ilation system In situation like subdivision terrible tend get lost If anything said favor solitary get time think Andy twenty day think enjoyed grain drain got requested another meeting warden Request de nie d Such meeting warden told would That anot phrase master go work prison c orrecti ons held Patiently Andy renewed request And renewed And r enewed He changed Andy Dufresne Suddenly spring bloomed aroun u line face sprig gray showing hair He h a d lost little trace smile always seemed linger around mouth His eye stare space o ften get know man stare way counting year served month week day X He renewed requ est renewed He patient He nothing time It got summer In Washington President Kenn edy promisin g fresh assault poverty civil right inequality knowing half year liv e In Liverpool musical group called The Beatles emerging force reckoned British m usic I guess one Stateside yet heard The Boston Red Sox still four year away New England folk call The Mi racle languishing cellar American League All thing going larger world people walked free Norton saw near end June conversa tion I heard An dy seven year later If squeeze worry Andy tol Norton low voice Do think I talk I cutting throat I indictable That enough Norton interrupted His face lon g cold sl ate gravestone He leaned back office chair back hi head almost touched sampler re ading HIS JUDGMENT COMETH AND THAT RIGHT EARLY Do ever mention money Norton sa id Not office anywhere Not unless want see library turn ed back storage room Do unde rstand I trying set mind ease Well I need sorry son bitch like ou set mind ease I retire I agreed appointment I got tired pest ered Dufresne I want stop If want bu y particular Brooklyn Bridge hat affair Do make mine I could hear crazy story lik e twice wee k I wanted lay open Every sinner place would using cry towel I respec t But end The end Have got unde rstanding Yes Andy said But I hiring lawyer What God name I think put together Andy said With Tommy Williams testimony corroborati ve testimony record employee country club I think put Tommy Williams longer inmat e facil ity What He transferred Transferred At Andy fell silent He intelligent ma n would taken extraordinarily stupid man smell deal th Cashman security prison fa r north Aroostook County The inm ate pick lot potato hard work paid decent wage t hei r labor attend class CVI pretty decent institute desire More important fellow like Tommy fellow youn g wife child Cashman furlough program meant chance live li ke normal man least weekend A chance build model plane kid hav e sex wife maybe g o picnic Norton almost surely dangled Tommy nose one string attached one word Elw ood Blatch ever Or end hard time Thomaston sc enic Route real hard guy instead se x wife ou old bull queer But Andy said Why As favor Norton said calmly I checked wit h Rhode Island They inmate named Elwood Blatch He given call parole another o ne crazy liberal program put criminal street He since Andy said The warden friend f Sam Norton gave Andy smile cold deacon watc h chain We acquainted said Why Andy repeated Ca tell Y ou knew I going talk anything might going You knew So Because people like make sick Norton said delibera tely I like right Dufresne long I w ar den Shawshank going right You see used think hat better anyone else I gotten pret ty good seeing th man face I marked first time I walked libr ary It might well wr itten forehead capital letter That look gone I like fine It useful vessel never t hink It simply men like need learn humility Why used walk around exercise yard li

ving room one cocktail party hellbound walk around coveting others wife husband g etting swinishly drunk But w alk around way anymore And I watching see tart walk way Over period year I watching wit h great pleasure Now get hell Okay But extrac urricular activity stop Norton The investment counseling scam free tax advice It sto p Get H R Block tell declare income Warden Norton face first went n color fel 1 You going back solitary Thirt day Bread water Another black mark And think anyt hing going stop library go I make personal business see got back came And I make life hard Very difficult You harde st time possible You lose Hilton Cellblock Fi starter lose rock windowsill lo se protection guard given sodomite You lose every thing Clear I guess clear enough XI Time continued oldest trick world maybe one r eally magic But Andy Dufresne ha changed He grown harder That way I think put He went Warden Norton dirty work F held onto library outwardly thing ab H continued birthday drink hol iday drink continued share rest bottle I got h fresh rock poli shing cloth time time I g new one I gotten nineteen yea ago I told plumb worn Nin eteen year When say sudden like three syllable sound like thud double locking tom b door The bee ten dollar item back went He sad 1 ittle grin Andy continued shape polish rock found exercise yard yard smaller half asphalted Nonetheless found eno ugh keep occupied I guess When hi finished rock would put c arefully wind ledge f aced east He told liked look th em sun piece planet taken dirt shape Schists quar tz granite Funny little held together airplane glue Various sedimentary conglomer ate wer e polished cut way could see Andy called mille nnium sandwich layer diffe rent material built per iod decade century Andy would give stone away time time o rder make room new one He gave greates number I stone looked like matched cufflin k I five There one mica sculpture I told carefully crafted look like man throwing javelin two sedimentary con glomerates level showing smoothly polished I still go t I take every often think man f time enough use drop time So outside least thing sam If Norton wanted break Andy badly said would look surface see change But seen differ ent Andy become I think Norton would fo ur year following clash Andy He to ld Andy Andy walked around exercise yard cocktail party That way I would put b ut I know meant It go back I said Andy wearing freedom like invisible coat never rea lly developed pr ison mentality His eye never got dull look He never developed wa lk men get day going back cell anot endless walk Andy walked shoulde r squared st ep always light heading home good meal good woman instead tasteless mess soggy ve getable lumpy mashed potato slice two fatty gristl stuff con called mystery meat picture Raquel W elch wall But four year although never became exac tly like Othe rs become silent introspective brooding Who could b lame So maybe Warden Norton p leased least awhile His dark mood broke around time World Series That dream year year Red Sox pennant instead placing ninth Las Vegas bookie predicted When Americ an League pennant kind ebullience engulfed whole prison Th ere goofy sort feeling Dead Sox could come life n maybe anybody could I ca explain feeling n could expla in madness I suppose But real Every r adio place tuned game Red Sox pounded stret ch There gloom Sox dropped pair Cleveland near end nea rly riotous joy Rico Petro celli put away pop fly clinched A nd gloom came Lonborg beaten sevent h game Seri es end dream sort complete fruition It probably ple ased Norton end son bitch He liked prison wearing sackclot h ash But Andy tumble back gloom H e much baseball fan anyway maybe Neverth eless seemed caught current good feeling pet er last gam e Series He taken invisib le coat closet put I remember one fall day late Octobe r couple week World Series ended It must Sun day exercise yard full men walking w eek sing Frisbee two passing around football bartering bar ter Others would long table Visitors Hall watchf ul eye screw talking relative smoking cigarette tellin g sincere lie receiving Andy squatting Indian fashion wall chunkin g two small ro ck together hand face turned sunlight It surprisingly warm sun day late year Hell o Red called Come sit spell I You want asked handed one two c arefully polished m illennium sandwich I told I sure I said It pretty Thank He shrugged changed subje ct Big anniversary coming next year I nodded Next year would make man Sixt per ce nt life spent Shawshank State Prison Think ever get Sure When I long white beard thre e marble left rolling around upstairs He smiled little turned face un eye cl osed Feels good I think always know damn winter almost right top He nodded silent awhile When I get Andy said finally I going w warm time He spoke calm assurance w ould th ought month left serve You know I goin R ed Zihuatanejo said rolling word

softly hi tongue like music Down Mexico It little place maybe twenty mi le Playa Azul Mexico Highway It hundred mile north west Acapulco Pacific Ocean You know Me xicans say th e Pacific I told I They say memory And I want finish life Red In wa rm place memory He picked handful pebble spoke toss ed one one watched bounce rol l across baseba diamond dirt infield would foot snow long Zihuatanejo I going lit tle hotel Six cabana along beach six set back highway rade guy take guest charter fishing There trophy guy catch biggest marlin season I put h picture lobby It wo family place It place f people honeymoon first second variety And going get money buy fab ulous place I asked Your stock account He looked smiled That far wrong h e said Sometimes startle Red What talking There really two type men world come ba d trouble Andy said cupping match hand l ighting cigarette Suppose house full rar e painting sculptur e fine old antique Red And suppose guy owned house heard th m onster hurricane headed right One two kind men hope best The hurricane change cou rse h e say No hurricane would ever dare wipe Rembrandts two Degas horse Grant Wo ods Bentons Furthermo God would allow And worse come worst insured That one sort man The sort assumes hurricane going tear right middle house If weather bureau sa y hurricane changed course guy assumes change back order put house gr This second type guy know harm hoping fo r best long prepared worst I lit cigarette Are sayin g prepared eventuality Yes I prepared hurricane I knew bad loo ked I much time ti me I I operated I ust person stood worked investment com pany Portland He died si x year Andy tossed butt away Linda I fourteen thousand dollar Not big bundle hell young We whole life ahead u He grimaced little laughed When shi hit fan I started lugging Rembrandts path hurrica ne I sold stock paid capital gain tax like good l ittle boy Declared everything Did cut corner Did freeze estate I charged murder R ed dead You ca freeze asset innocent God And awhile even got brave enough charge crime I ome time I got hit pretty good dumping everything like Got nose kinned Bu t time I worse thing worry small ski nning stock market Yeah I say But I came Sha wshank safe It till safe Outside wall Red man living soul ever seen face face He Social Security card Maine driver license He got birth certificate Name Peter Ste vens Nice anonymous name huh Who I asked I thought I knew going say I could belie ve You going tell time set false identity bull sweating I said finis hed job tria 1 No I going tell My friend Jim one set false identity He started appeal turned m ajor piece identification hand spring He must pretty close friend I said I wa sur e much I believed little lot none But day warm sun one hell good story All one hu ndred per cent illegal setting false ID like He close friend Andy said We war to gether France Germany occupation He good friend He knew illegal also knew setting false identity country easy safe He took mo ney money tax paid IRS would get nd i nvested Peter Stevens He Today amount three hundred seventy thousand dollar plus change I guess jaw made thump dropped chest smiled Think thing people wish invest ed ince two three thing Peter Stevens wa If I ended I probably worth seven eight million buck I Rolls probably ulcer big portable r adio His hand went dirt began sifting pebb le They moved gracefully restlessly It hoping best expecting ing The false name keep little capital I untainte It lugging painting path hurricane But I dea hurricane could go long I say anything awhile I guess I trying absorb idea small spare man prison gray next could worth money Warden Norton would make rest miserable 1 ife even scam thrown When said could get lawyer sure kiddin g I said last For kind dough could hired Clarence Darrow whoever passing day Why Andy Chri st You could like rocket He smiled It smile face told wife whole life ahead N sai d A good lawyer would sprung Williams kid Cashm whether wanted go I said I gettin g carried away You could gotten new trial hired private detective look tha guy Bl atch blown Norton water boot Why Andy Because I outsmarted If I ever try put ha n d Peter Stevens money inside I lose every cent My friend Jim could arranged Jim d ead You see problem I saw For good money could Andy ight well really belonged ano ther person In way And stuff invested suddenly turned bad Andy could would w atch plunge trace day day stock page It tough life weaken I guess I tell Red There big hayfield n town Buxton You know Buxton I said I It lie right next door Scarboroug h That right And north end particular h ayfield rock wall right Robert Frost poem And somewhere long base wall rock business Maine hayfie ld It piece volcanic glas s paperweight ice desk My friend Jim put wall There key underneath Th e key open safe deposit box Portland branch Casco Bank I guess peck trouble I said When f ri

end Jim died IRS must opened safe deposit box Alon g executor course Andy smiled tapped side head Not bad There marshmallow I guess But took care possibili ty Jim might die I slam The box Peter St even name year firm lawyer served Jim executor se nd check Casco cover rental Stevens box Peter Stevens inside box waiting get H is birth certificate Social Security card driver license The license six year dat e Jim died six year ago true still perfectly renewable fee His stock c ertificate s municipals eighteen bearer bond amount ten thousand dollar I whistled Peter Ste vens locked safe deposit box C asco Bank Portland Andy Dufresne locked safe depos it box Shawshan k said Tit tat And key unlocks box money new life hunk black glas s Buxton hayfield Told much I tell something else last twenty year give take I wa tching paper usual interest news construction project Buxton I keep thinking some day soon I going read putting highway erecting new community hospital building sh opping center Burying new life ten foot concrete spitting swamp somewhere big loa d fill I blurted Jesus Christ Andy true keep going crazy He smiled So far quiet W estern front But could It But maybe many State W arden Norton think going I ca af ford wait long I kee p thinking Zihuatanejo small hotel That I want f rom life Re d I think much want I kill Glenn Quentin I kill wife hotel much want To swim get tan sleep room open window space much want He slung stone away You know Red said offhand voice place l ike I man know get thing I thought long time And biggest dr awbac k mind even talking pipedreams shitty little prison exercise yard armed gua rd looking u sentry post I could I said I could get along outside I wha call inst itutional man In I man ge yeah But anyone get Out wan poster rock hammer one part icular record model kit use fucking Yellow Pages In I fucking Yellow Pages I woul d know begin Or You underestimate said You ted man man A rather remarkable man I think Hell I even high school diploma I know said But piece pape r make man And p rison break one either I could hack outside Andy I know He got You think said cas ually inside whistle blew And strolled free man w ho made another free man propos ition And awhile en ough make melee free Andy could He could make forget time lif er mercy parole board ng warden liked Andy Dufresne right After Andy could What w onderful animal But night cell I felt like prisoner The whole idea seemed absurd men tal image blue water white beach seemed cruel foolish dragged brain like fish hook I could wear invisible coa way Andy I fell asleep night dreamed great glassy black stone middle hayfield stone shaped like giant blacksmith nvil I trying rock stone I could get key underneath It would budge damned big And background getting closer I could hear baying bloodhound XII Which lead u I guess subject jailbreak Sur e happen time time happy little family You go ove r wall though Shawshank sma rt The searchlight bea m go night probing long white finger across open field sur round th e prison three side stinking marshland fourth Cons go wall time time sea rchlight almost always catc h If get picked trying thumb ride Highway Highway If try cut across country farmer see phone location prison Cons go wall stupid con S haws hank Canon City rural area man humping as across country gray pajama suit st ick like cockroach wedding cake Over year guy done oddly maybe guy spur moment So gone middle cartful sheet convict san dwich white could say There lot I first cam e h ere year le closed loophole Warden Norton famous program produced shar e esca pee They guy decided liked lay right hyphen better lay left And case casual kind thing Drop blueberry rake stroll bush one screw glass water truck w hen couple ge t involved arguing yard passing rushing old Boston Patriots In picking potato Sab batus It third November work almost done There guard named Henry Pugh longer memb er happy little fam ily believe sitting back bumper one potato truck lunch carbin e across knee beautiful told sometimes thing get exaggerated buck stro lled cold early afternoon mist Pugh went vision trophy would look mounted rec room three ch arge walked away Two recaptured Lisbon Falls pinball parlor The third beer found day I suppose famous case Sid Ne deau This go back I guess never topped Sid linin g th e ball field Saturday intramural baseball game three ock inside whistle blew signaling shift change guard The parking lot beyond exercise yard side electrical ly operated main gate At three gate open guard coming duty going mingle There lot bullyragging comparison f league bowling score usual number tired old ethnic joke Sid trundled lining machine right gat e leaving baseline way home plate exercise yard ditch far side Route found chine overturned pile lime Do ask He dressed pris on uniform stood billowing cloud li behind All I figure Friday afternoon guard go

ing happy going guard coming whhearted coming member former group never go head c loud latter never got nose f shoe top old Sid Nedeau sort slipped two So far I kn ow Sid still large Over year Andy Dufresne I good many laugh Sid Nedeau great esc ape w e heard airline hijacking ransom one guy para chuted back door airplane And y swore Co oper real name Sid Nedeau And probably pocketful baseline lime pocket good luck Andy said That lucky son bitch But understand case like Sid Nedeau fell ow got away clean Sabbatus crew guy like winning prison version Irish Sweepstakes Purely case six different kind luck somehow jelling together moment A stiff like Andy could wait ninety year get similar break Maybe remember way back I mentioned guy named Henley Backus washroom foreman laundry He came Shawshank died prison in firmary year later Escapes e scape attempt hobby maybe never quite dared take plu nge He could tell hundred different scheme cr ackpot tried The Shank one time ano the My favorite tale Beaver Morrison b e convict tried build glider scratch basem ent The plan workin g book called The Modern Boy Guide Fan Adven ture Beaver got built without discovered story go discover door basement big enough get damne thi ng When Henley told story could bust gut laughing knew two funny When came detail ing Shawshank Henley ha chapter verse He told time en better four hundred escape attempt knew Really think moment nod head read Four hundred escape ttempts That c ome escape attempt every year Henley B ackus Shawshank keeping track The Club Of course pretty slipshod affair sort thin g end guard grabbing poor sidling slob ar m growling Wh ere think going happy asshole Henley said class maybe sixty se riou s attempt included prison break year I arriv ed The Shank The new Administration Wing construction f ourteen con got using construction equipment poorly locked sh ed The le southern Maine got panic fourteen hardened cri minals scared death idea go jackrabbit highway big truck bearing Not one fourteen got away Two shot civili an police officer prison personn none got away How many gotten away I came day Oc tober Andy first mentioned Zihuatanejo Putting information Henley together I say ten Ten got away clean And alt hough kind thing know sure I guess least ha lf ten time institution lower learning like The Shank Because get institutionalized When take away man free dom teach live cell seems lose ability thi nk dimension He lik e jackrabbit I mentioned frozen oncoming li ghts truck bound kill More often con pull dumb job chance hell succeeding nd Because get back inside Back understands thing work Andy way I The idea seeing Pacific sounded good I afraid actually woul d Scare bigness Anyhow day conversation Mexico Peter Stevens day I began believe Andy ome idea disappearing act I hoped God would careful still I would bet money chance succeeding Wa rden Norton see watching Andy special close eye Andy another deadhead number Norton working relationshi p might say Also Andy brain heart Nort on determined use one crush As honest politician wh stay honest prison guard good judge character loot spread around I suppose possible yo u could buy enough make break I man tell thing never done Andy Dufresne man c ould Because I said Norton watching Andy knew sc rews knew Nobody going nominate Andy progra long Warden Nor ton evaluating nomination And Andy w kind man try casual Sid Nedeau type escape I f I thought key would tor mented endlessly I would lucky get two hour worth hones t night Buxton le thirty mile Shawshank So near nd yet far I still thought best c hance engage lawyer try retrial Anything get Norton thumb Maybe Tomm Williams cou ld shut nothing cushy furlough program I w entirely sure Maybe good old Mississip pi lawyer could cra ck maybe lawyer would even work hard Williams honestly liked Andy Every I bring point Andy would smile eye far away say thinking Apparently th inking lot thing well In Andy Dufresne escaped Shawshank He bee n recaptured I th ink ever In fact I think Andy Dufresne even exists anymore But I think man Zihuat anejo Mexico named Peter Stevens Probably running new small hotel year Lord I tel 1 I know I think I On March cell door Cellblock opened every morning around excep t Sunday And e day except Sunday inmate cell stepped forward corridor formed two line cell door slammed shut behind T hey walked main cellblock gate counted two g uard sent cafeteria breakfast oatmeal scr ambled egg fatty bacon All went accordi ng routine count cellblock gate There Instead After call Captain Guards Cellblock allow ed go breakfast The Captain Guards fellow named R ichard Gonyar assistant j olly prick named Dave Burkes came Cellblock right away Gonyar cell door Burkes we nt corridor together dragging stick bar gun ut In case like usually someone take n sick night sick ca even step cell morning More rarely someone died committed su

icide But time found mystery instead sick n dead man They found man There fourtee n cell Cell block seven side fairly visiting privilege penalty sloppy cell empty Gonyar first assumption mi scount practical joke So instead going work breakfast th e inmate Cellblock sent back cell joking happy Any bre ak routine always welco me Cell door opened prisoner stepped cell door closed Some clown shouting I want lawyer I want lawyer guy run place like frigging prison Burkes Shut I rank The cl own I ranked wife Burkie Gonyar Shut spend day He Burkes went line counting nose They go far Who belongs cell Gonyar asked rightside n ight guard Andrew Dufresne rightside answered took Everything stopped routine right The balloon went In pris on movie I seen wailing horn go break That never happens Shawshank The first thi ng Gonyar get touch warden The second thing get search prison going The third ale rt state police Scarb orough possibility breakout That routine It call searc h su spected escapee cell one Not Why would It wa case see get It small square room ba r th e window bar sliding door Rocks windowsill And poster course It Linda Ronsta dt The poster right bunk There poster e xact place year And someone Warden No rto n turned poetic justice ever anybody looked behi nd got one hell shock But happen night almost twelve hour Andy reported missing probably twenty hour afte r actual ly made escape Norton hit roof I good authority Chester trusty w waxing hall floo r Admin Wing day He polish keyplates ear day said could hear warden clear Records Files chewed Rich Gonyar as What mean pri son ground What mean It mean find You b etter find You better Because I want Do hear want Gonyar said something Did happe n shift That say So fa r I tell one know happened Or Or really Now I want office three afternoon head going roll I promise I always keep promise Something else Go nyar something seemed pr ovoke Norton even greater rage No Then look Look You rec ognize Last night tally Cellblock Five Every prisoner accounted Dufresne locked 1 ast night nine impossible gone It impossible Now And But three afternoon Andy sti ll among issing Norton stormed Cellblock hour later rest u locked day Had questio ned We spen long day questioned harried screw feeli ng breath dragon back neck We said thing seen nothing heard nothing And far I know al l telling truth I know I All could say Andy indee cell time hour later One wit suggested Andy poured keyho le The suggestion earned guy four day solitary They upt ight So Norton came He st alked glaring u blue eye nearly hot e nough strike spark tempered steel bar cage He looked u believed Probably believe He went Andy cell looked around It Andy lef t sheet bunk turned back without looking Rocks windowsill The one like best took Rocks Norton hissed swept window le dge clatter Gonyar overtime winced said nothi ng Norton eye fell Linda Ronstadt poster Linda looking back shoulder hand tucked back pocket ight pair slack She wearing halter h ad deep California tan It must o ffended hell Norton Baptist ensibilities poster Watching glare I remembered Andy onc e said feeling could almost step picture girl In real way exactly Norton seco nd discovering Wretched thing grunted ripped poster wall single swipe hand And re vealed gaping crumbled hole concrete behind Gonyar would go Norton ordered God mu st heard Norton orde ring Rich Gonyar go prison Gonyar refused hi point blank I j ob Norton screamed He wa hysterical woman He utterly blown cool His neck turned r ich dark red two vein stood throbbing foreh ead You count Frenchman I job I l l s ee never get another one prison system New Engl Gonyar silently held service pist ol Norton butt first He enough He two hour overtime going three ha enough It Andy defection happy little family driven Norton right edge private irrationality long ime I know private irrationality might course But I know con listening N orton li ttle Rich Gonyar evening last ligh faded dull sky u ride r seen administrator com e go ass alike knew Warden Samuel Norton passed en gineers like call breaking str ain And God almost seemed somewhere I co uld hear Andy Dufresne laughing Norton f inally got skinny drink water night shift go hole behind Andy poster Linda Ronsta dt The skinny guard name Rory Tremont exactly ball fire brain department Maybe th ought going win Bronze Star something As turned fortunate Norton got someone Andy approximate height build go sent sed fellow prison guard seem guy would stuck sur e God made green grass might still Tremont went nylon filament rope meone found t runk car tied around waist big flashlight one hand By Gonyar changed mind quittin g seemed one still able think clearly dug set blueprint I knew well enough showed wall 1 ooked like sandwich The entire wall ten foot thick T inner outer section f our foot thick In cente r two foot want believe meat thing way one Tremont voice

came hole sounding hollow nd dead Something smell awful Warden Never mind Keep go ing Tremont lower leg disappeared hole A moment later foot gone His light flashed dimly back forth Warden smell pretty damn bad Never mind I said Norton cried Dolo rously Tremont voice floated back Smells like shit Oh God shit oh God lem outta I gon na blow grocery oh shit shit oh Gawwwwwd And came unmistakab le sound Rory Tr emont losing last couple meal Well I could help The whole day hell last thirty ye ar came I sta rted laughing fit split laugh I never since I free kind laugh I nev er expected inside gray wall And oh de ar God feel good Get man Warden Norton scr eami ng I laughing hard I know meant Tremont I wen laughing kicking foot holding onto belly I could stopped Norton threatened shoot spot Get O UT Well friend neig hbor I one went S traight solitary I stayed fifteen day A long shot But ev ery I think poor old Rory Tremont bellowi ng oh shit shit I think Andy Dufresne heading south car dressed nice suit I laugh I fifteen day solitary practically standing h ead Maybe half e Andy Dufresne Andy Dufresne waded shit came clean side Andy Dufr esne headed Pacific I heard rest went night half dozen source There much anyway I guess Rory Tremon decided much left lose lost lunch dinner go There danger fallin g betwee n inner outer segment cellblock wall narrow Tremont actually wedge He sa id later could take knew would like buried alive What found bottom shaft master s erved fourteen toilet Cellblock porcelain pipe tha laid year It broken B eside ja gged hole pipe Tremont found Andy Andy gotten free easy The pipe even narrower sh aft Tremont descended Rory Tremont go far I know one else either It must damn nea r unspeakable A rat jumped pipe Tremont examining hole swore la ter nearly big co cker spaniel pup He went back crawlspace Andy cell like monkey stick Andy gone pi pe Maybe knew emptie stream five hundred yard beyond prison marshy western side I think The prison blueprint around Andy would found way look He methodical cuss He would known found running Cellblock last one Shawshank hooked new plant would kno wn never August going switch u ver new waste treatment plant Five hundred yard Th e length five footba field Just shy half mile He crawled distance maybe one small pen light hand maybe nothing couple book match He crawled thro ugh foulness I eit her ca imagine want imagine Maybe rat scatt ered front maybe went way animal some times whe n chance grow bold dark He must enough clearance shoulder keep moving p robably shove place length pipe joined If claustrophobia w ould driven mad dozen time But At far end pipe found set muddy footpri nt leading sluggish polluted cre ek pipe fed Two mile fro search party found prison uniform That day later Three m onth memorable day Warden Norton resigned He broken man give great pleasure repor t The spring gone step On last day shuffled act head like ld con shuffling infirm ary codeine pill It Gonyar took Norton must seemed like unkindest cut For I knee Sam Norton Eliot attending service Baptist church every Sunday wondering hell And y Dufresne eve r could gotten better I could told answer question sim plicity Som e got Sam And never XIII That I know I going tell I th ink I may wrong specific I willing let watch chain I got general outline pretty well Because A ndy sort man one two way could And every ad I think I think Normaden hat Indian Nice Della Nor maden said celling Andy eight month I glad go Bad draft cell All time col He let nobody touch thing That okay Nice man never made fun But big draft Poor crazy Nor maden knew rest f u knew sooner And eight long month Andy could get cell If eight month Normaden spent Warden Norton first came I beli eve Andy would free Nixon re signed I believe began way back Rita Hayworth poster I told nervous seemed asked nervous filled suppressed excitement At time I thought embarrassment Andy sort gu y never want someone else know foot clay want ed woman especially But I think I w rong I think Andy excitement came something else ltogether What responsible hole Warden Norton eventually found behind poster girl even born photo Rita Hayworth t aken Andy Dufresne perseverance hard work yeah I take away But two element equati on lot luck WPA concrete You need explain luck I guess The WPA con crete I checke d I invested time couple stamp wrote first University Maine History Department fe llow whose address able give This fellow foreman WPA project built Shawshank Max Security Wing The wing contains Cellblocks built year Now people think cement con crete technological development way think car oil furnace really There modern cem ent modern concrete turn century Mixing co ncrete delicate business making bread You get watery watery enough You get thick thin sam e true And back science mixin g stuf f lot le sophisticated today The wall Cellblock solid enough exactly dry t

oasty As matter fact pretty damned dank After long wet spell would sweat sometime s even drip Cracks way appearing inch deep They routinely mortare Now come Andy D ufresne Cellblock He graduated University Maine school business al man took two t hree geology course along E way Geology fa ct become chief hobby I imagine appeal ed patient meticulous na ture A ice age A million year moun Plates bedrock grindi ng deep earth skin millennium Pressure Andy told geology study pressure And time course He time study wall Plenty time When cell door slam light go nothing else l oo k usually hard time adjusting co nfinement prison life They get Sometimes b e hauled infirmary sedated couple time get n beam It unusual hear new member happy little famil banging bar cell screaming let befor e cry gone long chant start alo ng cellblock Fres h fish hey little fishie fresh fish fresh fish got fresh fish t oday Andy flip like came The Shank n say feel many thing He may come close madnes s go sailing right edge Old life blown away wink eye indeterminate nightmare stre tch ing ahead long season hell So I ask He searched almost desperatel something d ivert restless mind Oh sort way divert even prison seems like human mind full inf inite number possibility come diversion I told ab sculptor Three Ages Jesus There coin collector w ere always losing collection thief stamp collector one fellow po stcard different let tell would turned light caught diddling postcard Andy got in terested rock And wall cell I think initial intention might carve initial wall po ster Rita Hayworth would soon hanging His initial maybe line poem Instead found i nterestingly weak concrete Maybe st arted carve initial big chunk wall fell I see lying bunk looking broken chunk concrete turn ing hand Never mind wreck whole lif e never ind got railroaded place whole trainload bad l uck Let forget look piece concrete Some month along might decided would fun see much wall could take But ca start di gging wall weekly inspection one sur prise inspection always turning int eresting cache booze drug di rty picture weapon come around say guard This Just e xcav ating little hole cell wall Not worry good man No could So came asked I coul d get Rita Hayworth poster Not little one big one And course I remember thin king I got gadget back would take man six hundred year burrow wall True enough But And y go thr ough half even soft concrete took two mers year Of course lost one year Norm aden could work night preferably late night almost everyb ody guard work nig ht shift But I suspect thin g slowed getting rid wall took He could muffle sound work wrapping head hammer ro cloth pulverized concrete occas ional chunk came who le I think must broken chunk pebble I remembered Sunday I gotten rockha mmer I re member watching walk across exercise yard face puf fy latest sister I saw stoop p ick pebble disappeared sleeve That inside ld prison trick Up sleeve inside cuff p ant And I h ave another memory strong unfocused maybe something I saw than This memory Andy Dufresne walking across exercise yard h ot summer day air utterly sti ll Still yeah except little breeze seemed blowing sand around Andy Dufresne foot So maybe couple cheater pant knee You loaded cheater fill strolled around hand po cket felt safe unobserved gave pocket little twitch The pocket course attached st ring strong thread c heater The fill go cascading pant leg walk The World war II POWs trying tunnel used dodge The year went past Andy brought wall exercise yard cupful cupful He played game administrator adminis trator thought wanted keep lib rary growi ng I doubt part main thing Andy wanted keep Cell Cellblock single occu pancy I doubt real plan hope breaking least first He probably assumed wall ten fo ot lid concrete succeeded boring way come ut thirty foot exercise yard But like I say I think worried overmuch breaking His assumption could run way I making foot progress every seven year therefore wo uld take seventy year break would make one hundred one year old Here second assumption I would made I A ndy eventually I wou ld caught get lot solitary time ntion large black mark record After regula r week ly inspection surprise usually came second week He must decided thing could go lo ng sooner later screw going peek behind Rita Hayworth make sure An dy sharpened m arijuana reefer taped wall And response second assumption must To hell Maybe even made game How far I get bef ore find Prison goddam boring place chance surprised b unscheduled inspection middle night po ster unstuck probably added spice life e arly year And I believe would impossible get away dumb luck Not year Nevertheless I believe first two h elped Byron Hadley get around tax windfall exac tly get Or maybe something dumb luck going even back He money might slipping someone litt le squeeze every week take easy Most guard go along th price right money pocket pris

oner get keep whack picture tailor made cigarette Also Andy model quiet respectfu 1 It crazy stampeders get cell turned least every six month mattress unzipped pil low taken away cut open outflow pipe toilet carefully probed Then Andy became som ething model pris oner In became valuable commodity murderer better H R Block He gave gratis advice set elters filled loan application sometimes creatively I reme m ber sitting behind desk library patiently going agre ement paragraph paragraph screwhead wanted buy used DeSoto telling guy good agreement bad ex plaining possi ble shop loan get hit quite bad steering away finance company day sometimes littl e better legal loan shark When finished screwhead started put hand drew back quic kly He forgotten moment see dealing mascot man Andy kept tax law change stock ark ets usefulness end cold storage might done He began get library money runni ng wa r sister ended nobody tossed cell hard He good nigger Then one day late around Oc tobe r hobby suddenly turned something else One n ight hole waist Raquel Welch ha nging h as pick end must suddenly sunk concrete past hilt He would dragged chunk concrete back maybe heard falling shaft bouncing back forth cl inking standpipe D id know going come upo n shaft totally surprised I know He might seen th e prison blueprint might If damned sur e found way look long All must realized instead pla ying game playing high stake term life future tie highest Even could known sure h e mus pretty good idea right around alked Zihuatanejo first time All sudden inste a toy stupid hole wall became kn ew bottom led outer wall di anyway He key rock B uxton worry fo r year Now D worry new guard would look behind hi poster expose wh ole thing would get another cellmate would year suddenly transferred He tho e thi ng mind next eight year All Scan say must ha one coolest men ever lived I would g one completely nut aft er awhile living al uncertainty But Andy went playing gam He carry tie possibility discovery anoth er eight probability f might say matter carefully stacked tie card favor inmate state prison h e many stack god kind long time nineteen year The ghastly irony I think would f offered parole Can imagine T hree day parole e actually released transferred light security wing undergo compl ete physical battery vocational test While old cell completely cleaned Instead ge tting parole Andy would gotten long turn downstairs solitary followed time upst a ir different cell If broke shaft come esc ape I know I advance pretty good guesse First would become careful ever He smart push ahead flank speed try get eight mon th even eighteen He must gone widening opening crawlspace little time A hole big teacup time ok New Year Eve drink year A hole big time took birthday drink As big time baseball season opened For time I thought gone much faster apparently broke I mean It seemed instead hating pulverize crap take cell che ater gadget I descri bed could simply let drop shaft The length time took make believe dare He migh de cided noise would arouse someone suspicion Or kn ew I believe must would bee n af raid falling chunk concrete would break ready scr ewing cellblock sewage system 1 eading investigation And inv estigation needle say would lead ruin Still I guess time Nixon sw orn second term hole would wide enough wr iggle probably sooner And y small guy Why go That educated guess run folk point become progressively wilder One possibility crawl space clogged crap clear But would ac count time So I think maybe Andy got scared I told well I in titutional man At first ca stand four wall get abide get accept body yo ur mind spirit adjust life HO scale get love th em Y ou told eat write letter smoke I f work laundry assigned five minute hour go bath room For year ti minute hour year time I ever felt need take piss crap min ute pa st hour And reason I could go need would pas hirty come back past next hour I thi nk Andy may wrestling institutional also bulking fear might nothing How many nigh t must lain awake poster thinking sewer line knowing one chance e ver get The blu eprint might told big pipe bore bl ueprint could tell would like inside would ble breathe without choking rat big enough mean enough fight instead retreating blue print told find end pipe got Here joke eve n funnier parole would Andy break sewe r line crawl five hundred yard choking darkness come mesh screen end Ha ha v ery funny That would mind And long shot ctually came able get would able get civili c lothes get away vicinity prison undetected Last suppose got pipe got away Shawsha nk alarm raised got Buxton overturned right rock found nothing beneath N ot neces sarily something dramatic arriving right field discovering highrise apartment bui lding erected spot r turned supermarket parking lot It could little kid liked roc k ticed piece volcanic glass turned saw key took rock back room souvenir Maybe No

vemb er hunter kicked rock left key exposed squirrel crow liki ng bright shiny th ing taken away Maybe spring flo od one year breaching wall washing key away Maybe anything So I guess Andy froze place awhile After ca lose bet What lose ask His l ibrary one thing The poison peace institution al life another Any future chance g rab safe identity But finally I told He tried Did succeed spectacular fashion You tell But get away ask What happened What happen ed got meadow turned rock always assumi ng rock still I ca describe scene th institutional man still institution e xpects year come But I tell Very late summer September exact I got postcard maile d tiny town McNary Texas That town American side border directly across El Porven ir The message side card totally blank But I know I know heart surely I know goin g die someday McNary crossed McNary Texas So story Jack I never believed long wou ld take write many page would take I started writi ng I got postcard I finishing January I used three pencil right whole tablet paper I kept page carefully hidden many could read hen anyway It stirred memory I ever would belie ved Writing seems lot like sticking branch clear roiling muddy bottom Well writing I hear someone s aying You writing Andy Dufresne You nothing minor character story But known ot It every damned word Andy part could never lock part rejoice gate final ly open I walk cheap suit twenty dollar pocket That part rejoice matter old broken sca red rest I guess Andy part used better There others like others remember A ndy We gla d gone little sad Some bird meant caged Their feather bright song sweet wil So le t go open cage feed somehow fly past And part know wrong imprison first place rej oices still place live much drab empty departure That story I glad I told even bi t inconclusive even though memory pencil prodded like branch poking made feel lit tle sad even older I Thank listening And Andy really I believe look star sunset t ouch sa nd wade water feel free XIV I never expected take narrative I folded page open desk front Here I adding another three four page writing tabl et A tablet I bought walked store Portland Congres Street bought I thought I put finish story S hawshank pris cell bleak January day Now May I sitting small cheap room Brewster Hotel Portland adding The window open sound traffic floatin g seem huge exciting intimidating I look constantly ov er window reassure bar I slee p poorly night be d room cheap room seems much big luxurious I snap awake every morning promptly fe eli ng disoriented frightened M dream bad I crazy feeling free fall The sensation terrifying exhilarating What happened life Ca guess I parol ed After year routine hearing routine denial co urse year three lawyer died parol e granted I suppose d ecided age I fina lly used enough deemed safe I came close burning document r ead They search outgoing parolee almost carefully search inc oming new fish And beyon d containing enough dynamite assure quick tur naround another six eight year insi de memoir contained thing else name town I believe Andy Dufresne Mexican police g ladly cooperate American police I want r unwillingness give story I worked long h ard co st Andy Then I remembered Andy brought five hundred dollar back I took sto ry way Just safe side I carefully rewrote page mentioned Zihuatanejo If paper fou nd outside search call The S hank I would gone back turnaround cop would bee n lo oking Andy Peruvian seacoast town named Las Intrudres The Parole Committee got jo b sistant big FoodWay Market Spruce Mall South Portland whi ch mean I became one aging There two kind know old one young one No one ever look either kin If shop S pruce Mall FoodWay I may even taken grocery car shopped March April long I worked At first I think I going able make outside I described prison society model outsi de world I idea fast thing moved outside th e raw speed people move They even tal k faster And louder It toughest adjustment I ever make I finished making yet long way Women inst ance After hardly knowing half human race forty year I suddenly wo rking store filled Old woman pregnant woman wea ring arrow pointing downward prin ted motto reading BABY HE RE skinny woman nipple poking woman wea ring something like I went would gotten arrested sanity every shape size I found goi ng around a lmost time cursing ing dirty old man Going bathroom another thing When I go urge always came past hour I ha fight almost overwhelming need check bos Knowing tha s omething I could go bright outside world one thi ng adjusting inner self knowledg e year checking nearest screwhead facing two day solitary oversight something els e My bos like He young guy I could see I sort disgusted way cringing ser vile old dog crawl belly petted disgust Christ I disgusted But I could make stop I w anted tell That whole life prison young It turn everyone position authority master eve

ry master dog Maybe know become dog even prison since ev eryone else gray dog see m matter much Outside But I could tell young guy like He would never understand N either would PO big bluff man huge red beard large st ock Polish joke He saw five minute every week Are taying bar Red ask run Polish joke I say eah would end next week Music radio When I went big band getting good head steam Now every song soun d like fuckin So many car At first I felt like I taking life hand ev ery time I c rossed street There strange maybe get idea least grasp corner I began think somet hing get back When parole almost anything serve I ashamed say I began think steal ing money shoplifting stuff FoodWay anything get back quiet knew everything going come course day If I never known Andy I probably would done But I kept thinking s pending year chipping patiently away cement could free I thought made ashamed I d rop idea Oh say reaso n free I new identity lot money But really true know Becaus e know sure new identit still without new identity money would always reach No ne eded free I kicked away I ha would like spitting face everything worked hard win back So I started time hitchhi ke ride little town Buxton This early April snow s tarting melt field air beginning warm baseball team coming north start new season playing gam e I sure God approves When I went trip I carried Silva com pas pocket There big hay field Buxton Andy said north end hayfield rock wall right oat Rober t Fr ost poem And somewhere along base wall rock ear thly business Maine hayfield A fool errand say How many hayfield small rural town like Buxton Fifty A hundred Speaking personal experie nce I put even higher add field cultus vated might hayg rass Andy went And I find ri ght one I might never know Because I might overlook black piece vol canic glass much likely Andy put pocket took h im So I agree A fo ol errand doubt Worse dangerous one man parole field clearly marked NO TRESPASSIN G sign And I said happy slam as back inside get line A fool errand chipping blank concrete wall year And longer man get old nice hobby take mind new life My hobby looking fo r Andy rock So I hitchhike Buxton walk road I listen bird spring runof f culvert examine bottle retreating snow useless I sorry sa world seems gotten aw fully spendthrift since I went nd looking hayfield Most could eliminated right No rock wall Others rock wall compass told facing wron g direction I walked wrong on e anyway It comfortable thing outing I really felt free peace An old dog walked w it h one Saturday And one day I saw deer Then came April day I forget even I liv e another year It balmy Saturday afternoon I wa lking little boy fishing bridge t old called The Old Smith Ro ad I taken lunch brown FoodWay bag eaten sitting ro c k road When I done I carefully buried leaving dad taught died I sprat older fishe rman ha named road Around two I came big field left The stone wall far end runnin g roughly northwest I walked bac k squelching wet ground began walk wall A squirr el scoffed oak tree way end I saw rock N mistake Black glass smooth silk A rock e arthly business Maine hayfield For long time I looked feeling I might cry whateve r reason The squirrel followed still chatterin g away My heart beating madly When I felt I control I went rock squatted beside joint knee went like ed let hand tou ch It real I pick I th ought would anything I could easily walked away without fi nding beneath I certainly Clad plan take away I feel mine feeling taking tha rock field would worst kind theft No I picke feel better get heft thing I suppose prov e reality feeling satiny texture skin I look underneath long time My eye saw took awhile mind catch It envelope carefully wrapped plastic bag keep away damp My nam e written ac ross front Andy clear script I took envelope left rock Andy left And y friend Dear Red If reading One way And f followed along far might willing come little I think remember name town I could use good man help get project wheel Mea ntime drink think I keeping eye Remembe r hope good thing Red maybe best thing go od thing ever dy I hoping letter find find well Your friend Peter Stevens I read letter field A kind terror come need get away I seen To make may appropriate pun I terror apprehended I went back room read sme old men dinner drifting stairwell RiceaRoni N oodleRoni You bet whatever old folk America one f ixed income eating tonight almost certainly end I opened envelope read letter I put head arm cried W ith letter twenty new fifty llar bill And I Brewster Hotel technically f ugitive justice violation crime No one going hrow roadblock catch criminal wanted charge I g I I manuscript I small piece luggage ab size doctor bag hold everything I I n inete en fifty four ten five three one assorted change I broke one fifty buy tabl et paper deck smoke Wondering I But really question It always come two choice Get

busy living get busy dying First I going put manuscript back bag Then I going buc kle grab coat go downstairs check f leabag Then I going walk uptown bar put bill front bartender ask bring two straight shot Jack one Andy Dufresne Other beer two hey first drink I taken free man since Then I going ti p bartender dollar thank k indly I leave bar wal k Spring Street Greyhound terminal buy bus ticket El P aso way New York City When I get El Paso I going buy ticket McNary And I get McNary I guess I chance find old crook like find way float across border Mexico Sure I rem ember name Zihuatanejo A name like tha pretty forget I find I excited excited I h ardly hold pen cil trembling hand I think excitement free feel free man starting long journey whose conclusion uncertain I hope Andy I hope I make across border I hope see friend shake hand I hope Pacific blue dre am I hope The End

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In [ ]: words = []
    for president in data:
        top = [word for (word, count) in top_dict[president]]
        for t in top:
            words.append(t)
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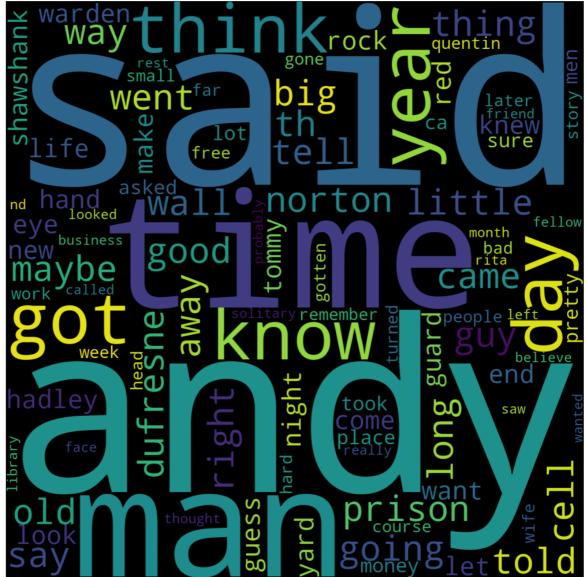
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print(words[:10])
['andy', 'like', 'said', 'time', 'man', 'got', 'year', 'know', 'day', 'think']

In []: img1 = imageio.imread("batman_logo.jpg")
    hcmask1 = img1

# Get 100 words based on the
    words_except_stop_dist = nltk.FreqDist(w for w in words[:100])
    wordcloud = WordCloud(stopwords=set(STOPWORDS),background_color='black',mask=hcm
    plt.imshow(wordcloud,interpolation = 'bilinear')
    fig=plt.gcf()
    fig.set_size_inches(10,12)
    plt.axis('off')
    plt.title("Top most common 100 words from THE DARK KNIGHT",fontsize=20)
    plt.tight_layout(pad=0)
    plt.savefig('Manifesto_top_100.jpeg')
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rning: Starting with ImageIO v3 the behavior of this function will switch to that
of iio.v3.imread. To keep the current behavior (and make this warning disappear)
use `import imageio.v2 as imageio` or call `imageio.v2.imread` directly.
 img1 = imageio.imread("batman_logo.jpg")

Top most common 100 words from THE DARK KNIGHT



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blob = TextBlob(clean data)
        blob.sentiment
Out[]: Sentiment(polarity=0.06888756811030024, subjectivity=0.4676108463833372)
In [ ]: def sentence_similarity(sent1, sent2, stopwords=None):
            if stopwords is None:
                stopwords = []
            sent1 = [w.lower() for w in sent1]
            sent2 = [w.lower() for w in sent2]
            all_words = list(set(sent1 + sent2))
            vector1 = [0] * len(all_words)
            vector2 = [0] * len(all_words)
            for w in sent1:
                if w in stopwords:
                    continue
                vector1[all_words.index(w)] += 1
            for w in sent2:
                if w in stopwords:
                    continue
                vector2[all_words.index(w)] += 1
            return 1 - cosine_distance(vector1, vector2)
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In [ ]: def build_similarity_matrix(lower_case, stopwords=None):
            S = np.zeros([len(lower case), len(lower case)])
            for idx1 in range(len(lower_case)):
                for idx2 in range(len(lower_case)):
                    if idx1 == idx2:
                        continue
                    S[idx1][idx2] = sentence_similarity(lower_case[idx1], lower_case[idx
            for idx in range(len(S)):
                S[idx] /= S[idx].sum()
            return S
In [ ]: clean_data
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'Rita Hayworth Shawshank Redemption Rita Hayworth Shawshank Redemption Rita Hay worth Shawshank Redemption Rita Hayworth Shawshank Redemption There guy like ev ery state federal prison n America I guess I guy get Tailor made cigarette bag reefer partial bottle brandy celebrate son daughter high school graduation anyt hing else within reason It always way I came Shawshank I twenty I ne people hap py little family willing I committed murder I put large insurance policy wife t hree year older I I fixed brake Chevrolet coupe f ather given u wedding present It worked exactly I planned e xcept I planned stopping pick neighbor woman neig hbo r woman infant son way Castle Hill town The bra kes let go car crashed bush edge town common gathering speed Bystanders said must fifty better hit base Civ il War statue burst flame I also planned getting caught caught I I got season p as place Maine D istrict Attorney saw I tried three death given three l ife sen tence run one That fixed chance parole I might long long time The judge called I done hideous hei nous crime also past You look yellowing file Castle Rock Cal 1 big headline announcing conviction look sort funny antique next news Hitler M ussolini FDR alphabet soup agency Have I rehabilitated ask I even know word mea n least far prison correction go I think politician word It may meaning may I w il 1 chance find future something con teach thems elf think I young poor side t own I knocked pretty sulky headstrong girl lived one fin e old house Carbine St reet Her father agreeable mar riage I would take job optical company owned work way I f ound really mind keeping house thumb like disagreeable pet quite houseb roken wh ich may bite Enough hate eventually piled cause I Give n second chance I would I sure mean I r ehabilitated Anyway I want tell I want tell guy named A ndy Dufresne But I tell Andy I explain thing It wo take long As I said I guy ge t Shawshank damn near forty year And mean contraba nd item like extra cigarette booze although item always top th e list But I gotten thousand item men time pe rfectly legal yet hard come place supposedly bee n brought punished There one f ellow raping little girl exposing dozen others I got three piece pink Vermont m arble three lovely sculpture baby bo twelve bearded young man He called The Thr ee Ages Jesus piece sculpture parlor man used go vernor state Or name may remem ber grew north f Alan Cote In tried rob First Mercantile Bank Mechanic Falls ho ldup turned bloodbath six dead end two member gang three hostage one youn g sta te cop put head wrong time got bullet eye Co te penny collection Naturally goin g let h ave little help mother middleman used dr ive laundry truck I able get I told Bobby mu crazy wanting coin collection stone hotel full thie f He looked s miled said I know keep They afe enough Do worry And right Bobby Cote died brain umor coin collection never turned I gotten men chocolate Valentine Day I got th ree green milkshake serve McDonald around Paddy Day crazy Irishman named I even arranged midnight showing Deep Throat The Devil Miss Jones party twenty men poo led resource rent film although I ended week sol itary little escapade It risk run guy get I gotten reference book joke novelty like itching powder one occasi on I seen gotten pair panty wife girlfrien I guess know guy item long night tim e draw like blade I get thing gratis item price come high But I money good mone y I never going Cadillac car fly Jamaica two week February I reason good butche r sell fresh meat I got reputation I want kee p The two thing I refuse handle g un heavy drug I wo help anyone kill anyone else I enough killing mi nd last lif etime Yeah I regular And Andy Dufresne came asked I could smuggle Rita Hayworth prison f I said would problem And II When Andy came Shawshank thirty year old H e short neat little man sandy hair small clever han d He wore spectacle His fin gernail always clipped always clean That funny thing remember man I suppose see ms sum Andy He always looked bee n wearing tie On outside trust departmen large Portland bank Good work man young especially consider conservative bank multi p ly conservatism ten get New England folk like trust man money unless bald limpi ng constantly pluc king pant get truss around straight Andy murdering hi wife l over As I believe I said everyone prison nocent man Oh read scripture way holy roller TV read Book Revelation They victim judge heart stone nd ball match inco mpetent lawyer police bad luck Th ey read scripture see different scripture fac e M ost con low sort good anyone else worst luck mother carried term In year Sh awshank le han ten men I believed told innocent Andy Dufresne w one although I became convinced innocence period f year If I jury heard case Portland Superior

Court ver six stormy week I would voted convict It one hell case right one j ui cy one right element There beautiful girl society con nections dead local sport figure also dead prominent young businessman dock There plus scandal newspaper could hint The prosecution case The trial lasted long DA planning run House Rep resentative wanted John Q Public get good long look resume It cr ackerjack lega l circus spectator getting line four morning despite subzero temperature assure seat The fact prosecution case Andy never co ntested wife Linda Collins Dufresn e June expressed interest learning game golf Falmouth H ill Country Club indeed take lesson four month in tructor Falmouth Hills golf pro Glenn Quentin late Au gus Andy learned Quentin wife become lover Andy Linda Dufresne argued bitterly afternoon September th e subject argument infidelity He testified Linda profess ed glad knew sneaking around said distressing She told Andy planned btain Reno divorce Andy told would see hell would se e Reno She went spend night Quentin Q uentin rented b ungalow far golf course The next morning cleaning woman fo und dead bed Each shot four time It last fact militated Andy others The DA politica l aspiration made great deal opening statement closing summation Andrew Dufresn e said wronged husband seeking revenge cheating w ife DA said could understood condoned But revenge much colder type Consider DA thundered jury Four nd four N ot six shot eight He fired gun empty stopped reload could shoot FOUR FOR HIM AN D FO UR FOR HER Portland Sun blared The Boston Register dubbed E A clerk Wise P awnshop Lewiston testified hat sold Police Special Andrew Dufresne two day doub le murder A bartender country club bar testified Andy come around seven evening September tossed hree straight whiskey got ol told bartender going Glenn Quenti n house bartender could read rest paper Another clerk one store mile Quentin ho use told court Dufresne come around quarter nine night He purchased cigarette t hree quart beer dishtowel T county medical examiner testified Quentin Dufresne woman killed night September Th e detective Attorney General office c harge cas e testified turnout le seventy yard bungalow afternoon September three piece ev idenc e removed turnout first item two empty quart bottle Nar ragansett Beer de fendant fingerprint second item twelve c igarette end Kools defendant brand thi rd item plaster ca set tire track exactly matching pattern tire defendant Plymo uth In living room Quentin bungalow four dishtowel found lying sofa There po Th e detective theorized agonized objection An dy lawyer murderer wrapped towel ar ound muzzle murde muffle sound gunshot Andy Dufresne took stand defense told h story calmly coolly dispassionately He said begun hear distressing rumor wife G lenn Quentin early last week July In late August become distressed enough inves tigate bit On evening Linda supposed gone shopping Portland r golf lesson Andy followed Quentin Quentin rent ed house inevitably dubbed paper He parked turnou t Quentin drove back country club car parked three hour later Do mean tell cour t followed w ife Plymouth sedan DA asked cross examination I swapped car evenin g friend Andy said cool admission investigation good eye jury After returning f riend car picking gone home Linda bed reading book He asked trip Portland She r eplied fun seen thing liked well enough buy That I knew sure Andy told th e bre athless spectator He spoke calm remote voice delivered almost testimony What fr ame mind seventeen day bet ween night wife murdered Andy lawyer asked I great d istress Andy said calmly coldly Like man reciting shopping list said considered suicide even gone far purchase gun Lewiston September His lawyer invited tell j ury happened wife left meet Glenn Quentin night murder Andy told impression mad e worst possible I knew close thirty year I tell man I ever known What right gi ve little time What wrong kept bott led inside If ever dark night soul writer h a called would never know He type man decide commit suicide would without leavi ng note affai r put neatly order If cried witness stand h voice thickened grown hesitant even started yelling th District Attorney I believe would gotten life sentence wound Even would parole But told story like recording machine seeming ay jury This Take leave They left He said drunk night l es drunk since August m an handle liquor ry well Of course would hard jury swa llow They could see cold ly young man neat doubl woolen suit ever getting drunk wife sleazy little affai r golf pro I believed I chance watch Andy six men six woman Andy Dufresne took four drink year time I knew He would meet exercise yard every year week b efore birthday two week Christmas On ccasion would arrange bottle Jack Daniel He boug

ht way mo st con arrange buy slave wage pay plus l ittle Up got time dime hour In raised way quarter My commission liquor ten per cent add surcharge price fin e sippin whiskey like Black Jack get idea many hour Andy Dufresne sweat prison laundry going buy four drink year On morning birthday September would h ave big knock another night light The following day give rest bottle back I would share around As bottle dealt one drink Christmas night another New Year Eve Then bott le would also come wi th instruction pas Four drink behavior n bitten hard bott le Hard enough draw blood He told jury night tenth drunk could remember happene d little isolated snatc he He gotten drunk I took double helping Dutch courage put taking Linda After left meet Quentin remembered deciding confront On way Qu entin bungalow swung country club couple quick one He could said remember telli ng barte nder could read rest paper saying anything hi He remembered buying bee r dishtowel Wh would I want dishtowel asked one paper reported three lady juror shuddered Later much later speculated clerk wh testified subject dishtowel I th ink worth jot ting said Suppose canvas witness Andy aid one day exercise yard s tumble fellow sold e beer night By three day gone The fact case h ave broadside d paper Maybe ganged guy five six cop plus dick Attorney General office plus DA as istant Memory pretty subjective thing Red They could started I possible purc hased four five dishtowel worked way If enough people want remember something p retty powerful persuader I agreed could But one even powerful Andy went hat mus ing way I think least possible convinced It limelight Reporters asking question picture paper topped course star turn court I saying deliberately falsified sto ry perjured I think possible th could passed lie detector test flying color swo rn h mother sacred name I bought dishtowel But still memory goddam subjective t hing I know much even though lawyer thought I ha lying half story never bought business dishtowel It crazy face I drunk thi nking muffling gunshot If I done I would let r ip He went turnout parked He drank beer smoked cigarette He watched light downstairs Quentin place go He watched single light go upstairs fifteen m inute later w atched one go He said could guess rest Dufresne go Glenn Quentin house nd kill two lawyer thundered No I Andy answered By midnight said w soberi ng He also feeling first sign bad hangover He decide go home sleep think whole thing adult fa shion next day At time I drove home I beginning think th wisest course would simply let go Reno get Thank Mr Dufresne The DA popped You divorce d quickest way could think You divorced revolver wrapped dishtowel No sir I And y said calmly And shot lover No sir You mean shot Quentin first I mean I shoot either one I drank two quart beer smoked however many cigarette police found tu rnout Then I drove home went bed You told jury August Se ptember tenth feeling suicidal Yes sir Suicidal enough buy revolver Yes Would bother overmuch Dufresn e I told yo u seem suicidal type No Andy said impress terrib ly sensitive I dou bt much I feeling suicidal I would ake problem There slight tense titter courtr oom point jury Did take night S eptember tenth No I already Oh yes The DA smile d sarcastically You threw river The Royal River On afternoon September n inth Y es sir One day murder Yes sir That convenient It neither convenient inconvenien t Only truth I believe heard Lieutenant Mincher testimony Mincher charge party dragged stretch Royal n ear Pond Road Bridge Andy testified thrown gun The poli ce found Yes sir You know I heard Then heard tell court found gun although drag ged three day That rather convenient Convenience aside fact find gun Andy respo nded calmly But I like point jury Pond Road Bridge close Royal River empt y Bay Yarmouth The current strong The gun may c arried bay And comparison made riflin g bullet taken bloodstained corps wife Glenn Quent rifling barrel gun That corr ect Mr Dufresne That also rather convenient At according paper Andy displayed o ne slight emotional reaction allowed entire period trial A slight bitter smile crossed face Since I innocent crime sir since I telling truth throwing gun rive r day crime took place seems decidedly inconvenient gun neve r found The DA ham mered two day He Ha clerk testimony dishtowel Andy Andy repeated could n ot rec all buying admitted also could remember buy ing Was true Andy Linda Dufresne ta ken jo int insurance policy early Yes true And acquitted true Andy stood gain f ifty thousand dollar benefit True A nd true gone Glenn Quentin house murder hea rt also true indeed committed murder twice No true Then think happened since n sign robbery I way knowing sir Andy said quietly The case went jury snowy Wedne

s day afternoon The twelve juryman came back The baili ff said would back earli er held order enj oy nice chicken dinner Bentley Restaurant county expense The found guilty brother Maine would ne air dance spring crocus poked head snow The DA asked thought happened Andy sl ipped idea I got la te one evening It taken s even year u progress nodding acquaintance fairly close I never felt really clos e Andy I believe I one ev er get really close Both c ellblock beginning end alt hough I halfway corridor What I think He humor th e sound I think lot bad luck floating around night Mo could ever get together short span time I think must s tranger passing Maybe someone fl tire road I went home Maybe burglar Maybe psyc hopath He killed And I III As simple And condemned spend rest life Shawshank pa rt mattered Five year later began parole hearing turned regular c lockwork spit e model prisoner Getting pas Shawshank wh en got murder stamped slow work slow river eroding rock Seven men sit board two st ate prison every one seven as har d water drawn well You ca buy guy ca ca cry As far board concerned money talk n obody walk There reason Andy case wel 1 belongs little along story There trusty name Kendricks pretty heavy money back fifty four year befor e got paid Most in terest paid line work dead ca find way keeping ear ground Th Kendricks instance access record I never going se e running stamper goddam Kendricks told parole b oard vote agains Andy Dufresne After I know I know sixteen year later sti Cell Cellblock By They prob ably would gotten let around They give life count anyway Maybe et loose someday Well listen I knew guy Sherwood Bolton nam e pigeon cell From let h im pigeon He Birdman Alcatraz pigeon Jake called He set Jake free da y Sherw ood walk Jake flew away pretty could want But ab week Sherwood Bolton 1 eft happy little family friend f mine called west corner exercise yard Sherwood used hang A bird lying like small pile dirty It looked starved My friend said I s Jake Red It That pigeon dead turd I remember first time Andy Dufresne got tou ch wi th something I remember like yesterday That time wanted Rita Hayworth tho ugh That came later In summer came ar ound something else Most deal done right exercise yard one went Our yard big much bigger It perfect square ninety yard s ide The north side er wall either end The guard armed binoculars riot gun The m ain gate north side The truc k south side yard There five Sh awshank busy place work delivery We factory big industrial laundry pri son plus Kittery Receiving Hospital Eliot Nursing Home There also big automotive garage mechanic inmate fi x prison st ate municipal mention private car scre w administration officer one occasion parole b oard The east side thick stone wall full tiny slit window Cel lblock side wall The west side Administ ration infirmary Shawshank never overcr owded prison back filled something like capacity given time might eighty hundre d twenty con playing toss football baseball shooting crap jawing making deal On Sunday place even crowded Sunday place would looked like country holiday wome I t Sunday Andy first came I jus finished talking Elmore Armitage fellow often ca me handy radio Andy walked I knew course reputation snob cold fish People sayin g marked tro uble already One people saying Bogs Diamond bad man case Andy cell mate I heard way wan ted although people already saying thought shit smelled sw eeter ordinary But I listen rumor man I judge Hello said I Andy Dufresne He off ered h I shook He man waste time social got right point I understand man know g et thing I agreed I able locate certain item time time How Andy asked Sometimes I said thing seem come hand I ca explain Unless I Irish He smiled little I wond er could get rock What would would want Andy looked surprised Do make motivatio n part yo ur business With word like I could understand gotten reputa tion snob by sort kind guy like put I sensed tiny thread humor question I tell I said If wanted toothbrush I would ask question I quote price Because toothbrush see sor t object You strong feeling lethal object I An old baseball flew toward u turne picked air It move Frank Malzone wo uld proud Andy flicked ball back come quick flick wrist throw mustard I could see lot people watching u ne eye went busines s Probably guard tower w ere watching I wo gild lily con swing weight n prison maybe four five small one maybe two three dozen big one At Shawshank I one weig ht I thought f Andy Dufresne would lot time went He probably knew kowtowing suc king I respected Fair enough I tell I want A rock hammer look like miniature lo ng He held hand foot apart I first noticed neatly kept n ail It got small sharp pick one end flat blunt hammerhead n I want I like rock Rocks I said Squat minu

te said I humored We hunkered haunch like Indians Andy took handful exercise ya rd dirt began sift neat hand emerged fine cloud Small pebble left one two spark ly rest dull plain One dull one quartz dull rubbed clean Then nice ilky glow An dy cleaning tossed I caught na med Quartz sure said And look Mica Shale Silted gr anite Here place graded limestone cut place side hill He tossed away dusted hand I rockhound At least I rockhound In old life I like one limited scale Sund ay expedition exercise yard I asked standin g It silly idea yet seeing little p iece quartz ha given heart funny tweak I know exactly associati outside world I suppose You think thing term yard Quartz something picked small stream Better S unday expedition Sunday ex peditions said You could plant item like somebody sk ull I remarked I enemy said quietly No I smiled Wait awhile If trouble I handle without using roc k Maybe want try escape Going wall Because He laughed politel y When I saw three eks later I understood You know I said anyone see 1 1 take a way If saw spoon take away What going sit yard start bangin away Oh I believe I lot better I nodded That part really business way A man engages service get som ething Whether keep r I get business How much would item like go I asked I begi nning enjoy quiet style When spent ten year sti r I get awfully tired bellower braggart Yes I think would fair say I liked Andy th e first Eight dollar shop s aid I r ealize business like work Cost plus ten per cent going rate I go danger ous item For something like gadget talking take little get wheel turning Let sa y ten doll ar Ten I looked smiling little Have got ten doll ar I said quietly A long time I discovered better five hundred He brought When check hot el one bel lhop obliged bend ant take look lot work put fine point man really determined g et fairly large item quite way enough sight unless bellhop happen draw mood pul l rubber glove go prospecting That fine I said You ought know I expect get caug ht I get I suppose I said I could tell slight change gray eye knew exactly I go ing say It slight lightening gleam special ironic humor If get caught say found That th e long short They put solitary three week plus course lose toy get blac k mark reco rd If give name never business Not much pair shoelace bag Bugler An d I send fellow around lump I like violence understand position I c allow get a round I ca handle That would sure finish Yes I suppose would I understand need w I never worry I said In place like percentage He nodded walked away Three day later walked u besi de exercise yard laundry morning break He spe ak even look way pressed picture Honorable Alexander Ham ilton hand neatly good magician He man adapted fast I got I cell one night described It tool escape would taken n six hundred year tunnel wall using I figured I still felt misgiving If planted pickaxe end man head would surely never listen Fibber McGee Molly radio A nd An dy already begun trouble sister I hoped wa wanting hammer In end I trusted judg ment Early next morning twenty minute horn went I slipped package Camels Ernie old trusty swept Cellblock corridor let free He slipped tunic without word I se e rock hammer nineteen year w damned near worn away nothing The following Sunda y Andy walked exerci se yard He nothing look day I tell His lower lip swelled b ig looked like summer sausage right eye swollen ugly washboard scrape across on e cheek He ha ving trouble sister right never mentioned Thanks tool said walked away I watched curiously He walked step saw somet hing dirt bent picked It smal l rock Prison fatigue except worn mechanic job pocket But way get around The li ttle pebble disappeared Andy sl eeve come I admired I admired In spit e problem going life There housands wo ca plenty prison e ither And I noticed although fa ce looked twister happened hand still neat clean nail I see much next six month Andy spent lot time solitary IV A word sister In lot pen known bull queer jailh o use lately term fashion killer queen But Shawshan k always sister I know name I gue s difference It come surprise day lot buggery going inside new fish aybe misfortune young slim ho mosexuality like straight sex come hundred different s hape form There men ca stand without sex kind turn man keep going crazy Usually follows arrangement bet ween two fundamentally heterosexual men although I some times wondered th ey quite heterosexual thought going get back wife girlfriend There also men get turned prison In c urrent parlance go gay come Mostly al way play female favor competed fiercely And sister They prison society rapist socie ty outside wall They usually hard bullet brutal crime Their prey young weak ine xperienced n case Andy Dufresne Their hunting ground sh owers cramped areaway b

ehind industrial washer laundry sometimes infirmary On one occasion rape occurr e projection booth behind auditorium Most often sister take force could free wa nted hat way turned always seem crush one siste r another like teenage girl Sin atras Presleys Redfords But f sister joy always taking force I guess always Bec ause small size fair good look maybe also quality I admired siste r Andy day wa lked If kind fairy sto ry I tell Andy fought good fight left alone I wi sh I co uld say I ca Prison world The first time shower le three day joined happy Shaws hank family Just lot slap tickle hat time I understand They like size make real move like jackal finding prey weak hamstrung look Andy punched back bloodied li p big hulking sister named Bogs many year since know A guard broke could go Bog s promised get Bogs The second time behind washer laundry A lot gone long dusty narrow space year guard kno w let It dim littered bag washing bleaching compoun d drum Hexlite catalyst harmless salt hand dry murderous battery acid wet The g uard like go back There room maneuver one first thing teach come work place lik e never let con get place ca back Bogs day Henley Backus en washroom foreman si nce told four friend wer Andy held bay awhile scoop burning Hexlite threat enin g throw eye came closer tripped trying back around one big Washex fourpockets T hat took They I guess phrase one change much one generation next That four iste rs They bent one held Phillips screwdriver temple gave business It rip I speaki ng personal experience ask wish I Yo u bleed awhile If want clown asking starte d yo ur period wad bunch toilet paper keep back unde rwear stop The bleeding re ally like menstrual flow keep two maybe three day slow trickle Then stop No har m done unless done something even unnatural No physical harm ne rape rape event ually look face mirr decide make Andy went alone way went ev erything alone day He must come conclusion others come namely two way deal sister fight get taken get taken He decided fight When Bogs two buddy cam af ter week laundry incident I heard ya go broke Bogs said according Ernie around time Andy slugged wit h He broke nose fellow named Rooster MacBride fa rmer beating stepdaughter death Roo ster died I happy add They took three When done R ooster might Pete Verness I c ompletely sur Andy knee Bogs Diamond stepped front He pearl razor day word Diam ond Pearl engraved side grip He opened said I gon na open fly mister n going sw allow I give swallow And done sw allowed mine gon na swallow Rooster I guess do ne broke nose I think ought something pay Andy said Anything stick mouth ou goi ng lose Bogs looked Andy like crazy Ernie said No told Andy talking slowly like Andy stupid kid You understand I said You anything like I put eight inch steel ear Get I understood said I think understood I going bite whatever stick mouth You put razor brain I guess know sudden serious brain injury cause th e victim simultaneously urinate defecate bite He looked Bogs smiling little smile ld Ern ie said three discussing stock bond wit h instead throwing hard could Just wear ing one banker suit instead kneeling di rty floor pant around ankle blood trick ling th e inside thigh In fact went I understand lex sometimes strong victim ja w pried open cr owbar jackhandle Bogs put anything Andy mouth night late Februa ry neither Rooster MacBride far I know n one else ever either What three beat A ndy wi thin inch life four ended jolt solitary Andy Rooster MacBride went way i nfirmary How many time particular crew I know I think Rooster lost taste fairly early n osesplints month fellow Bogs Diamond left summ er That strange thing Bo gs found cell ba dly beaten one morning early June show breakfast He would say done gotten business I know screw bribed almost anything e xcept get gun inmate They make big salary And day electronic locking system closed TV controlled who le area prison Back cellblock turnkey A guard could bribe real easy let two thr ee block yes even Diamond cell Of course job like would cost lot mone Not outsi de standard Prison economics smaller scal When awhile dollar bill hand look lik e twenty di outside My guess Bogs done cost someone serious piece buck say turn key two three apiece guy I saying Andy Dufresne I know h e brought five hundred dollar came banker straight man understands better rest u way money become powe r And I know three broken rib hemorrhaged eye sprained back dislocated Diamond left Andy alone In fact left everyone pretty much alone He got like high wind s ummertime bluster bite You could say n fact turned weak sister That end Bogs Di amond man might event ually killed Andy Andy taken step prevent took step But e nd Andy trouble sister The little hiatus began although hard often Jackals like

easy prey easier picking around Andy Dufres ne He always fought I remember He k new I guess let even without fighting got much easier let way without fighting next time So Andy would turn bruise face every awhile mat ter two broken finger six eight month Diamond beating Oh sometime late man landed infirmary broken ch eekbo ne probably result someone swinging nice chunk pipe wrapped flannel He al ways fought back result time solitary But I think solitary hardship for Andy m en He got along The sister something adjusted n stopped almost completely That part story I get due time V In fall Andy met one morning exerc ise yard asked I could get half dozen What hell I asked He told rockhounds called polishing clot h size dishtowel They heavily padded w ith smooth side rough smooth side like s andpaper r ough side almost abrasive industrial steel wool Andy also kept box c ell although get imagine kited fro prison laundry I told I thought could busine ss I e nded getting shop I arranged get This time I charged Andy usual ten per cent pe nny I see anything lethal even dangerous dozen x quares padded cloth in deed It five month later Andy asked I coul get Rita Hayworth That conversation took place auditorium mo Nowadays get twice week back show monthly event Usuall y movie got morally uplifting message one The Lost Weekend different The mora 1 dangerous drink It moral could take comfort Andy maneuvered get next halfway th ro ugh show leaned little closer asked I could get Rita Haywort I tell truth ki nd tickled He usually cool calm nd collected night jumpy hell almost embarrasse d h e asking get load Trojans one ga dgets supposed enhance solitary pleasure m agazine put He seemed overcharged man verge blowing radiator I get I said No sw eat calm You want big one little one At time Rita best girl f ew year Betty Gra ble came two size For buck yo u could get little Rita For could big Rita four f e et high woman The big one said looking I tell h e hot sketch night He blushin g like kid trying get kootch show big brother Can Take easy sure I Does bear sh it wo od The audience applauding catcalling bug came wall get Ray Milland bad c ase DT How soon A week Maybe le But sounded disappointed hoping one stuffed pan t right How much I quoted wholesale price I could afford give hi one cost good customer Furthermore good one night problem Bogs Rooster rest I wondered long w ould h used crack someone head open Posters big part business behind b ooze cig arette usually half step ahead reefer In sixty business exploded every directio n lot people wanting funky like Jimi Hendrix Bob Dylan Easy Rider poster But mo stly girl one queen another A day Andy spoke laundry driver I bus iness back br ought better sixty poster Rita Hayworths You may even remember picture sure Rit a bathing suit one hand behind head eye f ull sulky red lip parted They called Rita Hayworth might well called Woman Heat The prison administration know black market n case wondering Sure They probably know almost much ab business I They live know prison like big vent somewhere let steam They make occasion bust I do ne time solitary ime three year something like poster wink Live let live And bi g Rita Hayworth went fishie cell ssumption came mail friend relative Of course al 1 friend relative opened content invent oried go back rechecks inventory she et something har mless Rita Hayworth Ava Gardner When pressure cooker learn liv e let live somebody carve mouth bove Adam apple You learn make allowance It Ern ie took poster Andy cell And Ernie brought back note written Andy careful hand one word Thanks A little later filed u morning chow I glanced cell saw Rita bun k swimsuited glo ry one hand behind head eye soft satiny lip par ted It bunk co uld look night glow arc sodium light exercise yard But bright morning sunlight dark slashe across shadow bar single slit window VI Now I going tell happened t ha finally ended Andy series skirmish siste r It also incident eventually got 1 aundry nto library filled left happy little family earlier year You may noticed much I told alre ady saw something told I told Well c as I simplified even real ly repeated wi repeat information That way T grapevine real use going stay ahea d Also course know pick grain truth chaf f lie rumor You may also gotten idea I describing meone legend man I would agree ruth To u knew Andy space year elemen t fantasy sense almost get wha I mean That story I passed Andy refusing give Bo gs Diamond part myth kept fighting sister part got library job part one impo rt ant difference I I saw happened I swear mother name true The oath convicted mur derer may worth much believe I lie Andy I fair speaking term The guy fa scinate d Looking back poster episode I see one thing I ne glected tell maybe I Five we

ek hung Rita I forgot ten gone deal Ernie passed sma white box bar cell From Du fresne said low never missed stroke Thanks Ernie I said slipped half pack Cam e 1 Now hell I wondering I slippe cover box There lot white cotton inside tha I l ooked long time For minute like I even dare touch pretty There cry shortage f p retty thing slam real pity lot men even seem miss There two piece quartz box he m carefully polished They chipped driftwood shape There li ttle sparkle iron py rite like fleck gold If heavy would served fine pair men close matched set How much work went creating two piece Hours hour I knew First chipping shaping almo st endless polishing finishing Looking I felt warmth man woman feel looking som ething pretty something worked thing really separate u animal I I fel something else A sense awe man brute persistence But I ne ver knew persistent Andy Dufres ne could much later In May power decided roof factory ought roofing tar They w anted done got hot asked volunteer th e work planned take week More seventy men spoke outside work May one damn fine month outside wo rk Nine ten name drawn ha t two happened A ndy For next week marched exercise and breakfast two guard fro nt two behind plus gua rds tower keeping weather eye proceeding fiel good measu re Four u would carrying big extension ladder tho e morning march I always got kick way Dickie Betts n job called sort ladder extensible put th e side low fla t building Then start hot bucket tar roof Spill shit jitterbug w ay infirmary T here six guard project picked n basis seniority It almost good week vacation in stead sweating laundry standi ng bunch con cutting pulp brush somewhere field r egular May holiday sun sitting heir back low parapet shooting bull back forth T hey even keep half eye u south wall sentry post close enough fellow could spit chew u wanted If anyone party made one funny move would take four second cut sm ack two bullet So screw sat took ease All needed couple buried c rushed ice wou ld lord creation One fellow named Byron Hadley th year Shawshank longer I Longe r last tw warden put together matter fact The fellow running show Yankee named George Dunahy He degree pen al administration No one liked far I could tell exc ept peopl e gotten appointment I heard interested thr ee thing compiling statis tic book later published mall New England outfit called Light Side Press probab ly pay done team intramural baseball championship Sept ember getting law passed Maine A regular bear death penalty George Dunahy He fired job came running disc ount service prison g arage splitting profit Byron Hadley Greg Stammas Hadley n d Stammas came one old hand keeping ass Dunahy took walk No one sorry see go no body exactly pleased see Greg Stammas step shoe either He sh ort man tight hard gut coldest brown eye ever saw He always h ad painful pursed little grin face g o bat hroom could quite manage During Stammas tenure warden lot brutality Shaws hank although I proof I believe maybe half dozen moonlight burial stand scrub f orest lie east prison Dunahy bad Greg Stammas cruel wretched c man He Byron Had ley good friend As warden George D unahy nothing posturing figurehead Stammas H adl ey actually administered prison Hadley tall shambling man thinning red hair He sunburned easily talked loud move fast enough suit h im clout stick On day t hird roof talking another guard named Mert Entwhistle Hadley gotten amazingly g ood news gripi ng That thankless man good word f anyone man convinced whole wor ld The wo rld cheated best year life world would happy cheat rest I seen screw I though almost saintly I think I know happens able see difference life poor st ruggling might life men paid State watch These guard able formulate comparison concerning pain Others ca wo For Byron Hadley basis comparison He could sit coo l ease warm May sun find gall mourn good luck le ten foot away bunch men wo rki ng sweating burning hand great big bucket filled bubblin g tar men work hard or dinary round day looked like respite You may remember old question one supposed define outlook life answer For Byron Hadley th e answer would always half empty glass half empty Forever ever amen If gave cool drink apple cider think vinegar If old wife always faithful tell b ecause damn ugly So sat talking Mert Entwhis tle loud enough f u hear broad white forehead already starting redden sun He on e hand thrown back low parapet surrounding roof The butt We got story along Mer t It seemed H adley older brother gone Texas fourteen year ago rest family hear d son bitch since They as umed dead good riddance Then week half ago lawyer cal le Austin It seemed Hadley brother died four month ago rich man It frigging inc redible lucky som e asshole get paragon gratitude roof said The money come resu

lt oil close million dollar No Hadley might made e ven happy least brother left pretty damned decen bequest thousand dollar surviving member family back Maine could found Not bad Like getting lucky winning sweepstakes But Byron Hadley gla ss always half empty He spent morning bitching Mert bite goddam go vernment goi ng take windfall They leave enough buy new car allowed happens You pay da mn ta x car repair maintenance got goddam kid peste ring take ride top And drive old enough Mert said Old M ert Entwhistle knew side bread buttered say wh must obvi ous rest u If money worrying bad Byron old kid old sock I take hand After al l friend That right wanting drive wanting learn drive Chrissake Byron said shudde r Then happens end year If figured tax wrong enough left pay overdraft got pay pocket ybe even borrow one kikey loan agency And audit anyway know It matter An d government audit al way take Who fight Uncle Sam He put hand inside shirt squ e ezes tit purple end getting short end Christ He lapsed morose silence thinkin g terri ble bad luck inherit thousand dollar Andy Dufresne spreading tar big br ush le fifteen foot away h e tossed pail walked Mert Hadley sittin We tightened I saw one screw Tim Youngblood drag hand pistol holstered One fellow sentry tow er struck partner arm turned For one moment I thought Andy going get shot clubb ed Then said softly Hadley Do trust wife Hadley stared He starting get red face I knew bad sign In three second going pull billy club give Andy butt end right solar plexus big bundle nerve A hard enough hit kill hey always go If kill para lyze long enough get whatever cute move planned Boy Hadley said I give one chan ce pic k brush And goin roof head Andy looked calm still His eye w ere like ice It heard And I found wanting tell hi give crash course The crash course never 1 e hear guard talking never try horn convers ation unless asked always tell want hear shut Black man white man red man yellow man prison matter got brand equali ty In prison eve ry con low life get used idea intend survive en like Hadley Gr eg Stammas really would kill soon l ook When stir belong State forget wo e I kn own men lost eye men lost toe finger I knew one man lost tip penis counted luck y lost I wanted tell Andy already late He could go back pick brush would still big lug waiting shower night ready leg leave writhing cement You could buy lug like pack cigarette thr ee Baby Ruths Most I wanted tell make worse already Wha t I keep running tar onto roof nothing happening Like everyone else I look as f irst I It cracked already Shawshank always Hadleys willing finish job breaking Andy said Maybe I put wrong Whether trust immaterial The problem whether believ e would eve r go behind back try hamstring Hadley got Up Mert got Tim Youngbloo d got Hadley face red side brick house Your problem said going many bone still got unbroken You count nfirmary Come Mert We throwing sucker side Tim Youngbloo d drew gun The rest u kept tarring like mad The sun beat They going Hadley Mert simpl going pitch side Terrible accident Dufresne prisoner HNK taking couple em pty slipped ladder Too bad They laid hold Mert right arm Hadley left Andy resis t His eye never left Hadley red face If got thumb Hadley said calm composed voi ce reason every cent money Final score Byron Hadley tho usand Uncle Sam zip Mer t started drag toward edge Hadley stood For moment Andy like ro pe game Then Ha dley said Hold one second Mert What mean boy I mean got thumb wife gi Andy said You better start making sense boy going The IRS allows gift spouse Andy said It good sixty thousand dollar Hadley looking Andy poleaxed Naw ai right said Tax f ree Tax free Andy said IRS ca touch cent one How would know thing like Tim Youn gblood said He used banker Byron I se Shut ya head Trout Hadley said without lo oking Tim Youngblood flushed shut Some guard called h im Trout thick lip buggy eye Hadley kept looking Andy Y ou smart banker shot wife Why I believe smart ba nker like So I wind breaking rock right alongside You like hat would Andy said quietly If went jail tax evasion go federal penitentiary Shawshank But wo The e gift spouse perfectly legal loophole I done dozen hundr ed It meant primarily p eople small business pas people come windfall Like I think lying Hadley said co uld ee There emotion dawning face something th grotesque overlying long ugly co untenance receding sunburned brow An almost obscene emotion seen feature Byron Hadley It hope No I lying There reason ta ke word either Engage sob Hadley crie d Andy shrugged Then go IRS They tell ame thing free Actually need tell You wou ld h ave investigated matter You right I need smart banker show bear go wood Yo u need tax lawyer banker set gift cost something Andy said Or terested I glad s

et nearly free charge The price would b e three beer apiece Mert said let rusty guffaw He sl apped knee A real old Mert I hope died intestinal cancer part worl d morphine yet undiscovered worker ai cute You ai got Shut friggin trap Hadley growled Mert shut Hadle looked Andy What saying I saying I ask three beer apiec e coworkers seems fair Andy said I think man feel like man working door springt ime bottle suds That opinion It would go smooth I sure th eir gratitude I talke d men ther e day Rennie Martin Logan Pierre Paul Bonsaint three saw thing felt thing Suddenly An dy upper hand It Hadley gun hip bil ly hand Hadley friend Gre g Stammas behind whole prison administration behind Stammas whole power State b ehind th golden sunshine matter I felt hear leap chest never since truck drove four others gate back I stepped exercise yard Andy looking Hadley cold clear ca lm eye thousand agreed I played mind I know It man man Andy simply forced way s trong man force weaker man wr ist table game Indian rasseling There reason see Hadley given Mert nod minute pitched Andy overside nto head still taken Andy ad vice No reason But I could get couple beer I wanted Ha dley said A beer taste g ood working The colossal bastard even managed sound magnanimous I give one piec e advice IRS would bot Andy said His eye Axed unwinkingly Hadley Make gift wife sure If think even chance migh backshoot could work something else Hadley asked harshly e Hotshot Banker ate way boxcar wo uld dare fart unless I gave nod Mert Youngblood screw yucked dutifully Andy never cracked smile I write form need sa id You get post office I fill signature That sounded suitably important Hadley chest swelle Then glared around rest u hollered What jimm y starin Move ass god dammit He looked back Andy You come ov er hotshot And listen well messin someho w gon na find chasing head around Shower C week Yes I understand Andy said soft ly And understand The way turned understood lot I u That day job convict crew t arred roof ended sitting row en spring morning drinking Black Label beer suppli ed harde st screw ever walked turn Shawshank State Prison That beer warm still best I ever life We sat drank felt sun shoulder even expression usement Hadley watching ape drink beer instead spoil It lasted twenty minute twenty minute fel t like free men We could drinkin g beer tarring roof one house Only Andy drink I already told drinking h abits He sat hunkered shade hand dangling knee watchi ng u smiling little It amazing many men remember way amazing many men Andy Dufr esne faced Byron Hadley I thought nine ten u ust two hundred u maybe believed h eard So asked give answer question whether I trying tell man legend hat got mad e around man like pearl around little piece ha say answer lie somewhere All I k now sure Andy Dufresne much like anyone else I ever knew since I came inside He brought five hundred dollar jammed back porch somehow graymeat son bitch manage d bring something else well A sense worth maybe feeling would winner end maybe sense freedom even inside goddamned gray wall It kind inner light carried aroun d I knew h im lose light also part story VII By World Series time year Phila de lphia Whiz Kids dropped four straight trouble sister Stammas Hadley passed word If A ndy Dufresne came either screw med part coterie showed much single drop bl ood underpant every sister Shawshank would go bed night headache They fight As I pointed always old car thief firebug guy gotten kick handling little child Af ter day roof Andy went way sister went He working library tough old con named B rooks Hatlen Hatlen gotten job back late twenty cause college education Brooksi e degree animal husbandry true enough college education institute lower learnin g like The Shan k rare case beggar able chooser In Brooksie killed wife daughte r losing streak poker back Coolidge President paroled As usual State wisdom let go long chance might become useful part society gone He rthritic tottered main gate Polish suit French shoe parole paper one hand Greyhound bus ticket He cry left Shawshank world What lay beyon wall terrible Brooks Western Seas superstit ious sailor In prison Brooksie person importance He librarian educated man If w ent Kittery library asked job would even give library card I hear died home ind igent old folk Freeport way last ed six month longer I thought would Yeah I gue ss S tate got back Brooksie right They trained like in ide shithouse threw Andy succeeded Brooksie job librarian fo r year He used force I seen use Byro n Hadl ey get wanted library I saw gradually turn one small room still smelled turpent ine paint closet never properly aired lined Reader Digest Con densed Books Nati onal Geographies best prison library N ew England He step time He put suggestio

n box door patiently weeded attempt humor More Pleeze nd Excape EZ Lesions He g ot hold thing prisoner seemed serious He wrote major book club New York got two The Literary Guild The Club send edition ir major selection u special cheap rat e He discovered hunger infor mation small hobby woodworking sleight hand card s olitaire He got book could subject And two jailhouse staple Erie Stanley Gardne r Louis Cons never seem get enough courtroom open range And yes keep box fairly spicy paperback checkout desk loaning carefully making sure always got back Eve n new acquisition type quickly read tatter He began write State Senate Augusta S tammas warden used pretend Andy sort mascot He always library shooting bull A ndy sometimes even throw paternal arm around Andy shoulder give goose He f ool anybody Andy Dufresne one mascot He told Andy maybe banker outside part life re ceding rapidly past better get hold fact prison life As far bunch Re publican R otarians Augusta concerned three viable expe nditures taxpayer money field pris on correction Number one wall number two bar number three guard As far State Se nate concerned Stammas explained fol k Thomastan Shawshank Pittsfield South Por tland scum earth They hard time God Sonny Jesus hard time going And weevil th e bread fucking bad Andy smiled small composed smile asked Stammas wh would happe n block concrete drop water fell e year million year Stammas laughed clapped An dy back You got million year old horse I bleeve ame little grin face You go wri te letter I even ail pay stamp Which Andy And last laugh although Stammas Hadle y around see Andy request library fund r outinely turned received check two hun dred Senate probably appropriated hope would shut go away Vai n hope Andy felt finally gotten one foot door simply redoubled effort two letter week instead on e In got four hundred dollar rest decade library received sev en hundred dollar year like clockwork By risen even thousand N ot much stacked average library re ceives I guess thousand buck buy lot recycled Perry Mason story Jake Logan West erns By time Andy left could go library expande original three room find anythi n g want And could find chance good Andy could get Now asking came cause Andy t old Byron Hadley save tax windfall inherita nce The answer yes And You probably figure happened yoursel Word got around Shawshank housing pet financial wizard In late spring summer Andy set two trust f unds guard wanted assure college edu cation kid h e advised couple others wanted take small flier common stoc k pret ty damn well thing turned one well wa able take early retirement two year later I damned advise warden old Lemon Lips George Dunahy go setting That Dunahy got bum rush I believe must dreaming millio n book going make By April Andy tax ret urn fo r half screw Shawshank almost He paid may prison valuable coin simple go od Later Greg Stammas took warden fice Andy became even I tried tell specific I guessing There thing I know others I guess I know prisoner received orts specia 1 cell extraordinary vi siting privilege thing like people outside pa ying priv ilege Such people known angel prisoner All fellow would excused working plat Sa turday forenoon know fellow angel coughed chunk dough make sure happened The wa y usually wor k angel pay bribe screw screw spread grease administrative ladder Then discount service la id Warden Dunahy low It went underground awhile emerge d stronger e ver late fifty And contractor worked th e prison time time paying kickback top administration official I pretty sure almost certainly true compan y w hose equipment bought installed laundry shop built By late sixty also boomi ng trade pill administrative crowd involved turning buck tha All added pretty r iver illicit income Not like pile clandestine buck must fly around really big p rison like Attica San Quentin peanut either And money becomes problem awhile Yo u ca stuff wallet shell bunch crumpled twenty ten want pool built back ard addi tion put house Once get past certain point ha explain money came explanation ar e convincing enough apt wind wearing number So need Andy service They took laun dry installed library wanted look another way never took laundry They set work washing dirty money instead dirty sheet He funneled stock bond municipals name He told ten year day roof feeling pretty clear hat conscience relatively untrou bled The racket would gone without He asked sent Shawshank went h e innocent ma n victimized colossal bad luck missiona ry Besides Red told w hat I different I outside I hand pretty cynical axiom amount expert financial help individual com pany need rise direct proportion many people person business screwing The peopl e run place stupid brutal monster part The people run straight world brutal mon

st rous happen quite stupid standard competenc e little higher Not much But pil 1 I said I want tell b usiness make nervous Reds upper downer got thing call Ph ase Fours I wo get anything like Never No Andy said I like pill either Never Bu t I much one cigarette booze either But I push pill I bring I sell Mostly screw Yeah I know There fine line What co me Red people refuse get hand dirty That ca 1 led sainthood pigeon land shoulder crap shirt The extreme take bath dirt deal goddamned thing hat turn switchblade big hell You ever con come offer contract I nodded It happened lot time year Yo u man get And figure get b atteries trans istor radio carton Luckies lid reef er put touch guy use knife Sure Andy agreed But Because guy like u Red know th ird choice An alternative staying bathing fi 1 th slime It alternative world pick Y ou balance walk gain You choose lesser t wo evil try keep good intention front f And I guess judge well well sleep night dream Good intention I said laughed I know hat Andy A fellow toddle right hell road Do believe said growing somber This hell right Right The Shank They sell p ill I tell wha money But I also got library I know two zen guy used book help p as high school equivalency test Maybe get able crawl f shit heap When needed se cond room back I got Because want keep happy I work cheap That And got private quarter Sure That way I like The prison population risen slowly fif tie damn ne ar exploded sixty every kid n America wanting try dope perfectly ridiculous pen alty use little reefer But time Andy never cellmate except big silent Indian na med Normaden like Indians The Shank ca lled Chief Normaden last long A lot thou ght Andy crazy Andy smiled He lived alone liked way said liked keep happy He wo rked cheap Prison time slow time sometimes swear pass It pass George Dunahy dep arted scene welter newspaper headline shouting SCANDAL Stammas succeeded next s ix year Shawshank kind living hell During rei gn Greg Stammas bed infirmary cel 1 Solitary Wing always full One day I looked small shaving mirro r I kept cell saw man looking back A kid come back kid big mop carroty red hair wit h remorse thinking suicide That kid gone The red hair going gray starting recede There cr ow track around eye On th day I could see old man inside waiting time come It s cared Nobody want grow old stir Stammas went early There several inves tigative reporter sniffing around one even four month assumed name crime made whole clot h They getting rea dy drag SCANDAL coul bring hammer Stammas ran I understand b oy c I ever If tried convicted could ended right If might lasted five hour Byro n Hadley gone two year earlier The sucker heart attack took early retirement An dy never got touched Stammas affair In early new warden appointed new assistant warden new chief guard For next eight month Andy another con It period Normaden big Passamaquoddy shared Andy cell Then everything started Normaden moved ut An dy living solitary splendor The name top change racket never I talked Normaden Andy Nice Della Norm aden said It hard make anything said harelip cleft palate word came slush I liked He nev er made fun But want I could tell Big shrug I gl ad go Bad draft cell All time cold He let nobody ouch thing That okay Nice man never made fun But big draft VIII Rita Hayworth hung Andy cell I remember right Then Marilyn Monroe picture The Itch standing subway grating warm air flipping skirt M arilyn lasted considerably tattered edge Andy replaced Jayne Mansfield Jayne pardon ex pression bust After year replaced English act Hazel Court I sur e In one came Raquel Welch went record breaking engagement Andy cell The last p oster hang pretty singer whose name L inda Ronstadt I asked poster meant gave p eculiar surprised sort look Why mean thing con I guess said Freedom You look pr ett woman feel like could almost quite almost ste p right beside Be free I gues s I always liked Raquel Welch best It beach standin g Looked like Mexico somewh ere Someplace quiet man would able hear think Did ever feel way pic ture Red Th at could almost step right I said I never really thought way Maybe someday see I mean said right Years later I saw exactly meant I fi rst thing I thought Norm aden said always cold A ndy cell A terrible thing happened Andy late March earl y April I told something pr isoners included seemed lack Call sense equanimity r feeling inner peace maybe even constant unwavering faith someday long nightma re would end Whatever want call Andy Dufresne always see med act together There none sullen desperation abo ut seems afflict lifer awhile could never smel 1 ho pelessness Until late winter We another warden man named Samuel Norto The Mathe rs Cotton Increase would felt right home Sam No rton So far I know one ever see

n much crack smile He pin Baptist Advent Church Eliot His major innovati head h appy family make sure incoming prisoner New Testament He small plaque desk gold letter inlaid te akwood said CHRIST IS MY SAVIOR A sampler wall made h wife rea d HIS JUDGMENT COMETH AND THAT RIGHT EARLY HIS JUDGMENT COMETH AND THAT RIGHT E ARLY HIS JUDGMENT COMETH AND THAT RIGHT EARLY HIS JUDGMENT COMETH AND THAT RIGH T EARLY This latter sentiment cut zero ice u We felt judgment already occurred would willing testify best rock would hide u dead tree give u shelter He Bible quote every occasion Sam Norton whenever meet man like best advice would grin b ig cover ball hand There le infirmary case day Greg Stammas far I know moonligh t burial ceased altogether say Norton believer punishment Solitary always well populated Men lost teeth beating bread w ater diet It began called grain drain I Sam Norton grain drain train boy The man foulest hypocrite I ever saw high po sition The racket I told earlier continued flourish Sam Norton added new wrinkl e Andy knew w e gotten pretty good friend time let When Andy talked expression amused disgusted wonder would co face telling ugly predatory specie bug uglines s greed somehow comic ter rible It Warden Norton instituted progr may read sixt een seventeen year back ev en written Newsweek In press sounded like real advan ce practical c orrections rehabilitation There prisoner cutting pulpwood prison er repairing bridge causeway prisoner constructing potato cellar Norton called invited explain damn near e Rotary Kiwanis club New England especially got pict ure n Newsweek The prisoner called far I know n one ever invited express view K iwanians th e Loyal Order Moose Norton right every operation year churchpin cut ting pulp digging laying new culvert state highway Norton skimming top There hu ndred way material name But coming another way well The construction business a rea deathly fraid Norton program prison labor slave labor ca compete So Sam Nor ton Testaments passed good many thick envelope table tenure Shawshank warden An d envelope pa ssed would either overbid project bid claim committed elsewhere I t always something wonder Norton never found trunk Thunderbird parked hi ghway somewhere Massachusetts hand tied behind bac k half dozen bullet head Anyway ol d barrelhouse song say My God money rolled Norton must subscribed old Puritan n otion th best way figure folk God favor checking ban k account Andy Dufresne ri ght hand si lent partner The prison library Andy hostage fortune Norton knew No rton used Andy told one Norton favorite aphorism O ne hand wash So Andy gave go od advice made useful suggestion I ca ay sure handtooled Norton program I damne d sur e processed money son whore He gave goo advice made useful suggestion mon ey got spread around son bitch The library would get new set automotive repair manual fresh set Grolier Encyclopedias book prepare Scholasti c Achievement Tes ts And course Erle Stanley Gardners Loui And I convinced happened happened Nort on want lose good right hand I go happened becau se scared might Andy might say Andy ever got clear Shawshank State Prison I got story chunk chunk spac e seven year He never wanted talk ab part life I blame I got part may half dozen differ ent source I said prisoner nothing laves slave habit looking dumb keeping ear o pen I got backwards forward middle I give fro point A point maybe understand ma n spent ten mo nths bleak depressed daze See I think knew truth fifteen year ca me sweet little hellhole Unti l met Tommy Williams I think knew bad could get T ommy Williams joined happy little Shawshank family November Tommy thought nativ e Massachusetts proud year done time New En gland He professional thief may gue ssed f eeling picked another profession He married man wife came visit every we ek She idea thing might go better consequen tly better son got high scho ol deg ree She talked Tommy Williams started visiting li brary regular basis For Andy old routine He saw Tommy got series high school equivalency test Tommy would br ush subject passed high take test Andy also saw enrolled number correspondence cours e covering subject failed school missed dropping He probably best student Andy ever took jump I know ever get high school diploma f orms part story The i mportant thing came like An dy Dufresne much people awhile On couple occasion a sked Andy smart guy l ike joint question rough equivalent th one go What nice g irl like place like But Andy type tell would smile turn conve rsation channel Q uite normally Tommy asked someone else finally got story I guess also got shock young life The person asked partner laundry stea ironer folder The inmate call device mangler exactly paying attention get bad self caught His partner Charlie

Lathrop twelve year murder charge He glad reheat detail Dufresne murder trial T ommy broke monotony pulling freshly pres sed bedsheets machine tucking basket H e gett ing jury waiting lunch bring guilty verdict trouble whistle went mangle grated stop They h ad feeding freshly washed sheet Eliot Nursing Home far end s pat dry neatly pressed Tommy Charlie e nd rate one every five second Their job grab fold hem slap cart already lined clean brow n paper But Tommy Williams sta nding staring C harlie Lathrop mouth unhinged way chest He standing drift sheet come clean sopping al 1 wet muck laundry wetwash plenty uck So head bull day Ho mer Jessup come rushing ove r bellowing head prod trouble Tommy took notice He spoke Charlie old Homer busted head could probably count What say golf pro name Quentin Charlie answered back confused upset He later said kid white truce flag Glenn Quenti n I think Something like Here Homer Jessup roared neck red rooster comb Get sheet cold water Get quick Get quick J esus Glenn Quentin oh God Tommy Williams said th got say Homer Jessup least peaceable men brough billy behind e ar Tommy hit floor hard broke thr ee front teeth When woke solitary confined we ek riding boxcar Sam Norton famous grain drain train Plus bla ck mark report ca rd That early February Tommy Williams nt around six seven got solitary nd got p retty much story I know I one But I aske wanted clammed Then one day went libra ry spilled one hel luva big budget information Andy Dufresne And first la time least since approached Rita Hayworth poster like kid buying first pack Trojans Andy lost cool ti blew entirely I saw later day looked like man h stepped busin ess end rake given good one whap b etween eye His hand trembling I spoke nswer Before afternoon caught Billy Hanlon head screw set appointment Warden Norton f oll owing day He told later sleep wink night listened cold winter wind howling outside watched searchlight go round around putting long moving shadow cement w all c age called home since Harry Truman President tried think He said Tommy pr oduced key fit cage bac k mind cage like cell Only instead holding man cage hel d tiger tiger name Hope Williams produced key hat unlocked cage tiger roam brai n Four year Tommy Williams arrested Rhode Island driving stolen car full stolen merchandise Tommy turned accomplice DA played ball got lighter sentence two fou r time served Eleven month beginning term ol cellmate got ticket Tommy got new one man named Elwood Blatch Blatch busted burglary weapon serving six twelve I never seen guy Tommy told A like never want burglar specially gun Th e slightes t little noise go three foot air come shooting likely One night almost strangle d guy hall whopping cell bar tin cup I seven month let walk fr ee I got time se rved time understand I ca say talked yo u know exactly hold conversation El Bla tch He held conversation He talked time Never shut If tried get w ord shake fis t roll eye It gave cold chill whenever done Big tall guy mostly bald green eye set way deep socket Jeez I hope I never see It like talkin jag every night Wher e grew orphanage run away job done woman fucked c rap game cleaned I let run My face ai much I w ant know rearranged According burgled two hundred joint It har d believe guy like went like firecracker every time someone cut loud fart swore true Now listen Red I know guy sometimes make thing know thing even I knew golf pro guy Quentin I remember thinking El Blatch ever burgled house I found later I count luckiest motherfucker going still alive Can yo u imagine lady bedroom s ifting box cough sleep turn quick It give cold chill thin k something like I sw ear mother name He said killed people People gave shit At least said And I beli eved He sure looked like n could killing He fucking highstrung Like pistol firing pin I knew guy Smith Wesson Police Special firing pin It good nothing ex ce pt maybe something jaw The pull gun light w ould fire guy Johnny Callahan na me turned recor full volume put top one speaker That El Blat ch I ca explain be tter I never doubted greased people So one night something say I go ou kill Lik e joke know So laugh say one guy time two people I killed It guy wife lob time I creeping place guy started giv e shit I ca remember ever told woman nam e Tom my went Maybe But New England Dufresne like Smith r Jones rest country many Fro gs Dufre sne Lavesque Ouelette Poulin remember Frog name But old guy name He sa id guy Glenn Quentin prick big ri ch prick golf pro El said thought guy might c ash house aybe much five thousand dollar That lot money back say So I go And go war Just aft er war So went joint woke th e guy gave trouble That El said Maybe guy started snore I say Anyway El said Quentin sack hotshot lawyer wife sent la

wyer Shawshank State Prison The n laugh big laugh Holy Christ I never glad anyt hing I I got walking paper place IX I guess see Andy went little wonky To mmy t old story wanted see warden right away Elwood B latch serving rap Tommy knew fo ur year befor By time Andy heard might verge getting ut already So two prong sp it Andy r oasting idea Blatch might still one hand rea l possibility might gone like wind There inconsistency Tommy story always real life Blatch told Tommy ma n got sent h otshot lawyer Andy banker two profession people educated could eas ily get mixed And forget twelve year gone time Blatch reading clipping trial ti me told tale Tommy Williams He also told Tomm got better thousand dollar footlo cker Quentin clo set police said Andy trial sign burgl ary I idea First take ca sh man belonged dead going know anything stolen unless someone else tell start Second say Blatch lying part Maybe want admit killing two peopl e nothing Third maybe sign burglary cop either verlooked pretty deliberately covered woul screw DA case The guy running public office remember needed conviction run An unsolve d would done good But three I like middle one best I known Elwood Blatches time cra zy eye Such fellow want think got away equivalent Hope Diamond every caper even got caught Timex nd nine buck one time And one thing Tommy story convinc e d Andy beyond shadow doubt Blatch hit Quentin random He call ed Quentin big ric h prick known Quentin golf pro Well Andy wife going country club drink dinner c e twice week couple year Andy done considerable ount drinking found wife affair There marina country club awhile grea jockey working matched Tommy description Elwood B latch A big tall man mostly bald green eye A man unpleasant way lookin g though sizing He th ere long Andy said Either quit Briggs fellow charge rina fired But man forgot He striking So Andy went see Warden Norton rainy windy day big gray cloud scudding across sky gray wall day last snow starting melt away s how lifeless patch last year grass field beyond prison The warden office Admini stration Wing behind warden desk door connects sistant warden office The assist ant warden day trusty He fellow whose real name I forgotten inmate included cal led Chester Marshal Dillon sidekick Ch ester supposed watering plant waxing flo or My guess tha plant went thirsty day waxing done happen ed Chester dirty ear polishing keyhole plate connecting door He heard warden main door open close N orton saying Good morning Dufresne I help Warden Andy began old Chester told u could hardly recognize Andy voice changed Warden mething something happened I h ardly know begin Well begin beginning wa rden said probably sweetest Psa voice That usually work best And Andy He began refreshing Norton deta il crime impris oned Then told warden exactly Tommy Williams told He also gave Tommy name may t hink wise light later development I ask else could done story credibility When finished Norton completely silent time I see probably tipped back office chair pic ture Governor Reed hanging wall finger steepled liver lip pursed brow wrink led ladder rung halfway crown ad pin gleaming mellowly Yes said finally That da mnedest story I ever heard But I tell surprise Dufresne What sir That taken Sir I understand mean And Chester said Andy Dufresne faced Byron Hadley roof th irt een year almost floundering word Well Norton said It pretty obvious hat young f ellow Williams impressed Quite taken matter fact He hears tale woe quite natura l want cheer yo u let say Quite natural He young man terribly bright Not surpri sing alize state would put Now I suggest Do think I thought Andy asked But I ne ver told Tommy man working marina I never told anyone never even crossed mind B ut Tommy description cellmate identical Well may indulging little selective pe rception Norton said chuckle Phrases like selective percept ion required learni ng people penology correction business use th em That Sir That slant Norton sai d mine diffe r And let remember I word man working Falmouth Hills Country Club back No sir Andy broke No true B Anyway Norton overrode expansive loud let look end telescope shall suppose hat really fellow named Elwood Blatch Andy said tig htly Blatch mean And let say Thomas W illiam cellmate Rhode Island The chance e xcellent released Excellent Why even know much time might done e nded Williams Only No We know much time done But Tommy sai bad actor I think fair chance may still Even released prison record last known address name And would almost cert ainly dead end Andy silent moment burst W ell chance Yes course So moment Dufre sne let assume Blatch exists still safely ensconced Rhode Island State Penitent iary Now going say bring kettle fish bucket Is going fall knee roll eye say I I

B mean add life term onto charge How obtuse Andy said low Ches ter could barely hear But heard warden fine What What call Obtuse Andy cried Is deliberate Dufre sne taken five minute sev I busy schedule today So I believe declare lit tle me eting closed The country club old realize Andy shouted They unemployment com pe nsation form name There employee maybe Briggs It fifteen year forever The remem ber They remember Blatch If I got Tommy testify Blatch told Briggs testify Blat ch actually working country club I get new trial I Guard Guard Take man away Wh at matter Andy said Chester 1d nearly screaming It life chance get see And wo m ake single call least verify Tom story Listen I pay call I pay Then sound thras hing guard grabbed h im started drag Solitary Warden Norton said dryly He proba bly f ingering pin said Bread water And dragged Andy away totally control still screaming warden Chester said could hear even door shut life It life understand life Twenty day grain drain train Andy th ere solitary It second jolt solitary Norton first real black mark since joined happy little family I tell little bit Shawshank solitary subject It something throwback hardy pioneer day early Maine In day one wasted much time thing penology rehabilitation selective perception In day taken ca term absolute black white You either guilty innocent If w ere g uilty either hung put jail And sentenced jail go institution No dug jail spade provided Province Ma ine You dug wide deep could period sunup sundown Then gave couple skin bucket went Once gazer would bar top hole throw grain maybe piece m aggoty meat twice week maybe would dipperful barley soup Sunday night You pisse d bucket held bucket wate r gazer came around six morning When rained used buck et bail unless wanted drown like rat rain barrel No one spent long time hole ca 1 led thirty month unusually long term far I able tell longest term ever spent inmate actually emerged alive served ed Durham Boy old psychopath castrated sch oolmate piece f rusty metal He seven year course went young strong You remember crime serious petty theft blasphemy forgetting put snot rag pocket whe n door S abbath hung For low crime jus mentioned others like three six nine month hole c ome fishbelly white cringing space eye half blind teeth likely rocking rolling socket scurvy foot crawling fungus Jolly old Province Maine bottle rum Shawshan k Solitary Wing nowhere bad I guess Things come three major degree human experi ence I think There good bad terrible And go progressive darkness toward terribl e ge t harder harder make subdivision To get Solitary Wing led teps basement le vel sound drip water The light supplied series dangling bulb The cell like w ri ch people sometimes hide behind picture Like safe round doorway hinged solid in stead barred You got ventilation light exc ept bulb turned promptly hour rest p rison The light bulb wire mesh cage anything like The feeling wanted exist dark welcome Not many eight c ourse choice You bunk bolted wall toilet seat You thre e way spend time sitting shitting sleeping Big choice Twenty day could get seem like year Thirty day co uld seem like two forty day like ten Sometimes could he ar rat vent ilation system In situation like subdivision terrible tend get lost If anything said favor solitary get time think Andy twenty day think enjoyed gr ain drain got requested another meeting warden Request de nied Such meeting war den told would That anot phrase master go work prison c orrections held Patient ly Andy renewed request And renewed And r enewed He changed Andy Dufresne Sudde nly spring bloomed aroun u line face sprig gray showing hair He h ad lost littl e trace smile always seemed linger around mouth His eye stare space often get k now man stare way counting year served month week day X He renewed request rene wed He patient He nothing time It got summer In Washington President Kennedy pr omisin g fresh assault poverty civil right inequality knowing half year live In Liverpool musical group called The Beatles emerging force reckoned British musi c I guess one Stateside yet heard The Boston Red Sox still four year away New E ngland folk call The Mi racle languishing cellar American League All thing goin g larger world people walked free Norton saw near end June conversa tion I hear d Andy seven year later If squeeze worry Andy tol Norton low voice Do think I t alk I cutting throat I indictable That enough Norton interrupted His face lon g cold slate gravestone He leaned back office chair back hi head almost touched s ampler reading HIS JUDGMENT COMETH AND THAT RIGHT EARLY Do ever mention money N orton sa id Not office anywhere Not unless want see library turn ed back storag e room Do understand I trying set mind ease Well I need sorry son bitch like ou

set mind ease I retire I agreed appointment I got tired pest ered Dufresne I wa nt stop If want buy particular Brooklyn Bridge hat affair Do make mine I could hear crazy story like twice wee k I wanted lay open Every sinner place would us ing cry towel I respect But end The end Have got unde rstanding Yes Andy said B ut I hiring lawyer What God name I think put together Andy said With Tommy Will iams testimony corroborative testimony record employee country club I think put Tommy Williams longer inmate facil ity What He transferred Transferred At Andy fell silent He intelligent man would taken extraordinarily stupid man smell dea 1 th Cashman security prison far north Aroostook County The inm ate pick lot po tato hard work paid decent wage thei r labor attend class CVI pretty decent ins titute desire More important fellow like Tommy fellow youn g wife child Cashman furlough program meant chance live like normal man least weekend A chance build model plane kid hav e sex wife maybe go picnic Norton almost surely dangled Tom my nose one string attached one word Elwood Blatch ever Or end hard time Thomas ton sc enic Route real hard guy instead sex wife ou old bull queer But Andy sai d Why As favor Norton said calmly I checked with Rhode Island They inmate name d Elwood Blatch He given call parole another one crazy liberal program put crim inal street He since Andy said The warden friend f Sam Norton gave Andy smile c old deacon watc h chain We acquainted said Why Andy repeated Ca tell Y ou knew I going talk anything might going You knew So Because people like make sick Nor ton said delibera tely I like right Dufresne long I w arden Shawshank going rig ht You see used think hat better anyone else I gotten pretty good seeing th man face I marked first time I walked libr ary It might well written forehead capit al letter That look gone I like fine It useful vessel never think It simply men like need learn humility Why used walk around exercise yard living room one coc ktail party hellbound walk around coveting others wife husband getting swinishl y drunk But w alk around way anymore And I watching see tart walk way Over peri od year I watching wit h great pleasure Now get hell Okay But extracurricular a ctivity stop Norton The investment counseling scam free tax advice It sto p Get H R Block tell declare income Warden Norton face first went n color fell You go ing back solitary Thirt day Bread water Another black mark And think anything g oing stop library go I make personal business see got back came And I make life hard Very difficult You harde st time possible You lose Hilton Cellblock Fi sta rter lose rock windowsill lo se protection guard given sodomite You lose everyt hing Clear I guess clear enough XI Time continued oldest trick world maybe one really magic But Andy Dufresne ha changed He grown harder That way I think put He went Warden Norton dirty work F held onto library outwardly thing ab H conti nued birthday drink hol iday drink continued share rest bottle I got h fresh ro ck polishing cloth time time I g new one I gotten nineteen yea ago I told plumb worn Nineteen year When say sudden like three syllable sound like thud double 1 ocking tomb door The bee ten dollar item back went He sad l ittle grin Andy con tinued shape polish rock found exercise yard yard smaller half asphalted Noneth eless found enough keep occupied I guess When hi finished rock would put c aref ully wind ledge faced east He told liked look th em sun piece planet taken dirt shape Schists quartz granite Funny little held together airplane glue Various s edimentary conglomerate wer e polished cut way could see Andy called mille nniu m sandwich layer different material built per iod decade century Andy would giv e stone away time time order make room new one He gave greates number I stone 1 ooked like matched cufflink I five There one mica sculpture I told carefully cr afted look like man throwing javelin two sedimentary con glomerates level showi ng smoothly polished I still got I take every often think man f time enough use drop time So outside least thing sam If Norton wanted break Andy badly said wou ld look surface see change But seen differ ent Andy become I think Norton would fo ur year following clash Andy He told Andy Andy walked around exercise yard c ocktail party That way I would put b ut I know meant It go back I said Andy wea ring freedom like invisible coat never really developed pr ison mentality His e ye never got dull look He never developed walk men get day going back cell anot endless walk Andy walked shoulde r squared step always light heading home good meal good woman instead tasteless mess soggy vegetable lumpy mashed potato slic e two fatty gristl stuff con called mystery meat picture Raquel W elch wall But

four year although never became exactly like Others become silent introspectiv e brooding Who could b lame So maybe Warden Norton pleased least awhile His dar k mood broke around time World Series That dream year year Red Sox pennant inst ead placing ninth Las Vegas bookie predicted When American League pennant kind ebullience engulfed whole prison Th ere goofy sort feeling Dead Sox could come life n maybe anybody could I ca explain feeling n could explain madness I suppo se But real Every r adio place tuned game Red Sox pounded stretch There gloom S ox dropped pair Cleveland near end nea rly riotous joy Rico Petrocelli put away pop fly clinched A nd gloom came Lonborg beaten sevent h game Series end dream sort complete fruition It probably ple ased Norton end son bitch He liked priso n wearing sackclot h ash But Andy tumble back gloom H e much baseball fan anywa y maybe Neverth eless seemed caught current good feeling pet er last game Serie s He taken invisib le coat closet put I remember one fall day late Octobe r cou ple week World Series ended It must Sun day exercise yard full men walking week sing Frisbee two passing around football bartering bar ter Others would long ta ble Visitors Hall watchf ul eye screw talking relative smoking cigarette tellin g sincere lie receiving Andy squatting Indian fashion wall chunkin g two small rock together hand face turned sunlight It surprisingly warm sun day late year Hello Red called Come sit spell I You want asked handed one two c arefully poli shed millennium sandwich I told I sure I said It pretty Thank He shrugged chang ed subject Big anniversary coming next year I nodded Next year would make man S ixt per cent life spent Shawshank State Prison Think ever get Sure When I long white beard thre e marble left rolling around upstairs He smiled little turned face un eye closed Feels good I think always know damn winter almost right top He nodded silent awhile When I get Andy said finally I going w warm time He spo ke calm assurance would thought month left serve You know I goin R ed Zihuatan ejo said rolling word softly hi tongue like music Down Mexico It little place m aybe twenty mi le Playa Azul Mexico Highway It hundred mile north west Acapulco Pacific Ocean You know Mexicans say th e Pacific I told I They say memory And I want finish life Red In warm place memory He picked handful pebble spoke toss e d one one watched bounce roll across baseba diamond dirt infield would foot sno w long Zihuatanejo I going little hotel Six cabana along beach six set back hig hway rade guy take guest charter fishing There trophy guy catch biggest marlin season I put h picture lobby It wo family place It place f people honeymoon fir st second variety And going get money buy fab ulous place I asked Your stock ac count He looked smiled That far wrong h e said Sometimes startle Red What talki ng There really two type men world come bad trouble Andy said cupping match han d l ighting cigarette Suppose house full rare painting sculptur e fine old anti que Red And suppose guy owned house heard th monster hurricane headed right One two kind men hope best The hurricane change course h e say No hurricane would e ver dare wipe Rembrandts two Degas horse Grant Woods Bentons Furthermo God woul d allow And worse come worst insured That one sort man The sort assumes hurrica ne going tear right middle house If weather bureau say hurricane changed course guy assumes change back order put house gr This second type guy know harm hopin g fo r best long prepared worst I lit cigarette Are saying prepared eventuality Yes I prepared hurricane I knew bad loo ked I much time time I I operated I ust person stood worked investment com pany Portland He died six year Andy tossed b utt away Linda I fourteen thousand dollar Not big bundle hell young We whole li fe ahead u He grimaced little laughed When shi hit fan I started lugging Rembra ndts path hurrica ne I sold stock paid capital gain tax like good little boy De clared everything Did cut corner Did freeze estate I charged murder Red dead Yo u ca freeze asset innocent God And awhile even got brave enough charge crime I ome time I got hit pretty good dumping everything like Got nose kinned But time I worse thing worry small ski nning stock market Yeah I say But I came Shawshan k safe It till safe Outside wall Red man living soul ever seen face face He Soc ial Security card Maine driver license He got birth certificate Name Peter Stev ens Nice anonymous name huh Who I asked I thought I knew going say I could beli eve You going tell time set false identity bull sweating I said finis hed job t rial No I going tell My friend Jim one set false identity He started appeal tur ned major piece identification hand spring He must pretty close friend I said I

wa sure much I believed little lot none But day warm sun one hell good story Al l one hundred per cent illegal setting false ID like He close friend Andy said We warr together France Germany occupation He good friend He knew illegal also knew setting false identity country easy safe He took mo ney money tax paid IRS would get nd invested Peter Stevens He Today amount three hundred seventy thous and dollar plus change I guess jaw made thump dropped chest smiled Think thing people wish invested ince two three thing Peter Stevens wa If I ended I probabl y worth seven eight million buck I Rolls probably ulcer big portable r adio His hand went dirt began sifting pebb le They moved gracefully restlessly It hoping best expecting ing The false name keep little capital I untainte It lugging pai nting path hurricane But I dea hurricane could go long I say anything awhile I guess I trying absorb idea small spare man prison gray next could worth money W arden Norton would make rest miserable 1 ife even scam thrown When said could g et lawyer sure kiddin g I said last For kind dough could hired Clarence Darrow whoever passing day Why Andy Christ You could like rocket He smiled It smile fa ce told wife whole life ahead N said A good lawyer would sprung Williams kid Ca shm whether wanted go I said I getting carried away You could gotten new trial hired private detective look tha guy Blatch blown Norton water boot Why Andy Be cause I outsmarted If I ever try put ha nd Peter Stevens money inside I lose ev ery cent My friend Jim could arranged Jim dead You see problem I saw For good m oney could Andy ight well really belonged another person In way And stuff inves ted suddenly turned bad Andy could would w atch plunge trace day day stock page It tough life weaken I guess I tell Red There big hayfield n town Buxton You kn ow Buxton I said I It lie right next door Scarborough That right And north end particular h ayfield rock wall right Robert Frost poem And somewhere long base wall rock business Maine hayfie ld It piece volcanic glass paperweight ice desk My friend Jim put wall There key underneath Th e key open safe deposit box Port land branch Casco Bank I guess peck trouble I said When f riend Jim died IRS mu st opened safe deposit box Alon g executor course Andy smiled tapped side head Not bad There marshmallow I guess But took care possibili ty Jim might die I sl am The box Peter St even name year firm lawyer served Jim executor se nd check Casco cover rental Stevens box Peter Stevens inside box waiting get His birth c ertificate Social Security card driver license The license six year date Jim di ed six year ago true still perfectly renewable fee His stock c ertificates muni cipals eighteen bearer bond amount ten thousand dollar I whistled Peter Stevens locked safe deposit box C asco Bank Portland Andy Dufresne locked safe deposit box Shawshan k said Tit tat And key unlocks box money new life hunk black glass Buxton hayfield Told much I tell something else last twenty year give take I wa tching paper usual interest news construction project Buxton I keep thinking so meday soon I going read putting highway erecting new community hospital buildin g shopping center Burying new life ten foot concrete spitting swamp somewhere b ig load fill I blurted Jesus Christ Andy true keep going crazy He smiled So far quiet Western front But could It But maybe many State W arden Norton think goin g I ca afford wait long I kee p thinking Zihuatanejo small hotel That I want f rom life Red I think much want I kill Glenn Quentin I kill wife hotel much want To swim get tan sleep room open window space much want He slung stone away You know Red said offhand voice place 1 ike I man know get thing I thought long tim e And biggest drawbac k mind even talking pipedreams shitty little prison exerc ise yard armed guard looking u sentry post I could I said I could get along out side I wha call institutional man In I man ge yeah But anyone get Out wan poste r rock hammer one particular record model kit use fucking Yellow Pages In I fuc king Yellow Pages I would know begin Or You underestimate said You ted man man A rather remarkable man I think Hell I even high school diploma I know said But piece pape r make man And prison break one either I could hack outside Andy I k now He got You think said casually inside whistle blew And strolled free man w ho made another free man proposition And awhile en ough make melee free Andy co uld He could make forget time lifer mercy parole board ng warden liked Andy Duf resne right After Andy could What wonderful animal But night cell I felt like p risoner The whole idea seemed absurd men tal image blue water white beach seeme d cruel foolish dragged brain like fishhook I could wear invisible coa way Andy

I fell asleep night dreamed great glassy black stone middle hayfield stone shap ed like giant blacksmith nvil I trying rock stone I could get key underneath It would budge damned big And background getting closer I could hear baying bloodh ound XII Which lead u I guess subject jailbreak Sur e happen time time happy li ttle family You go ove r wall though Shawshank smart The searchlight bea m go n ight probing long white finger across open field surround th e prison three sid e stinking marshland fourth Cons go wall time time searchlight almost always ca tc h If get picked trying thumb ride Highway Highway If try cut across country farmer see phone location prison Cons go wall stupid con Shaws hank Canon City rural area man humping as across country gray pajama suit stick like cockroach wedding cake Over year guy done oddly maybe guy spur moment So gone middle cart ful sheet convict san dwich white could say There lot I first came h ere year 1 e closed loophole Warden Norton famous program produced shar e escapee They guy decided liked lay right hyphen better lay left And case casual kind thing Drop blueberry rake stroll bush one screw glass water truck w hen couple get involve d arguing yard passing rushing old Boston Patriots In picking potato Sabbatus I t third November work almost done There guard named Henry Pugh longer member ha ppy little fam ily believe sitting back bumper one potato truck lunch carbine a cross knee beautiful told sometimes thing get exaggerated buck stro lled cold e arly afternoon mist Pugh went vision trophy would look mounted rec room three c harge walked away Two recaptured Lisbon Falls pinball parlor The third beer fou nd day I suppose famous case Sid Ne deau This go back I guess never topped Sid lining th e ball field Saturday intramural baseball game three ock inside whist le blew signaling shift change guard The parking lot beyond exercise yard side electrically operated main gate At three gate open guard coming duty going ming le There lot bullyragging comparison f league bowling score usual number tired old ethnic joke Sid trundled lining machine right gat e leaving baseline way ho me plate exercise yard ditch far side Route found chine overturned pile lime Do ask He dressed prison uniform stood billowing cloud li behind All I figure Frid ay afternoon guard going happy going guard coming wnhearted coming member forme r group never go head cloud latter never got nose f shoe top old Sid Nedeau sor t slipped two So far I know Sid still large Over year Andy Dufresne I good many laugh Sid Nedeau great escape w e heard airline hijacking ransom one guy para c huted back door airplane Andy swore Co oper real name Sid Nedeau And probably p ocketful baseline lime pocket good luck Andy said That lucky son bitch But unde rstand case like Sid Nedeau fellow got away clean Sabbatus crew guy like winnin g prison version Irish Sweepstakes Purely case six different kind luck somehow jelling together moment A stiff like Andy could wait ninety year get similar br eak Maybe remember way back I mentioned guy named Henley Backus washroom forema n laundry He came Shawshank died prison infirmary year later Escapes e scape at tempt hobby maybe never quite dared take plunge He could tell hundred different scheme cr ackpot tried The Shank one time anothe My favorite tale Beaver Morris on b e convict tried build glider scratch basement The plan workin g book calle d The Modern Boy Guide Fan Adven ture Beaver got built without discovered story go discover door basement big enough get damne thing When Henley told story cou ld bust gut laughing knew two funny When came detailing Shawshank Henley ha cha pter verse He told time en better four hundred escape attempt knew Really think moment nod head read Four hundred escape ttempts That come escape attempt every year Henley B ackus Shawshank keeping track The Club Of course pretty slipshod affair sort thin g end guard grabbing poor sidling slob arm growling Wh ere thi nk going happy asshole Henley said class maybe sixty se rious attempt included prison break year I arriv ed The Shank The new Administration Wing construction f ourteen con got using construction equipment poorly locked shed The le southe rn Maine got panic fourteen hardened cri minals scared death idea go jackrabbit highway big truck bearing Not one fourteen got away Two shot civilian police of ficer prison personn none got away How many gotten away I came day October Andy first mentioned Zihuatanejo Putting information Henley together I say ten Ten g ot away clean And alt hough kind thing know sure I guess least ha lf ten time i nstitution lower learning like The Shank Because get institutionalized When tak e away man free dom teach live cell seems lose ability thi nk dimension He like

jackrabbit I mentioned frozen oncoming li ghts truck bound kill More often con pull dumb job chance hell succeeding nd Because get back inside Back understand s thing work Andy way I The idea seeing Pacific sounded good I afraid actually would Scare bigness Anyhow day conversation Mexico Peter Stevens day I began be lieve Andy ome idea disappearing act I hoped God would careful still I would be t money chance succeeding Wa rden Norton see watching Andy special close eye An dy another deadhead number Norton working relationshi p might say Also Andy bra in heart Norton determined use one crush As honest politician wh stay honest pr ison guard good judge character loot spread around I suppose possible yo u coul d buy enough make break I man tell thing never done Andy Dufresne man c ould Be cause I said Norton watching Andy knew sc rews knew Nobody going nominate Andy progra long Warden Norton evaluating nomination And Andy w kind man try casual Sid Nedeau type escape If I thought key would tor mented endlessly I would luck y get two hour worth honest night Buxton le thirty mile Shawshank So near nd ye t far I still thought best chance engage lawyer try retrial Anything get Norton thumb Maybe Tomm Williams could shut nothing cushy furlough program I w entirel y sure Maybe good old Mississippi lawyer could cra ck maybe lawyer would even w ork hard Williams honestly liked Andy Every I bring point Andy would smile eye far away say thinking Apparently thinking lot thing well In Andy Dufresne escap ed Shawshank He bee n recaptured I think ever In fact I think Andy Dufresne eve n exists anymore But I think man Zihuatanejo Mexico named Peter Stevens Probabl y running new small hotel year Lord I tell I know I think I On March cell door Cellblock opened every morning around except Sunday And e day except Sunday inm ate cell stepped forward corridor formed two line cell door slammed shut behind T hey walked main cellblock gate counted two guard sent cafeteria breakfast oat meal scr ambled egg fatty bacon All went according routine count cellblock gate There Instead After call Captain Guards Cellblock allow ed go breakfast The Cap tain Guards fellow named R ichard Gonyar assistant jolly prick named Dave Burke s came Cellblock right away Gonyar cell door Burkes went corridor together drag ging stick bar gun ut In case like usually someone take n sick night sick ca ev en step cell morning More rarely someone died committed suicide But time found mystery instead sick n dead man They found man There fourteen cell Cell block s even side fairly visiting privilege penalty sloppy cell empty Gonyar first assu mption mi scount practical joke So instead going work breakfast th e inmate Cel lblock sent back cell joking happy Any bre ak routine always welcome Cell door opened prisoner stepped cell door closed Some clown shouting I want lawyer I wa nt lawyer guy run place like frigging prison Burkes Shut I rank The clown I ran ked wife Burkie Gonyar Shut spend day He Burkes went line counting nose They go far Who belongs cell Gonyar asked rightside n ight guard Andrew Dufresne rights ide answered took Everything stopped routine right The balloon went In prison m ovie I seen wailing horn go break That never happens Shawshank The first thi ng Gonyar get touch warden The second thing get search prison going The third aler t state police Scarb orough possibility breakout That routine It call searc h s uspected escapee cell one Not Why would It wa case see get It small square room bar th e window bar sliding door Rocks windowsill And poster course It Linda Ro nstadt The poster right bunk There poster e xact place year And someone Warden No rton turned poetic justice ever anybody looked behi nd got one hell shock Bu t happen night almost twelve hour Andy reported missing probably twenty hour af te r actually made escape Norton hit roof I good authority Chester trusty w wax ing hall floor Admin Wing day He polish keyplates ear day said could hear warde n clear Records Files chewed Rich Gonyar as What mean pri son ground What mean It mean find You better find You better Because I want Do hear want Gonyar said something Did happen shift That say So fa r I tell one know happened Or Or real ly Now I want office three afternoon head going roll I promise I always keep pr omise Something else Gonyar something seemed pr ovoke Norton even greater rage No Then look Look You recognize Last night tally Cellblock Five Every prisoner accounted Dufresne locked last night nine impossible gone It impossible Now And But three afternoon Andy still among issing Norton stormed Cellblock hour later rest u locked day Had questioned We spen long day questioned harried screw feel i ng breath dragon back neck We said thing seen nothing heard nothing And far I

know al 1 telling truth I know I All could say Andy indee cell time hour later One wit suggested Andy poured keyhole The suggestion earned guy four day solita ry They upt ight So Norton came He stalked glaring u blue eye nearly hot e noug h strike spark tempered steel bar cage He looked u believed Probably believe He went Andy cell looked around It Andy left sheet bunk turned back without lookin g Rocks windowsill The one like best took Rocks Norton hissed swept window le d ge clatter Gonyar overtime winced said nothi ng Norton eye fell Linda Ronstadt poster Linda looking back shoulder hand tucked back pocket ight pair slack She wearing halter h ad deep California tan It must offended hell Norton Baptist en sibilities poster Watching glare I remembered Andy onc e said feeling could alm ost step picture girl In real way exactly Norton second discovering Wretched th ing grunted ripped poster wall single swipe hand And revealed gaping crumbled h ole concrete behind Gonyar would go Norton ordered God must heard Norton orde r ing Rich Gonyar go prison Gonyar refused hi point blank I job Norton screamed H e wa hysterical woman He utterly blown cool His neck turned rich dark red two v ein stood throbbing foreh ead You count Frenchman I job I l l see never get ano ther one prison system New Engl Gonyar silently held service pistol Norton butt first He enough He two hour overtime going three ha enough It Andy defection ha ppy little family driven Norton right edge private irrationality long ime I kno w private irrationality might course But I know con listening N orton little Ri ch Gonyar evening last ligh faded dull sky u ride r seen administrator come go ass alike knew Warden Samuel Norton passed en gineers like call breaking strain And God almost seemed somewhere I co uld hear Andy Dufresne laughing Norton fin ally got skinny drink water night shift go hole behind Andy poster Linda Ronsta dt The skinny guard name Rory Tremont exactly ball fire brain department Maybe thought going win Bronze Star something As turned fortunate Norton got someone Andy approximate height build go sent sed fellow prison guard seem guy would st uck sure God made green grass might still Tremont went nylon filament rope meon e found trunk car tied around waist big flashlight one hand By Gonyar changed m ind quitting seemed one still able think clearly dug set blueprint I knew well enough showed wall 1 ooked like sandwich The entire wall ten foot thick T inner outer section four foot thick In cente r two foot want believe meat thing way o ne Tremont voice came hole sounding hollow nd dead Something smell awful Warden Never mind Keep going Tremont lower leg disappeared hole A moment later foot go ne His light flashed dimly back forth Warden smell pretty damn bad Never mind I said Norton cried Dolorously Tremont voice floated back Smells like shit Oh God shit oh God lem outta I gon na blow grocery oh shit shit oh Gawwwwwd And came u nmistakab le sound Rory Tremont losing last couple meal Well I could help The w hole day hell last thirty year came I sta rted laughing fit split laugh I never since I free kind laugh I never expected inside gray wall And oh de ar God feel good Get man Warden Norton screami ng I laughing hard I know meant Tremont I we n laughing kicking foot holding onto belly I could stopped Norton threatened sh oot spot Get O UT Well friend neighbor I one went S traight solitary I stayed f ifteen day A long shot But ev ery I think poor old Rory Tremont bellowi ng oh s hit shit I think Andy Dufresne heading south car dressed nice suit I laugh I fi fteen day solitary practically standing head Maybe half e Andy Dufresne Andy Du fresne waded shit came clean side Andy Dufresne headed Pacific I heard rest wen t night half dozen source There much anyway I guess Rory Tremon decided much le ft lose lost lunch dinner go There danger falling betwee n inner outer segment cellblock wall narrow Tremont actually wedge He said later could take knew woul d like buried alive What found bottom shaft master served fourteen toilet Cellb lock porcelain pipe tha laid year It broken B eside jagged hole pipe Tremont fo und Andy Andy gotten free easy The pipe even narrower shaft Tremont descended R ory Tremont go far I know one else either It must damn near unspeakable A rat j umped pipe Tremont examining hole swore la ter nearly big cocker spaniel pup He went back crawlspace Andy cell like monkey stick Andy gone pipe Maybe knew empt ie stream five hundred yard beyond prison marshy western side I think The priso n blueprint around Andy would found way look He methodical cuss He would known found running Cellblock last one Shawshank hooked new plant would known never A ugust going switch u ver new waste treatment plant Five hundred yard The length

five footba field Just shy half mile He crawled distance maybe one small pen li ght hand maybe nothing couple book match He crawled thro ugh foulness I either ca imagine want imagine Maybe rat scatt ered front maybe went way animal someti mes whe n chance grow bold dark He must enough clearance shoulder keep moving p robably shove place length pipe joined If claustrophobia w ould driven mad doze n time But At far end pipe found set muddy footpri nt leading sluggish polluted creek pipe fed Two mile fro search party found prison uniform That day later Th ree month memorable day Warden Norton resigned He broken man give great pleasur e report The spring gone step On last day shuffled act head like ld con shuffli ng infirmary codeine pill It Gonyar took Norton must seemed like unkindest cut For I knee Sam Norton Eliot attending service Baptist church every Sunday wonde ring hell Andy Dufresne eve r could gotten better I could told answer question sim plicity Some got Sam And never XIII That I know I going tell I th ink I may wrong specific I willing let watch chain I got general outline pretty well Beca use A ndy sort man one two way could And every ad I think I think Normaden hat Indian Nice Della Normaden said celling Andy eight month I glad go Bad draft ce 11 All time col He let nobody touch thing That okay Nice man never made fun But big draft Poor crazy Normaden knew rest f u knew sooner And eight long month An dy could get cell If eight month Normaden spent Warden Norton first came I beli eve Andy would free Nixon resigned I believe began way back Rita Hayworth poste r I told nervous seemed asked nervous filled suppressed excitement At time I th ought embarrassment Andy sort guy never want someone else know foot clay want e d woman especially But I think I wrong I think Andy excitement came something e lse ltogether What responsible hole Warden Norton eventually found behind poste r girl even born photo Rita Hayworth taken Andy Dufresne perseverance hard work yeah I take away But two element equation lot luck WPA concrete You need explai n luck I guess The WPA con crete I checked I invested time couple stamp wrote f irst University Maine History Department fellow whose address able give This fe llow foreman WPA project built Shawshank Max Security Wing The wing contains Ce llblocks built year Now people think cement concrete technological development way think car oil furnace really There modern cement modern concrete turn centu ry Mixing co ncrete delicate business making bread You get watery watery enough You get thick thin sam e true And back science mixing stuf f lot le sophisticat ed today The wall Cellblock solid enough exactly dry toasty As matter fact pret ty damned dank After long wet spell would sweat sometimes even drip Cracks way appearing inch deep They routinely mortare Now come Andy Dufresne Cellblock He graduated University Maine school business al man took two three geology course along E way Geology fa ct become chief hobby I imagine appealed patient meticul ous na ture A ice age A million year moun Plates bedrock grinding deep earth sk in millennium Pressure Andy told geology study pressure And time course He time study wall Plenty time When cell door slam light go nothing else loo k usually hard time adjusting co nfinement prison life They get Sometimes b e hauled infi rmary sedated couple time get n beam It unusual hear new member happy little fa mil banging bar cell screaming let befor e cry gone long chant start along cell block Fres h fish hey little fishie fresh fish fresh fish got fresh fish today Andy flip like came The Shank n say feel many thing He may come close madness g o sailing right edge Old life blown away wink eye indeterminate nightmare stret ch ing ahead long season hell So I ask He searched almost desperatel something divert restless mind Oh sort way divert even prison seems like human mind full infinite number possibility come diversion I told ab sculptor Three Ages Jesus There coin collector w ere always losing collection thief stamp collector one f ellow postcard different let tell would turned light caught diddling postcard A ndy got interested rock And wall cell I think initial intention might carve ini tial wall poster Rita Hayworth would soon hanging His initial maybe line poem I nstead found interestingly weak concrete Maybe st arted carve initial big chunk wall fell I see lying bunk looking broken chunk concrete turn ing hand Never mi nd wreck whole life never ind got railroaded place whole trainload bad 1 uck Le t forget look piece concrete Some month along might decided would fun see much wall could take But ca start di gging wall weekly inspection one sur prise insp ection always turning interesting cache booze drug di rty picture weapon come a

round say guard This Just excav ating little hole cell wall Not worry good man No could So came asked I could get Rita Hayworth poster Not little one big one And course I remember thin king I got gadget back would take man six hundred ye ar burrow wall True enough But Andy go thr ough half even soft concrete took tw o mers year Of course lost one year Norm aden could work night preferably late night almost everyb ody guard work night shift But I suspect thin g slowed gett ing rid wall took He could muffle sound work wrapping head hammer ro cloth pulv erized concrete occas ional chunk came whole I think must broken chunk pebble I remembered Sunday I gotten rockha mmer I remember watching walk across exercise yard face puf fy latest sister I saw stoop pick pebble disappeared sleeve That inside ld prison trick Up sleeve inside cuff pant And I h ave another memory st rong unfocused maybe something I saw than This memory Andy Dufresne walking ac ross exercise yard h ot summer day air utterly still Still yeah except little b reeze seemed blowing sand around Andy Dufresne foot So maybe couple cheater pan t knee You loaded cheater fill strolled around hand pocket felt safe unobserved gave pocket little twitch The pocket course attached string strong thread c hea ter The fill go cascading pant leg walk The World war II POWs trying tunnel use d dodge The year went past Andy brought wall exercise yard cupful cupful He pla yed game administrator adminis trator thought wanted keep library growi ng I do ubt part main thing Andy wanted keep Cell Cellblock single occupancy I doubt re al plan hope breaking least first He probably assumed wall ten foot lid concret e succeeded boring way come ut thirty foot exercise yard But like I say I think worried overmuch breaking His assumption could run way I making foot progress e very seven year therefore wo uld take seventy year break would make one hundred one year old Here second assumption I would made I A ndy eventually I would cau ght get lot solitary time ntion large black mark record After regula r weekly i nspection surprise usually came second week He must decided thing could go long sooner later screw going peek behind Rita Hayworth make sure An dy sharpened ma rijuana reefer taped wall And response second assumption must To hell Maybe eve n made game How far I get bef ore find Prison goddam boring place chance surpri sed b unscheduled inspection middle night po ster unstuck probably added spice life early year And I believe would impossible get away dumb luck Not year Neve rtheless I believe first two h elped Byron Hadley get around tax windfall exac tly get Or maybe something dumb luck going even back He money might slipping so meone litt le squeeze every week take easy Most guard go along th price right m oney pocket prisoner get keep whack picture tailor made cigarette Also Andy mod el quiet respectful It crazy stampeders get cell turned least every six month m attress unzipped pillow taken away cut open outflow pipe toilet carefully probe d Then Andy became something model pris oner In became valuable commodity murde rer better H R Block He gave gratis advice set elters filled loan application s ometimes creatively I remem ber sitting behind desk library patiently going agr e ement paragraph paragraph screwhead wanted buy used DeSoto telling guy good a greement bad ex plaining possible shop loan get hit quite bad steering away fin ance company day sometimes little better legal loan shark When finished screwhe ad started put hand drew back quickly He forgotten moment see dealing mascot ma n Andy kept tax law change stock arkets usefulness end cold storage might done He began get library money runni ng war sister ended nobody tossed cell hard He good nigger Then one day late around Octobe r hobby suddenly turned something e lse One n ight hole waist Raquel Welch hanging h as pick end must suddenly sunk concrete past hilt He would dragged chunk concrete back maybe heard falling sha ft bouncing back forth cl inking standpipe Did know going come upo n shaft tota lly surprised I know He might seen th e prison blueprint might If damned sur e found way look long All must realized instead playing game playing high stake t erm life future tie highest Even could known sure h e mus pretty good idea righ t around alked Zihuatanejo first time All sudden instea toy stupid hole wall be came kn ew bottom led outer wall di anyway He key rock Buxton worry fo r year N ow D worry new guard would look behind hi poster expose whole thing would get a nother cellmate would year suddenly transferred He tho e thing mind next eight year All Scan say must ha one coolest men ever lived I would gone completely nu t aft er awhile living al uncertainty But Andy went playing gam He carry tie po

ssibility discovery anoth er eight probability f might say matter carefully sta cked tie card favor inmate state prison h e many stack god kind long time ninet een year The ghastly irony I think would f offered parole Can imagine Three day parole e actually released transferred light security wing undergo complete phy sical battery vocational test While old cell completely cleaned Instead getting parole Andy would gotten long turn downstairs solitary followed time upst air d ifferent cell If broke shaft come esc ape I know I advance pretty good guesse F irst would become careful ever He smart push ahead flank speed try get eight mo nth even eighteen He must gone widening opening crawlspace little time A hole b ig teacup time ok New Year Eve drink year A hole big time took birthday drink A s big time baseball season opened For time I thought gone much faster apparentl y broke I mean It seemed instead hating pulverize crap take cell che ater gadge t I described could simply let drop shaft The length time took make believe dar e He migh decided noise would arouse someone suspicion Or kn ew I believe must would bee n afraid falling chunk concrete would break ready scr ewing cellblock sewage system leading investigation And inv estigation needle say would lead ru in Still I guess time Nixon sw orn second term hole would wide enough wr iggle probably sooner Andy small guy Why go That educated guess run folk point become progressively wilder One possibility crawl space clogged crap clear But would a c count time So I think maybe Andy got scared I told well I in titutional man A t first ca stand four wall get abide get accept body yo ur mind spirit adjust 1 ife HO scale get love th em You told eat write letter smoke I f work laundry as signed five minute hour go bathroom For year ti minute hour year time I ever fe It need take piss crap min ute past hour And reason I could go need would pas h irty come back past next hour I think Andy may wrestling institutional also bul king fear might nothing How many night must lain awake poster thinking sewer li ne knowing one chance e ver get The blueprint might told big pipe bore bl uepri nt could tell would like inside would ble breathe without choking rat big enoug h mean enoug h fight instead retreating blueprint told find end pipe got Here j oke eve n funnier parole would Andy break sewer line crawl five hundred yard ch oking darkness come mesh screen end Ha ha v ery funny That would mind And long shot ctually came able get would able get civili clothes get away vicinity pris on undetected Last suppose got pipe got away Shawshank alarm raised got Buxton overturned right rock found nothing beneath N ot necessarily something dramatic arriving right field discovering highrise apartment building erected spot r tur ned supermarket parking lot It could little kid liked rock ticed piece volcanic glass turned saw key took rock back room souvenir Maybe Novemb er hunter kicked rock left key exposed squirrel crow liki ng bright shiny thing taken away Maybe spring flo od one year breaching wall washing key away Maybe anything So I gues s Andy froze place awhile After ca lose bet What lose ask His library one thing The poison peace institution al life another Any future chance grab safe identi ty But finally I told He tried Did succeed spectacular fashion You tell But get away ask What happened What happen ed got meadow turned rock always assumi ng r ock still I ca describe scene th institutional man still institution expects ye ar come But I tell Very late summer September exact I got postcard mailed tiny town McNary Texas That town American side border directly across El Porvenir Th e message side card totally blank But I know I know heart surely I know going d ie someday McNary crossed McNary Texas So story Jack I never believed long woul d take write many page would take I started writi ng I got postcard I finishing January I used three pencil right whole tablet paper I kept page carefully hidd en many could read hen anyway It stirred memory I ever would belie ved Writing seems lot like sticking branch clear roiling muddy bottom Well writing I hear s omeone saying You writing Andy Dufresne You nothi ng minor character story But know n ot It every damned word Andy part could never lock part rejoice gate fin al ly open I walk cheap suit twenty dollar pocket That part rejoice matter old broken sca red rest I guess Andy part used better There others like others reme mber A ndy We glad gone little sad Some bird meant caged Their feather bright s ong sweet wil So let go open cage feed somehow fly past And part know wrong imp rison first place rejoices still place live much drab empty departure That stor y I glad I told even bit inconclusive even though memory pencil prodded like br

anch poking made feel little sad even older I Thank listening And Andy really I believe look star sunset touch sa nd wade water feel free XIV I never expected take narrative I folded page open desk front Here I adding another three four p age writing tabl et A tablet I bought walked store Portland Congres Street boug ht I thought I put finish story Shawshank pris cell bleak January day Now May I sitting small cheap room Brewster Hotel Portland adding The window open sound t raffic floatin g seem huge exciting intimidating I look constantly ov er window reassure bar I slee p poorly night bed room cheap room seems much big luxurious I snap awake every morning promptly feeli ng disoriented frightened M dream bad I crazy feeling free fall The sensation terrifying exhilarating What happened 1 ife Ca guess I parol ed After year routine hearing routine denial co urse year three lawyer died parol e granted I suppose decided age I fina lly used enough deemed safe I came close burning document r ead They search outgoing parolee al most carefully search inc oming new fish And beyond containing enough dynamite assure quick tur naround another six eight year inside memoir contained thing e lse name town I believe Andy Dufresne Mexican police gladly cooperate American police I want r unwillingness give story I worked long hard co st Andy Then I r emembered Andy brought five hundred dollar back I took story way Just safe side I carefully rewrote page mentioned Zihuatanejo If paper found outside search ca 11 The S hank I would gone back turnaround cop would bee n looking Andy Peruvia n seacoast town named Las Intrudres The Parole Committee got job sistant big Fo odWay Market Spruce Mall South Portland whi ch mean I became one aging There tw o kind know old one young one No one ever look either kin If shop Spruce Mall F oodWay I may even taken grocery car shopped March April long I worked At first I think I going able make outside I described prison society model outside worl d I idea fast thing moved outside th e raw speed people move They even talk fas ter And louder It toughest adjustment I ever make I finished making yet long wa y Women inst ance After hardly knowing half human race forty year I suddenly wo rking store filled Old woman pregnant woman wea ring arrow pointing downward pr inted motto reading BABY HE RE skinny woman nipple poking woman wea ring someth ing like I went would gotten arrested sanity every shape size I found goi ng ar ound almost time cursing ing dirty old man Going bathroom another thing When I go urge always came past hour I ha fight almost overwhelming need check bos Kno wing tha something I could go bright outside world one thi ng adjusting inner s elf knowledge year checking nearest screwhead facing two day solitary oversight something else My bos like He young guy I could see I sort disgusted way cringi ng ser vile old dog crawl belly petted disgust Christ I disgusted But I could m ake stop I w anted tell That whole life prison young It turn everyone position authority master eve ry master dog Maybe know become dog even prison since ev e ryone else gray dog seem matter much Outside But I could tell young guy like He would never understand Neither would PO big bluff man huge red beard large st o ck Polish joke He saw five minute every week Are taying bar Red ask run Polish joke I say eah would end next week Music radio When I went big band getting goo d head steam Now every song sound like fuckin So many car At first I felt like I taking life hand ev ery time I crossed street There strange maybe get idea le ast grasp corner I began think something get back When parole almost anything s erve I ashamed say I began think stealing money shoplifting stuff FoodWay anyth ing get back quiet knew everything going come course day If I never known Andy I probably would done But I kept thinking spending year chipping patiently away cement could free I thought made ashamed I drop idea Oh say reaso n free I new identity lot money But really true know Because know sure new identit still wit hout new identity money would always reach No needed free I kicked away I ha wo uld like spitting face everything worked hard win back So I started time hitchh i ke ride little town Buxton This early April snow starting melt field air begi nning warm baseball team coming north start new season playing gam e I sure God approves When I went trip I carried Silva com pas pocket There big hay field Bu xton Andy said north end hayfield rock wall right oat Robert Fr ost poem And so mewhere along base wall rock ear thly business Maine hayfield A fool errand say How many hayfield small rural town like Buxton Fifty A hundred Speaking persona l experie nce I put even higher add field cultus vated might haygrass Andy went

And I find ri ght one I might never know Because I might overlook black piece v ol canic glass much likely Andy put pocket took h im So I agree A fool errand d oubt Worse dangerous one man parole field clearly marked NO TRESPASSING sign An d I said happy slam as back inside get line A fool errand chipping blank concre te wall year And longer man get old nice hobby take mind new life My hobby look ing fo r Andy rock So I hitchhike Buxton walk road I listen bird spring runoff culvert examine bottle retreating snow useless I sorry sa world seems gotten aw fully spendthrift since I went nd looking hayfield Most could eliminated right No rock wall Others rock wall compass told facing wron g direction I walked wro ng one anyway It comfortable thing outing I really felt free peace An old dog w alked wit h one Saturday And one day I saw deer Then came April day I forget ev en I liv e another year It balmy Saturday afternoon I wa lking little boy fishi ng bridge told called The Old Smith Ro ad I taken lunch brown FoodWay bag eaten sitting ro ck road When I done I carefully buried leaving dad taught died I spr at older fisherman ha named road Around two I came big field left The stone wal 1 far end running roughly northwest I walked bac k squelching wet ground began walk wall A squirrel scoffed oak tree way end I saw rock N mistake Black glass smooth silk A rock earthly business Maine hayfield For long time I looked feeli ng I might cry whatever reason The squirrel followed still chatterin g away My heart beating madly When I felt I control I went rock squatted beside joint kne e went like ed let hand touch It real I pick I th ought would anything I could easily walked away without finding beneath I certainly Clad plan take away I fe el mine feeling taking tha rock field would worst kind theft No I picke feel be tter get heft thing I suppose prove reality feeling satiny texture skin I look underneath long time My eye saw took awhile mind catch It envelope carefully wr apped plastic bag keep away damp My name written ac ross front Andy clear scrip t I took envelope left rock Andy left Andy friend Dear Red If reading One way A nd f followed along far might willing come little I think remember name town I could use good man help get project wheel Meantime drink think I keeping eye Re membe r hope good thing Red maybe best thing good thing ever dy I hoping letter find find well Your friend Peter Stevens I read letter field A kind terror come need get away I seen To make may appropriate pun I terror apprehended I went ba ck room read sme old men dinner drifting stairwell RiceaRoni N oodleRoni You be t whatever old folk America one f ixed income eating tonight almost certainly e nd I opened envelope read letter I put head arm cried With letter twenty new fi fty llar bill And I Brewster Hotel technically f ugitive justice violation crim e No one going hrow roadblock catch criminal wanted charge I g I I manuscript I small piece luggage ab size doctor bag hold everything I I ninete en fifty four ten five three one assorted change I broke one fifty buy tablet paper deck smok e Wondering I But really question It always come two choice Get busy living get busy dying First I going put manuscript back bag Then I going buckle grab coat go downstairs check f leabag Then I going walk uptown bar put bill front barten der ask bring two straight shot Jack one Andy Dufresne Other beer two hey first drink I taken free man since Then I going ti p bartender dollar thank kindly I leave bar wal k Spring Street Greyhound terminal buy bus ticket El P aso way Ne w York City When I get El Paso I going buy ticket McNary And I get McNary I gue ss I chance find old crook like find way float across border Mexico Sure I reme mber name Zihuatanejo A name like tha pretty forget I find I excited excited I hardly hold pen cil trembling hand I think excitement free feel free man starti ng long journey whose conclusion uncertain I hope Andy I hope I make across bor der I hope see friend shake hand I hope Pacific blue dre am I hope The End'

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In [ ]: output_file_path = 'clean_data.txt'

with open(output_file_path, 'w') as file:
    file.write(clean_data)

print("Clean data saved to:", output_file_path)
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Clean data saved to: clean_data.txt

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In [ ]: from transformers import AutoTokenizer, AutoModelForSeq2SeqLM

    tokenizer = AutoTokenizer.from_pretrained("facebook/bart-large-cnn")
    model = AutoModelForSeq2SeqLM.from_pretrained("facebook/bart-large-cnn")

In [ ]: def generate_long_summary(text, num_lines=20):
    inputs = tokenizer(text, max_length=1024, return_tensors="pt", truncation=Tr
    summary_ids = model.generate(inputs["input_ids"], max_length=1024, min_lengt
    summary = tokenizer.decode(summary_ids[0], skip_special_tokens=True, clean_u
    summary_lines = summary.split('\n')
    end_summary_lines = summary_lines[-num_lines:]
    final_summary = '\n'.join(end_summary_lines)
    return final_summary

long_summary = generate_long_summary(clean_data)
    print(long_summary)
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Rita Hayworth Shawshank Redemption is a novel written by Rita Hayworth. The novel is set in a federal prison n America. The author tells the story of her life in p rison. She writes about her time in prison and how she came to believe she was in nocent. She also writes about the trials and tribulations of her family, friends, and co-workers. In the end, she says, "I give n second chance I would I sure mean I r ehabilitated" The book is published by Simon & Schuster, and is available on Blu-ray and DVD. For more of Rita's stories, visit www.si.com/RitaHayworthShawsha nk or go to www.simonandschuster.com. For the rest of the story, go to http://ww w.sputniknews.com/. For the full story, visit the author's website at www.rita Ha yzworthShawsank.com and click on the title "ShawShank". For the complete story, c lick here: Rita Hayzank Redemption Redemptions of Rita Hayzank, by Rita Hayworth-Shawsk, Roxanne Pulitzer, "Shaw's Redemption", "Shaws' Redemption," """." 'Shaws,' "" '"I've got a story to tell. I'm going to tell you now.'" 'I h ave a story I want you to listen to. I have a tale to tell about my life in Sha w'shank. I want to share with you my story of how I came to live in this prison. I came from a happy little family willing I committed murder. I put large insuran ce policy wife three year older I I fixed brake Chevrolet coupe f ather given u w edding present It worked exactly I planned e xcept I planned stopping pick neighb or woman neighbo r woman infant son way Castle Hill town The bra kes let go car c rashed bush edge town common gathering speed Bystanders said must fifty better hi t base Civil War statue burst flame I also planned getting caught caught I I got season pas place Maine D istrict Attorney saw I tried three death given three l i fe sentence run one That fixed chance parole I might long long time The judge cal led I done hideous hei nous crime also past You look yellowing file Castle Rock C all big headline announcing conviction look sort funny antique next news Hitler M ussolini FDR alphabet soup agency Have I rehabilitated ask I even know word mean least far prison correction go I think politician word It may meaning may I wil 1 chance find future something con teach thems elf think I young poor side town I k nocked pretty sulky headstrong girl lived one fin e old house Carbine Street Her father agreeable mar riage I would take job optical company owned work way I f ou nd really mind keeping house thumb like disagreeable pet quite housebroken wh ich may bite Enough hate eventually piled cause I Give n second chances I would ell Andy I explain thing It wo take long As I said I guy get Shawshanks damn near forty year And mean contraba nd item like extra cigarette booze although item alw ays top th e list But I gotten thousand item men time perfectly legal yet hard co me place supposedly bee n brought punished There one fellow raping little girl ex posing dozen others I got three piece pink Vermont marble three lovely sculpture baby bo twelve bearded young man He called The Three Ages Jesus piece sculpture p arlor man used go vernor state Or name may remember grew north f Alan Cote In tri ed rob First Mercantile Bank Mechanic Falls holdup turned bloodbath six dead end two member gang three hostage one youn g state cop put head wrong time got bullet eye Co te penny collection Naturally going let h ave little help mother middleman used dr ive laundry truck I able get I told Bobby mu crazy wanting coin collectio n stone hotel full thie f He looked smiled said I know keep They afe enough Do wo rry And right Bobby Cote died brain umor coin collection never turned I gotten th ree green milkshake serve McDonald around Paddy Day crazy Irishman named I even a rranged midnight showing Deep Throat The Devil Miss Jones party twenty men pooled resource rent film although I ended week sol itary little escapade It risk run gu y get I gotten reference book joke novelty like itching powder one occasion I see n gotten pair panty wife girlfrien I guess know guy item long night time draw lik e blade I get thing gratis item price come high But I money good money I never go ing Cadillac car fly Jamaica two week February I reason good butcher sell fresh m eat I got reputation I want kee p The two thing I refuse handle gun heavy drug.

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In [ ]: import re

file_path = "clean_data.txt"
with open(file_path, "r") as file:
    content = file.read()
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potential_names = re.findall(r'\b[A-Z][a-z]+\b', content)

extracted_names = list(set(potential_names))

print("Potential names identified:")
print(potential_names)

print("Extracted names:")
for name in extracted_names:
    print(name)
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Potential names identified:

['Rita', 'Hayworth', 'Shawshank', 'Redemption', 'Rita', 'Hayworth', 'Shawshank', 'Redemption', 'Rita', 'Hayworth', 'Shawshank', 'Redemption', 'Rita', 'Hayworth', 'Shawshank', 'Redemption', 'There', 'America', 'Tailor', 'It', 'Shawshank', 'Chev rolet', 'It', 'Castle', 'Hill', 'The', 'Bystanders', 'Civil', 'War', 'Maine', 'At torney', 'That', 'The', 'You', 'Castle', 'Rock', 'Call', 'Hitler', 'Mussolini', 'Have', 'It', 'Carbine', 'Street', 'Her', 'Enough', 'Give', 'Anyway', 'Andy', 'Du fresne', 'But', 'Andy', 'It', 'As', 'Shawshank', 'And', 'But', 'There', 'Vermon t', 'He', 'The', 'Three', 'Ages', 'Jesus', 'Or', 'Alan', 'Cote', 'In', 'First', 'Mercantile', 'Bank', 'Mechanic', 'Falls', 'Co', 'Naturally', 'Bobby', 'He', 'The y', 'Do', 'And', 'Bobby', 'Cote', 'Valentine', 'Day', 'Paddy', 'Day', 'Irishman', 'Deep', 'Throat', 'The', 'Devil', 'Miss', 'Jones', 'It', 'But', 'Cadillac', 'Jama ica', 'February', 'The', 'Yeah', 'And', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'Rita', 'Hayworth', 'And', 'When', 'Andy', 'Shawshank', 'He', 'He', 'His', 'That', 'Andy', 'He', 'O n', 'Portland', 'Good', 'New', 'England', 'Andy', 'As', 'Oh', 'Book', 'Revelatio n', 'They', 'Th', 'In', 'Shawshank', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'If', 'Portland', 'Super ior', 'Court', 'It', 'There', 'Thee', 'Thee', 'House', 'Representative',
'John', 'Public', 'It', 'Thee', 'Andy', 'Linda', 'Collins', 'Dufresne', 'June', 'F almouth', 'Country', 'Club', 'Falmouth', 'Hills', 'Glenn', 'Quentin', 'Augus', 'A ndy', 'Quentin', 'Andy', 'Linda', 'Dufresne', 'September', 'He', 'Linda', 'She', 'Andy', 'Reno', 'Andy', 'Reno', 'She', 'Quentin', 'Quentin', 'The', 'Each', 'It', 'Andy', 'The', 'Andrew', 'Dufresne', 'But', 'Consider', 'Four', 'Not', 'He', 'Por tland', 'Sun', 'The', 'Boston', 'Register', 'Wise', 'Pawnshop', 'Lewiston', 'Poli ce', 'Special', 'Andrew', 'Dufresne', 'Andy', 'September', 'Glenn', 'Quentin', 'A nother', 'Quentin', 'Dufresne', 'He', 'Quentin', 'Dufresne', 'September', 'Th', 'Attorney', 'General', 'September', 'Nar', 'Beer', 'Kools', 'Plymouth', 'In', 'Qu entin', 'There', 'The', 'An', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'He', 'Glenn', 'Quentin', 'Jul y', 'In', 'August', 'On', 'Linda', 'Portland', 'Andy', 'Quentin', 'H 'Quentin', 'Do', 'Plymouth', 'Andy', 'After', 'Linda', 'He', 'Portland', 'Sh e', 'That', 'Andy', 'He', 'What', 'Andy', 'Andy', 'Like', 'Lewiston', 'Septembe , 'His', 'Glenn', 'Quentin', 'Andy', 'What', 'What', 'If', 'He', 'If', 'Distric t', 'Attorney', 'Even', 'But', 'This', 'Take', 'They', 'He', 'August', 'Of', 'The y', 'Andy', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'He', 'Christmas', 'On', 'Jack', 'Daniel', 'He', 'Up', 'In', 'My', 'Black', 'Jack', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'On', 'September', 'The', 'As', 'Christmas', 'New', 'Year', 'Eve', 'Then', 'Four', 'Hard', 'He', 'Dut ch', 'Linda', 'After', 'Quentin', 'On', 'Quentin', 'He', 'He', 'Wh', 'Later', ppose', 'Andy', 'By', 'The', 'Maybe', 'Attorney', 'General', 'Memory', 'Red', 'Th ey', 'If', 'But', 'Andy', 'It', 'Reporters', 'But', 'It', 'If', 'He', 'He', 'He', 'Quentin', 'He', 'He', 'Dufresne', 'Glenn', 'Quentin', 'No', 'Andy', 'By', 'He', 'He', 'At', 'Reno', 'Thank', 'Mr', 'Dufresne', 'The', 'You', 'You', 'No', 'Andy', 'And', 'No', 'You', 'Quentin', 'Then', 'You', 'August', 'Se', 'Yes', 'Suicidal', 'Yes', 'Would', 'Dufresne', 'No', 'Andy', 'There', 'Did', 'No', 'Oh', 'The', 'You', 'The', 'Royal', 'River', 'On', 'September', 'Yes', 'One', 'Yes', 'That', 'I t', 'Only', 'Lieutenant', 'Mincher', 'Mincher', 'Royal', 'Pond', 'Road', 'Bridg e', 'Andy', 'The', 'Yes', 'You', 'Then', 'That', 'Convenience', 'Andy', 'But', 'P ond', 'Road', 'Bridge', 'Royal', 'River', 'Bay', 'Yarmouth', 'The', 'And', 'Glenn', 'Quent', 'That', 'Mr', 'Dufresne', 'That', 'At', 'Andy', 'Since', 'The', 'He', 'Ha', 'Andy', 'Andy', 'Was', 'Andy', 'Linda', 'Dufresne', 'Yes', 'And', 'An dy', 'True', 'Glenn', 'Quentin', 'No', 'Then', 'Andy', 'The', 'Wednes', 'The', 'T he', 'Bentley', 'Restaurant', 'The', 'Maine', 'The', 'Andy', 'It', 'Andy', 'Bot h', 'What', 'He', 'Mo', 'Maybe', 'Maybe', 'He', 'And', 'As', 'And', 'Sha wshank', 'Five', 'Getting', 'Shawshank', 'Seven', 'You', 'As', 'There', 'Andy', 'There', 'Kendricks', 'Most', 'Th', 'Kendricks', 'Kendricks', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'After', 'Cell', 'Cellblock', 'By', 'They', 'They', 'Maybe', 'Well', 'Sherwood', 'Bolton', 'From', 'He', 'Birdman', 'Alcatraz', 'Jake', 'He', 'Jake', 'Sherw', 'Ja ke', 'But', 'Sherwood', 'Bolton', 'Sherwood', 'It', 'My', 'Is', 'Jake', 'Red', 'I t', 'That', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'That', 'Rita', 'Hayworth', 'That', 'In', 'Most', $\hbox{'Our', 'It', 'The', 'The', 'The', 'The', 'Thee', 'Sh', 'We', 'Kittery', 'Receiving the state of the state$ ng', 'Hospital', 'Eliot', 'Nursing', 'Home', 'There', 'The', 'Cellblock', 'The', 'Administ', 'Shawshank', 'On', 'Sunday', 'It', 'Sunday', 'Andy', 'Elmor

e', 'Armitage', 'Andy', 'People', 'One', 'Bogs', 'Diamond', 'Andy', 'But', 'Hell o', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'He', 'He', 'How', 'Andy', 'Sometimes', 'Unless', 'Iris h', 'He', 'What', 'Andy', 'Do', 'With', 'If', 'Because', 'You', 'An', 'It', 'Fran k', 'Malzone', 'Andy', 'Probably', 'At', 'Shawshank', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'He', 'Fair', 'He', 'It', 'Rocks', 'Squat', 'We', 'Indians', 'Andy', 'Small', 'One', 'T hen', 'Andy', 'Quartz', 'And', 'Mica', 'Shale', 'Silted', 'Here', 'He', 'At', 'I n', 'Sunday', 'It', 'You', 'Quartz', 'Better', 'Sunday', 'Sunday', 'You', 'No', 'Wait', 'If', 'Maybe', 'Going', 'Because', 'He', 'When', 'You', 'If', 'What', 'O h', 'That', 'Whether', 'How', 'When', 'Yes', 'Andy', 'Eight', 'Cost', 'For', 'Le t', 'Ten', 'Have', 'He', 'When', 'That', 'You', 'It', 'If', 'That', 'They', 'If', 'Not', 'Bugler', 'And', 'That', 'Yes', 'In', 'He', 'Three', 'He', 'Honorable', 'A lexander', 'Ham', 'He', 'It', 'If', 'Fibber', 'Molly', 'Andy', 'In', 'Early', 'Ca mels', 'Ernie', 'Cellblock', 'He', 'The', 'Sunday', 'Andy', 'He', 'His', 'He', 'T hanks', 'He', 'It', 'Prison', 'But', 'The', 'Andy', 'In', 'There', 'And', 'Andy', 'In', 'But', 'Shawshan', 'It', 'There', 'Usually', 'There', 'In', 'Mostly', 'An d', 'They', 'They', 'Their', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'Their', 'On', 'Most', 'Sinatra s', 'Presleys', 'Redfords', 'But', 'Because', 'Andy', 'If', 'Andy', 'Prison', 'Th e', 'Shawshank', 'Just', 'They', 'Andy', 'Bogs', 'Bogs', 'Bogs', 'The', 'It', 'He xlite', 'The', 'There', 'Bogs', 'Henley', 'Backus', 'Andy', 'Hexlite', 'Washex', 'That', 'They', 'That', 'They', 'Phillips', 'It', 'Yo', 'If', 'The', 'Then', 'N o', 'No', 'Andy', 'He', 'When', 'Bogs', 'Ernie', 'Andy', 'He', 'Roo ster', 'Rooster', 'They', 'When', 'Pete', 'Verness', 'Andy', 'Bogs', 'Diamond', 'He', 'Diamond', 'Pearl', 'He', 'And', 'Rooster', 'Andy', 'Anything', 'Bogs', 'An dy', 'Ernie', 'No', 'Andy', 'You', 'You', 'Get', 'You', 'He', 'Bogs', 'Er nie', 'Just', 'In', 'Bogs', 'Andy', 'February', 'Rooster', 'What', 'Andy', 'And y', 'Rooster', 'How', 'Rooster', 'Bogs', 'Diamond', 'That', 'Bogs', 'June', 'He', 'They', 'And', 'Back', 'Diamond', 'Of', 'Not', 'Prison', 'When', 'My', 'Bogs', 'A ndy', 'Dufresne', 'And', 'Diamond', 'Andy', 'In', 'He', 'You', 'That', 'Bogs', 'D iamond', 'Andy', 'Andy', 'But', 'Andy', 'The', 'Jackals', 'Andy', 'Dufres', 'He', 'He', 'So', 'Andy', 'Diamond', 'Oh', 'He', 'But', 'Andy', 'He', 'The', 'That', 'I n', 'Andy', 'What', 'He', 'They', 'Andy', 'This', 'Andy', 'It', 'Andy', 'Rita', 'Hayworth', 'That', 'Nowadays', 'Usually', 'The', 'Lost', 'Weekend', 'The', 'It', 'Andy', 'Rita', 'Heywort', 'He', 'Trojans', 'He', 'No', 'You', 'At', 'Rita', 'Bet ty', 'Grable', 'For', 'Rita', 'For', 'Rita', 'The', 'He', 'Can', 'Take', 'Does', 'The', 'Ray', 'Milland', 'How', 'Maybe', 'But', 'How', 'Furthermore', 'Bogs', 'Ro oster', 'Posters', 'In', 'Jimi', 'Hendrix', 'Bob', 'Dylan', 'Easy', 'Rider', 'But', 'Andy', 'Rita', 'Hayworths', 'You', 'Rita', 'They', 'Rita', 'Hayworth', 'Woma n', 'Heat', 'The', 'Sure', 'They', 'They', 'Live', 'And', 'Rita', 'Haywor th', 'Of', 'Rita', 'Hayworth', 'Ava', 'Gardner', 'When', 'Adam', 'You', 'It', 'Er nie', 'Andy', 'And', 'Ernie', 'Andy', 'Thanks', 'Rita', 'It', 'But', 'Now', 'And y', 'It', 'You', 'Well', 'That', 'Also', 'You', 'To', 'Andy', 'That', 'Andy', 'Bo gs', 'Diamond', 'The', 'Andy', 'The', 'Looking', 'Five', 'Rita', 'Ernie', 'From', 'Dufresne', 'Thanks', 'Ernie', 'Cam', 'Now', 'There', 'For', 'There', 'T hey', 'There', 'If', 'How', 'Hours', 'First', 'Looking', 'But', 'Andy', 'Dufresn e', 'In', 'May', 'They', 'More', 'May', 'Nine', 'For', 'Four', 'Dickie', 'Betts', 'Then', 'Spill', 'There', 'It', 'May', 'They', 'If', 'So', 'All', 'One', 'Byron', 'Hadley', 'Shawshank', 'Longer', 'The', 'Yankee', 'George', 'Dunahy', 'He', 'No', 'New', 'England', 'Light', 'Side', 'Press', 'Sept', 'Maine', 'George', 'Dunahy', 'He', 'Byron', 'Hadley', 'Greg', 'Stammas', 'Hadley', 'Stammas', 'Dunahy', 'No', 'Greg', 'Stammas', 'He', 'He', 'During', 'Stammas', 'Shawshank', 'Dunahy', 'Gre g', 'Stammas', 'He', 'Byron', 'Hadley', 'As', 'George', 'Stammas', 'Hadl', 'Hadle y', 'He', 'On', 'Mert', 'Entwhistle', 'Hadley', 'That', 'The', 'State', 'These', 'Others', 'For', 'Byron', 'Hadley', 'He', 'May', 'You', 'For', 'Byron', 'Hadley', 'Forever', 'If', 'If', 'So', 'Mert', 'Entwhistle', 'He', 'The', 'We', 'Mert', 'I t', 'Texas', 'They', 'Then', 'Austin', 'It', 'Hadley', 'It', 'The', 'No', 'Hadle y', 'Maine', 'Not', 'Like', 'But', 'Byron', 'Hadley', 'He', 'Mert', 'They', 'Yo u', 'And', 'Mert', 'Old', 'Entwhistle', 'If', 'Byron', 'After', 'That', 'Chrissak e', 'Byron', 'Then', 'If', 'And', 'It', 'And', 'Who', 'Uncle', 'Sam', 'He', 'Chri st', 'He', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'Mert', 'Hadley', 'We', 'Tim', 'Youngblood', 'On e', 'For', 'Andy', 'Then', 'Hadley', 'Do', 'Hadley', 'He', 'In', 'Andy', 'If', 'B

oy', 'Hadley', 'And', 'Andy', 'His', 'It', 'And', 'The', 'Black', 'In', 'Hadley', 'Greg', 'Stammas', 'When', 'State', 'Andy', 'He', 'You', 'Baby', 'Ruths', 'Most', 'What', 'Like', 'It', 'Shawshank', 'Hadleys', 'Andy', 'Maybe', 'Whether', 'The', 'Hadley', 'Up', 'Mert', 'Tim', 'Youngblood', 'Hadley', 'Your', 'You', 'Come', 'Me rt', 'We', 'Tim', 'Youngblood', 'The', 'The', 'They', 'Hadley', 'Mert', 'Terribl e', 'Dufresne', 'Too', 'They', 'Mert', 'Hadley', 'Andy', 'His', 'Hadley', 'If', 'Hadley', 'Final', 'Byron', 'Hadley', 'Uncle', 'Sam', 'Mert', 'Hadley', 'For', 'A ndy', 'Then', 'Hadley', 'Hold', 'Mert', 'What', 'Andy', 'You', 'The', 'Andy', 'I t', 'Hadley', 'Andy', 'Naw', 'Tax', 'Tax', 'Andy', 'How', 'Tim', 'Youngblood', 'He', 'Byron', 'Shut', 'Trout', 'Hadley', 'Tim', 'Youngblood', 'Some', 'Trout', 'Ha dley', 'Andy', 'Why', 'So', 'You', 'Andy', 'If', 'Shawshank', 'But', 'The', 'It', 'Like', 'Hadley', 'There', 'An', 'Byron', 'Hadley', 'It', 'No', 'There', 'Engag e', 'Hadley', 'Andy', 'Then', 'They', 'Actually', 'You', 'You', 'You', 'Andy', 'O 'The', 'Mert', 'He', 'Mert', 'You', 'Shut', 'Hadley', 'Mert', 'Hadle', 'And y', 'What', 'Andy', 'That', 'It', 'Rennie', 'Martin', 'Logan', 'Pierre', 'Paul', 'Bonsaint', 'Suddenly', 'An', 'It', 'Hadley', 'Hadley', 'Greg', 'Stammas', 'Stamm as', 'State', 'Andy', 'Hadley', 'It', 'Andy', 'Indian', 'There', 'Hadley', 'Mer t', 'Andy', 'Andy', 'No', 'But', 'Ha', 'The', 'Andy', 'His', 'Axed', 'Hadley', 'M ake', 'If', 'Hadley', 'Hotshot', 'Banker', 'Mert', 'Youngblood', 'Andy', 'You', 'That', 'Hadley', 'Then', 'What', 'Move', 'He', 'Andy', 'You', 'And', 'Shower', 'Yes', 'Andy', 'And', 'The', 'That', 'Black', 'Label', 'Shawshank', 'State', 'Pri son', 'That', 'We', 'Hadley', 'It', 'We', 'Only', 'Andy', 'He', 'It', 'Andy', 'Du fresne', 'Byron', 'Hadley', 'So', 'All', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'He', 'It', 'By', 'W orld', 'Series', 'Phila', 'Whiz', 'Kids', 'Stammas', 'Hadley', 'If', 'Dufresne', 'Shawshank', 'They', 'As', 'After', 'Andy', 'He', 'Brooks', 'Hatlen', 'Hatlen', 'Brooksie', 'The', 'Shan', 'In', 'Brooksie', 'Coolidge', 'President', 'As', 'Stat e', 'He', 'Polish', 'French', 'Greyhound', 'He', 'Shawshank', 'What', 'Brooks', 'Western', 'Seas', 'In', 'Brooksie', 'He', 'If', 'Kittery', 'Freeport', 'Yeah', 'Brooksie', 'They', 'Andy', 'Brooksie', 'He', 'Byro', 'Hadley', 'Reader', 'Diges t', 'Con', 'Books', 'National', 'Geographies', 'England', 'He', 'He', 'More', 'Pl eeze', 'Excape', 'Lesions', 'He', 'He', 'New', 'York', 'The', 'Literary', 'Guil d', 'The', 'Club', 'He', 'He', 'And', 'Erie', 'Stanley', 'Gardner', 'Louis', 'Con s', 'And', 'Even', 'He', 'State', 'Senate', 'Augusta', 'Andy', 'He', 'Andy', 'And y', 'He', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'He', 'Andy', 'As', 'Re', 'Rotarians', 'Augusta', 'Number', 'As', 'State', 'Senate', 'Stammas', 'Thomastan', 'Shawshank', 'Pittsfie ld', 'South', 'Portland', 'They', 'God', 'Sonny', 'Jesus', 'And', 'Andy', 'Stamma s', 'Stammas', 'Andy', 'You', 'You', 'Which', 'Andy', 'And', 'Stammas', 'Hadley', 'Andy', 'Senate', 'Vai', 'Andy', 'In', 'By', 'Perry', 'Mason', 'Jake', 'Logan', 'Westerns', 'By', 'Andy', 'Andy', 'Now', 'Andy', 'Byron', 'Hadley', 'The', 'And', 'You', 'Word', 'Shawshank', 'In', 'Andy', 'Lemon', 'Lips', 'George', 'Duna hy', 'That', 'Dunahy', 'By', 'April', 'Andy', 'Shawshank', 'He', 'Later', 'Greg', 'Stammas', 'Andy', 'There', 'Such', 'All', 'Saturday', 'The', 'Then', 'Warden', 'Dunahy', 'It', 'And', 'By', 'All', 'Not', 'Attica', 'San', 'Quentin', 'And', 'Yo u', 'Once', 'So', 'Andy', 'They', 'He', 'He', 'The', 'He', 'Shawshank', 'Besides', 'Red', 'The', 'The', 'Not', 'But', 'Reds', 'Phase', 'Fours', 'Never', 'No', 'Andy', 'Never', 'But', 'But', 'Yeah', 'There', 'What', 'Red', 'T hat', 'The', 'You', 'It', 'Yo', 'And', 'Luckies', 'Sure', 'Andy', 'But', 'Becaus e', 'Red', 'An', 'It', 'You', 'And', 'Good', 'Andy', 'Do', 'This', 'Right', 'Th e', 'Shank', 'They', 'But', 'Maybe', 'When', 'Because', 'That', 'And', 'Sure', 'T hat', 'The', 'America', 'But', 'Andy', 'Indian', 'Normaden', 'Indians', 'The', 'S hank', 'Chief', 'Normaden', 'Andy', 'He', 'He', 'Prison', 'It', 'George', 'Dunahy', 'Stammas', 'Shawshank', 'During', 'Greg', 'Stammas', 'Solitary', 'Win g', 'One', 'That', 'The', 'There', 'On', 'It', 'Nobody', 'Stammas', 'There', 'The y', 'Stammas', 'If', 'Byron', 'Hadley', 'The', 'Andy', 'Stammas', 'In', 'Fo r', 'Andy', 'It', 'Normaden', 'Passamaquoddy', 'Andy', 'Then', 'Normaden', 'And y', 'The', 'Normaden', 'Andy', 'Nice', 'Della', 'Norm', 'It', 'He', 'But', 'Big', 'Bad', 'All', 'He', 'That', 'Nice', 'But', 'Rita', 'Hayworth', 'Andy', 'Then', 'M arilyn', 'Monroe', 'The', 'Itch', 'Andy', 'Jayne', 'Mansfield', 'Jayne', 'After', 'English', 'Hazel', 'Court', 'In', 'Raquel', 'Welch', 'Andy', 'The', 'Ronstadt', 'Why', 'Freedom', 'You', 'Be', 'Raquel', 'Welch', 'It', 'Looked', 'Mexico', 'Some

place', 'Did', 'Red', 'That', 'Maybe', 'Years', 'Normaden', 'Andy', 'March', 'Apr il', 'Call', 'Whatever', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'There', 'Until', 'We', 'Samuel', 'N orto', 'The', 'Mathers', 'Cotton', 'Increase', 'Sam', 'No', 'So', 'He', 'Baptis t', 'Advent', 'Church', 'Eliot', 'His', 'New', 'Testament', 'He', 'This', 'We', 'He', 'Bible', 'Sam', 'Norton', 'There', 'Greg', 'Stammas', 'Norton', 'Solitary', 'Men', 'It', 'Sam', 'Norton', 'The', 'The', 'Sam', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'When', 'And y', 'It', 'Warden', 'Norton', 'Newsweek', 'In', 'There', 'Norton', 'Rotary', 'Kiw anis', 'New', 'England', 'Newsweek', 'The', 'Kiwanians', 'Loyal', 'Order', 'Moos e', 'Norton', 'Norton', 'There', 'But', 'The', 'Norton', 'So', 'Sam', 'Norton', 'Testaments', 'Shawshank', 'And', 'It', 'Norton', 'Thunderbird', 'Massachusetts', 'Anyway', 'My', 'God', 'Norton', 'Puritan', 'God', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'The', 'An dy', 'Norton', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'So', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'He', 'The', 'Grolier', 'Encyclopedias', 'Scholasti', 'Achievement', 'Tests', 'And', 'Erle', 'Stanley', 'Gardners', 'Loui', 'And', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'Andy', 'Shawshank', 'Sta te', 'Prison', 'He', 'See', 'Unti', 'Tommy', 'Williams', 'Tommy', 'Williams', 'Sh awshank', 'November', 'Tommy', 'Massachusetts', 'New', 'En', 'He', 'He', 'She', 'She', 'Tommy', 'Williams', 'For', 'Andy', 'He', 'Tommy', 'Tommy', 'Andy', 'He', 'Andy', 'The', 'An', 'Dufresne', 'On', 'Andy', 'What', 'But', 'Andy', 'Quite', 'T ommy', 'The', 'The', 'His', 'Charlie', 'Lathrop', 'He', 'Dufresne', 'Tommy', 'H e', 'They', 'Eliot', 'Nursing', 'Home', 'Tommy', 'Charlie', 'Their', 'But', 'Tommy', 'Williams', 'Lathrop', 'He', 'So', 'Homer', 'Jessup', 'Tommy', 'He', 'Charli e', 'Homer', 'What', 'Quentin', 'Charlie', 'He', 'Glenn', 'Quenti', 'Something', 'Here', 'Homer', 'Jessup', 'Get', 'Get', 'Get', 'Glenn', 'Quentin', 'God', 'Tomm y', 'Williams', 'Homer', 'Jessup', 'Tommy', 'When', 'Sam', 'Norton', 'Plus', 'Tha t', 'February', 'Tommy', 'Williams', 'But', 'Then', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'And', 'R ita', 'Hayworth', 'Trojans', 'Andy', 'His', 'Before', 'Billy', 'Hanlon', 'Warde n', 'Norton', 'He', 'Harry', 'Truman', 'President', 'He', 'Tommy', 'Only', 'Hop e', 'Williams', 'Four', 'Tommy', 'Williams', 'Rhode', 'Island', 'Tommy', 'Eleve n', 'Tommy', 'Elwood', 'Blatch', 'Tommy', 'Th', 'One', 'El', 'Blatch', 'He', 'He', 'Never', 'If', 'It', 'Big', 'Jeez', 'It', 'Where', 'My', 'According', 'It', 'Now', 'Red', 'Quentin', 'El', 'Blatch', 'Can', 'It', 'He', 'People', 'At', 'And', 'He', 'He', 'Like', 'Smith', 'Wesson', 'Police', 'Special', 'It', 'The', 'Johnny', 'Callahan', 'That', 'El', 'Blat', 'So', 'Like', 'So', 'It', 'Tommy', 'M aybe', 'But', 'New', 'England', 'Dufresne', 'Smith', 'Jones', 'Frogs', 'Dufre', 'Lavesque', 'Ouelette', 'Poulin', 'Frog', 'But', 'He', 'Glenn', 'Quentin', 'El', 'That', 'So', 'And', 'Just', 'So', 'That', 'El', 'Maybe', 'Anyway', 'El', 'Quenti n', 'Shawshank', 'State', 'Prison', 'The', 'Holy', 'Christ', 'Andy', 'To', 'Elwoo d', 'Tommy', 'By', 'Andy', 'So', 'Andy', 'Blatch', 'There', 'Tommy', 'Blatch', 'Tommy', 'Andy', 'And', 'Blatch', 'Tommy', 'Williams', 'He', 'Tomm', 'Quentin', 'An dy', 'First', 'Second', 'Blatch', 'Maybe', 'Third', 'The', 'An', 'But', 'Elwood', 'Blatches', 'Such', 'Hope', 'Diamond', 'Timex', 'And', 'Tommy', 'Andy', 'Blatch', 'Quentin', 'He', 'Quentin', 'Quentin', 'Well', 'Andy', 'Andy', 'There', 'Tommy', 'Elwood', 'He', 'Andy', 'Either', 'Briggs', 'But', 'He', 'So', 'Andy', 'Warden', 'Norton', 'The', 'Administration', 'Wing', 'The', 'He', 'Chester', 'Marshal', 'Di llon', 'Ch', 'My', 'Chester', 'He', 'Good', 'Dufresne', 'Warden', 'Andy', 'Cheste r', 'Andy', 'Warden', 'Well', 'Psa', 'That', 'And', 'Andy', 'He', 'Norton', 'The n', 'Tommy', 'Williams', 'He', 'Tommy', 'When', 'Norton', 'Governor', 'Reed', 'Ye s', 'That', 'But', 'Dufresne', 'What', 'That', 'Sir', 'And', 'Chester', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'Byron', 'Hadley', 'Well', 'Norton', 'It', 'Williams', 'Quite', 'He', 'Quite', 'He', 'Not', 'Now', 'Do', 'Andy', 'But', 'Tommy', 'But', 'Tommy', 'Wel l', 'Norton', 'Phrases', 'That', 'Sir', 'That', 'Norton', 'And', 'Falmouth', 'Hil ls', 'Country', 'Club', 'No', 'Andy', 'No', 'Anyway', 'Norton', 'Elwood', 'Blatc h', 'Andy', 'Blatch', 'And', 'Thomas', 'Rhode', 'Island', 'The', 'Excellent', 'Wh y', 'Williams', 'Only', 'No', 'We', 'But', 'Tommy', 'Even', 'And', 'Andy', 'Yes', 'So', 'Dufresne', 'Blatch', 'Rhode', 'Island', 'State', 'Penitentiary', 'Now', 'I s', 'How', 'Andy', 'Ches', 'But', 'What', 'Obtuse', 'Andy', 'Is', 'Dufres ne', 'So', 'The', 'Andy', 'They', 'There', 'Briggs', 'It', 'The', 'They', 'Blatch', 'If', 'Tommy', 'Blatch', 'Briggs', 'Blatch', 'Guard', 'Guard', 'Take', 'Wha ${\tt t', 'Andy', 'Chester', 'It', 'And', 'Tom', 'Listen', 'Then', 'Solitary', 'Warde'}$ n', 'Norton', 'He', 'Bread', 'And', 'Andy', 'Chester', 'It', 'Twenty', 'Andy', 'I

t', 'Norton', 'Shawshank', 'It', 'Maine', 'In', 'In', 'You', 'If', 'And', 'No', 'Province', 'Ma', 'You', 'Then', 'Once', 'Sunday', 'You', 'When', 'No', 'Durham', 'Boy', 'He', 'You', 'Sabbath', 'For', 'Jolly', 'Province', 'Maine', 'Shawshank', 'Solitary', 'Wing', 'Things', 'There', 'And', 'To', 'Solitary', 'Wing', 'The', 'T he', 'Like', 'You', 'The', 'The', 'Not', 'You', 'You', 'Big', 'Twenty', 'Thirty', 'Sometimes', 'In', 'If', 'Andy', 'Request', 'Such', 'That', 'Patiently', 'Andy', 'And', 'And', 'He', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'Suddenly', 'He', 'His', 'He', 'He', 'H e', 'It', 'In', 'Washington', 'President', 'Kennedy', 'In', 'Liverpool', 'The', 'Beatles', 'British', 'Stateside', 'The', 'Boston', 'Red', 'Sox', 'New', 'Englan d', 'The', 'Mi', 'American', 'League', 'All', 'Norton', 'June', 'Andy', 'If', 'An dy', 'Norton', 'Do', 'That', 'Norton', 'His', 'He', 'Do', 'Norton', 'Not', 'Not', 'Do', 'Well', 'Dufresne', 'If', 'Brooklyn', 'Bridge', 'Do', 'Every', 'But', 'Th e', 'Have', 'Yes', 'Andy', 'But', 'What', 'God', 'Andy', 'With', 'Tommy', 'Williams', 'Tommy', 'Williams', 'He', 'Transferred', 'At', 'Andy', 'He', 'Cashm an', 'Aroostook', 'County', 'The', 'More', 'Tommy', 'Cashman', 'Norton', 'Tommy', 'Elwood', 'Blatch', 'Or', 'Thomaston', 'Route', 'But', 'Andy', 'Why', 'As', 'Nort on', 'Rhode', 'Island', 'They', 'Elwood', 'Blatch', 'He', 'He', 'Andy', 'The', 'S am', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'We', 'Why', 'Andy', 'Ca', 'You', 'So', 'Because', 'Norton', 'Dufresne', 'Shawshank', 'You', 'It', 'That', 'It', 'Why', 'But', 'Andy', 'But', 'Andy', 'But', 'Andy', 'But', 'Andy', 'But', 'Andy', 'But', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'You', 'It', 'That', 'It', 'Why', 'But', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'Ca', 'You', 'So', 'Because', 'Norton', 'Dufresne', 'Shawshank', 'You', 'It', 'That', 'It', 'It', 'Why', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'Norton d', 'Over', 'Now', 'Okay', 'But', 'Norton', 'The', 'It', 'Get', 'Block', 'Warde n', 'Norton', 'You', 'Thirt', 'Bread', 'Another', 'And', 'And', 'Very', 'You', 'You', 'Hilton', 'Cellblock', 'Fi', 'You', 'Clear', 'Time', 'But', 'Andy', 'Dufresn e', 'He', 'That', 'He', 'Warden', 'Norton', 'Nineteen', 'When', 'The', 'He', 'And y', 'Nonetheless', 'When', 'He', 'Schists', 'Funny', 'Various', 'Andy', 'Andy', 'He', 'There', 'So', 'If', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'But', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'H e', 'Andy', 'Andy', 'That', 'It', 'Andy', 'His', 'He', 'Andy', 'Raquel', 'But', 'Others', 'Who', 'So', 'Warden', 'Norton', 'His', 'World', 'Series', 'That', 'Re d', 'Sox', 'Las', 'Vegas', 'When', 'American', 'League', 'Th', 'Dead', 'Sox', 'Bu t', 'Every', 'Red', 'Sox', 'There', 'Sox', 'Cleveland', 'Rico', 'Petrocelli', 'Lo nborg', 'Series', 'It', 'Norton', 'He', 'But', 'Andy', 'Neverth', 'Series', 'He', 'Octobe', 'World', 'Series', 'It', 'Sun', 'Frisbee', 'Others', 'Visitors', 'Hall', 'Andy', 'Indian', 'It', 'Hello', 'Red', 'Come', 'You', 'It', 'Thank', 'He', 'Big', 'Next', 'Sixt', 'Shawshank', 'State', 'Prison', 'Think', 'Sure', 'When', 'He', 'Feels', 'He', 'When', 'Andy', 'He', 'You', 'Zihuatanejo', 'Down', 'Mexic o', 'It', 'Playa', 'Azul', 'Mexico', 'Highway', 'It', 'Acapulco', 'Pacific', 'Oce an', 'You', 'Mexicans', 'Pacific', 'They', 'And', 'Red', 'In', 'He', 'Zihuatanej o', 'Six', 'There', 'It', 'It', 'And', 'Your', 'He', 'That', 'Sometimes', 'Red', 'What', 'There', 'Andy', 'Suppose', 'Red', 'And', 'One', 'The', 'No', 'Rembrandt s', 'Degas', 'Grant', 'Woods', 'Bentons', 'Furthermo', 'God', 'And', 'That', 'Th e', 'If', 'This', 'Are', 'Yes', 'Portland', 'He', 'Andy', 'Linda', 'Not', 'We', 'He', 'When', 'Rembrandts', 'Declared', 'Did', 'Did', 'Red', 'You', 'God', 'And', 'Got', 'But', 'Yeah', 'But', 'Shawshank', 'It', 'Outside', 'Red', 'He', 'Social', 'Security', 'Maine', 'He', 'Name', 'Peter', 'Stevens', 'Nice', 'Who', 'You', 'N o', 'My', 'Jim', 'He', 'He', 'But', 'All', 'He', 'Andy', 'We', 'France', 'German y', 'He', 'He', 'Peter', 'Stevens', 'He', 'Today', 'Think', 'Peter', 'Steve ns', 'If', 'Rolls', 'His', 'They', 'It', 'The', 'It', 'But', 'Warden', 'Norton', 'When', 'For', 'Clarence', 'Darrow', 'Why', 'Andy', 'Christ', 'You', 'He', 'It', 'Williams', 'Cashm', 'You', 'Blatch', 'Norton', 'Why', 'Andy', 'Because', 'If', 'Peter', 'Stevens', 'My', 'Jim', 'Jim', 'You', 'For', 'Andy', 'In', 'And', 'And y', 'It', 'Red', 'There', 'Buxton', 'You', 'Buxton', 'It', 'Scarborough', 'That', 'And', 'Robert', 'Frost', 'And', 'Maine', 'It', 'My', 'Jim', 'There', 'Th', 'Port land', 'Casco', 'Bank', 'When', 'Jim', 'Alon', 'Andy', 'Not', 'There', 'But', 'Ji m', 'The', 'Peter', 'St', 'Jim', 'Casco', 'Stevens', 'Peter', 'Stevens', 'His', 'Social', 'Security', 'The', 'Jim', 'His', 'Peter', 'Stevens', 'Bank', 'Portlan d', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'Shawshan', 'Tit', 'And', 'Buxton', 'Told', 'Buxton', 'Bu rying', 'Jesus', 'Christ', 'Andy', 'He', 'So', 'Western', 'But', 'It', 'But', 'St ate', 'Norton', 'Zihuatanejo', 'That', 'Red', 'Glenn', 'Quentin', 'To', 'He', 'Yo u', 'Red', 'And', 'In', 'But', 'Out', 'Yellow', 'Pages', 'In', 'Yellow', 'Pages', 'Or', 'You', 'You', 'Hell', 'But', 'And', 'Andy', 'He', 'You', 'And', 'And', 'And y', 'He', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'After', 'Andy', 'What', 'But', 'The', 'Andy', 'I

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In [ ]: from collections import Counter
        undesired_words = {"He", "The", "It", "And", "But", "You", "That", "If", "In", "
        filtered_names = [name for name in potential_names if name not in undesired_word
        name_counts = Counter(filtered_names)
        top_names = name_counts.most_common(10)
        print("Top 10 most common names (excluding undesired words):")
        for name, count in top_names:
            print(f"{name}: {count} times")
       Top 10 most common names (excluding undesired words):
       Andy: 319 times
       Norton: 77 times
       Dufresne: 67 times
       There: 55 times
       They: 49 times
       Hadley: 48 times
       Shawshank: 45 times
       Tommy: 36 times
       Quentin: 30 times
       Rita: 25 times
In [ ]: from nltk.corpus import stopwords
        stop_words = set(stopwords.words('english'))
        filtered_names = [name for name in potential_names if name.lower() not in stop_w
        print("Filtered names:", filtered_names)
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y', 'Lost', 'Weekend', 'Andy', 'Rita', 'Haywort', 'Trojans', 'Rita', 'Betty', 'Gr able', 'Rita', 'Rita', 'Take', 'Ray', 'Milland', 'Maybe', 'Furthermore', 'Bogs', 'Rooster', 'Posters', 'Jimi', 'Hendrix', 'Bob', 'Dylan', 'Easy', 'Rider', 'Andy', 'Rita', 'Hayworths', 'Rita', 'Rita', 'Hayworth', 'Woman', 'Heat', 'Sure', 'Live', 'Rita', 'Hayworth', 'Rita', 'Hayworth', 'Ava', 'Gardner', 'Adam', 'Ernie', 'And y', 'Ernie', 'Andy', 'Thanks', 'Rita', 'Andy', 'Well', 'Also', 'Andy', 'B ogs', 'Diamond', 'Andy', 'Looking', 'Five', 'Rita', 'Ernie', 'Dufresne', 'Thank s', 'Ernie', 'Cam', 'Hours', 'First', 'Looking', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'May', 'Ma y', 'Nine', 'Four', 'Dickie', 'Betts', 'Spill', 'May', 'One', 'Byron', 'Hadley', 'Shawshank', 'Longer', 'Yankee', 'George', 'Dunahy', 'New', 'England', 'Light', 'Side', 'Press', 'Sept', 'Maine', 'George', 'Dunahy', 'Byron', 'Hadley', 'Greg', 'Stammas', 'Hadley', 'Stammas', 'Dunahy', 'Greg', 'Stammas', 'Stammas', 'Shawshan k', 'Dunahy', 'Greg', 'Stammas', 'Byron', 'Hadley', 'George', 'Stammas', 'Hadl', 'Hadley', 'Mert', 'Entwhistle', 'Hadley', 'State', 'Others', 'Byron', 'Hadley', 'May', 'Byron', 'Hadley', 'Forever', 'Mert', 'Entwhistle', 'Mert', 'Texas', 'Aust in', 'Hadley', 'Hadley', 'Maine', 'Like', 'Byron', 'Hadley', 'Mert', 'Ol d', 'Entwhistle', 'Byron', 'Chrissake', 'Byron', 'Uncle', 'Sam', 'Christ', 'And
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ufresne', 'Samuel', 'Norto', 'Mathers', 'Cotton', 'Increase', 'Sam', 'Baptist', 'Advent', 'Church', 'Eliot', 'New', 'Testament', 'Bible', 'Sam', 'Norton', 'Greg', 'Stammas', 'Norton', 'Solitary', 'Men', 'Sam', 'Norton', 'Sam', 'Norton', 'An dy', 'Andy', 'Warden', 'Norton', 'Newsweek', 'Norton', 'Rotary', 'Kiwanis', 'Ne w', 'England', 'Newsweek', 'Kiwanians', 'Loyal', 'Order', 'Moose', 'Norton', 'Nor ton', 'Norton', 'Sam', 'Norton', 'Testaments', 'Shawshank', 'Norton', 'Thunderbir d', 'Massachusetts', 'Anyway', 'God', 'Norton', 'Puritan', 'God', 'Andy', 'Dufres ne', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'Grolier', 'Encyclopedias', 'Scholasti', 'Achievement', 'Tests', 'Erle', 'Stanley', 'Gardner s', 'Loui', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'Shawshank', 'State', 'Prison', 'See', 'Unt i', 'Tommy', 'Williams', 'Tommy', 'Williams', 'Shawshank', 'November', 'Tommy', 'Massachusetts', 'New', 'En', 'Tommy', 'Williams', 'Andy', 'Tommy', 'And y', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'Andy', 'Quite', 'Tommy', 'Charlie', 'Lathrop', 'Dufresne', 'Tommy', 'Eliot', 'Nursing', 'Home', 'Tommy', 'Charlie', 'Tommy', 'Wi lliams', 'Lathrop', 'Homer', 'Jessup', 'Tommy', 'Charlie', 'Homer', 'Quentin', 'C harlie', 'Glenn', 'Quenti', 'Something', 'Homer', 'Jessup', 'Get', 'Get', 'Get', 'Glenn', 'Quentin', 'God', 'Tommy', 'Williams', 'Homer', 'Jessup', 'Tommy', 'Sa m', 'Norton', 'Plus', 'February', 'Tommy', 'Williams', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'Rit a', 'Hayworth', 'Trojans', 'Andy', 'Billy', 'Hanlon', 'Warden', 'Norton', 'Harr y', 'Truman', 'President', 'Tommy', 'Hope', 'Williams', 'Four', 'Tommy', 'William s', 'Rhode', 'Island', 'Tommy', 'Eleven', 'Tommy', 'Elwood', 'Blatch', 'Blatch', 'Tommy', 'Th', 'One', 'El', 'Blatch', 'Never', 'Big', 'Jeez', 'According', 'Red', 'Quentin', 'El', 'Blatch', 'People', 'Like', 'Smith', 'Wesson', 'Police', 'Specia l', 'Johnny', 'Callahan', 'El', 'Blat', 'Like', 'Tommy', 'Maybe', 'New', 'Englan d', 'Dufresne', 'Smith', 'Jones', 'Frogs', 'Dufre', 'Lavesque', 'Ouelette', 'Poul in', 'Frog', 'Glenn', 'Quentin', 'El', 'El', 'Maybe', 'Anyway', 'El', 'Quentin', 'Shawshank', 'State', 'Prison', 'Holy', 'Christ', 'Andy', 'Elwood', 'Tommy', 'And y', 'Andy', 'Blatch', 'Tommy', 'Blatch', 'Tommy', 'Andy', 'Blatch', 'Tommy', 'Wil liams', 'Tomm', 'Quentin', 'Andy', 'First', 'Second', 'Blatch', 'Maybe', 'Third', 'Elwood', 'Blatches', 'Hope', 'Diamond', 'Timex', 'Tommy', 'Andy', 'Blatch', 'Que ntin', 'Quentin', 'Quentin', 'Well', 'Andy', 'Andy', 'Tommy', 'Elwood', 'Andy', 'Either', 'Briggs', 'Andy', 'Warden', 'Norton', 'Administration', 'Wing', 'Cheste r', 'Marshal', 'Dillon', 'Ch', 'Chester', 'Good', 'Dufresne', 'Warden', 'Andy', 'Chester', 'Andy', 'Warden', 'Well', 'Psa', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'Tommy', 'William s', 'Tommy', 'Norton', 'Governor', 'Reed', 'Yes', 'Dufresne', 'Sir', 'Chester', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'Byron', 'Hadley', 'Well', 'Norton', 'Williams', 'Quite', 'Qu ite', 'Andy', 'Tommy', 'Tommy', 'Well', 'Norton', 'Phrases', 'Sir', 'Norton', 'Fa lmouth', 'Hills', 'Country', 'Club', 'Andy', 'Anyway', 'Norton', 'Elwood', 'Blatc h', 'Andy', 'Blatch', 'Thomas', 'Rhode', 'Island', 'Excellent', 'Williams', 'Tomm y', 'Even', 'Andy', 'Yes', 'Dufresne', 'Blatch', 'Rhode', 'Island', 'State', 'Pen itentiary', 'Andy', 'Ches', 'Obtuse', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'Andy', 'Briggs', 'Blat ch', 'Tommy', 'Blatch', 'Briggs', 'Blatch', 'Guard', 'Guard', 'Take', 'Andy', 'Ch ester', 'Tom', 'Listen', 'Solitary', 'Warden', 'Norton', 'Bread', 'Andy', 'Cheste r', 'Twenty', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'Shawshank', 'Maine', 'Province', 'Sunday', 'Durh am', 'Boy', 'Sabbath', 'Jolly', 'Province', 'Maine', 'Shawshank', 'Solitary', 'Wi ng', 'Things', 'Solitary', 'Wing', 'Like', 'Big', 'Twenty', 'Thirty', 'Sometime s', 'Andy', 'Request', 'Patiently', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'Suddenly', 'Wash ington', 'President', 'Kennedy', 'Liverpool', 'Beatles', 'British', 'Stateside', 'Boston', 'Red', 'Sox', 'New', 'England', 'Mi', 'American', 'League', 'Norton', 'June', 'Andy', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'Norton', 'Well', 'Dufresne', 'Brookl yn', 'Bridge', 'Every', 'Yes', 'Andy', 'God', 'Andy', 'Tommy', 'Williams', 'Tomm y', 'Williams', 'Transferred', 'Andy', 'Cashman', 'Aroostook', 'County', 'Tommy', 'Cashman', 'Norton', 'Tommy', 'Elwood', 'Blatch', 'Thomaston', 'Route', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'Rhode', 'Island', 'Elwood', 'Blatch', 'Andy', 'Sam', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'Andy', 'Ca', 'Norton', 'Dufresne', 'Shawshank', 'Okay', 'Norton', 'Get', 'Bloc k', 'Warden', 'Norton', 'Thirt', 'Bread', 'Another', 'Hilton', 'Cellblock', 'Fi', 'Clear', 'Time', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'Warden', 'Norton', 'Nineteen', 'Andy', 'Non etheless', 'Schists', 'Funny', 'Various', 'Andy', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'And y', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'Andy', 'Andy', 'Andy', 'Raquel', 'Others', 'Warde n', 'Norton', 'World', 'Series', 'Red', 'Sox', 'Las', 'Vegas', 'American', 'Leagu

e', 'Th', 'Dead', 'Sox', 'Every', 'Red', 'Sox', 'Sox', 'Cleveland', 'Rico', 'Petr ocelli', 'Lonborg', 'Series', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'Neverth', 'Series', 'Octobe', 'W orld', 'Series', 'Sun', 'Frisbee', 'Others', 'Visitors', 'Hall', 'Andy', 'India n', 'Hello', 'Red', 'Come', 'Thank', 'Big', 'Next', 'Sixt', 'Shawshank', 'State', 'Prison', 'Think', 'Sure', 'Feels', 'Andy', 'Zihuatanejo', 'Mexico', 'Playa', 'Az ul', 'Mexico', 'Highway', 'Acapulco', 'Pacific', 'Ocean', 'Mexicans', 'Pacific', 'Red', 'Zihuatanejo', 'Six', 'Sometimes', 'Red', 'Andy', 'Suppose', 'Red', 'One', 'Rembrandts', 'Degas', 'Grant', 'Woods', 'Bentons', 'Furthermo', 'God', 'Yes', 'P ortland', 'Andy', 'Linda', 'Rembrandts', 'Declared', 'Red', 'God', 'Got', 'Yeah', 'Shawshank', 'Outside', 'Red', 'Social', 'Security', 'Maine', 'Name', 'Peter', 'S tevens', 'Nice', 'Jim', 'Andy', 'France', 'Germany', 'Peter', 'Stevens', 'Today', 'Think', 'Peter', 'Stevens', 'Rolls', 'Warden', 'Norton', 'Clarence', 'Darrow', 'Andy', 'Christ', 'Williams', 'Cashm', 'Blatch', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'Peter', 'Stev ens', 'Jim', 'Jim', 'Andy', 'Red', 'Buxton', 'Buxton', 'Scarborough', 'Ro bert', 'Frost', 'Maine', 'Jim', 'Th', 'Portland', 'Casco', 'Bank', 'Jim', 'Alon', 'Andy', 'Jim', 'Peter', 'St', 'Jim', 'Casco', 'Stevens', 'Peter', 'Stevens', 'Soc ial', 'Security', 'Jim', 'Peter', 'Stevens', 'Bank', 'Portland', 'Andy', 'Dufresn e', 'Shawshan', 'Tit', 'Buxton', 'Told', 'Buxton', 'Burying', 'Jesus', 'Christ', 'Andy', 'Western', 'State', 'Norton', 'Zihuatanejo', 'Red', 'Glenn', 'Quentin', 'Red', 'Yellow', 'Pages', 'Yellow', 'Pages', 'Hell', 'Andy', 'Andy', 'Duf resne', 'Andy', 'Andy', 'Sur', 'Shawshank', 'Cons', 'Highway', 'Highway', 'Cons', 'Shaws', 'Canon', 'City', 'Warden', 'Norton', 'Drop', 'Boston', 'Patriots', 'Sabb atus', 'November', 'Henry', 'Pugh', 'Pugh', 'Two', 'Lisbon', 'Falls', 'Sid', 'N e', 'Sid', 'Saturday', 'Sid', 'Route', 'Friday', 'Sid', 'Nedeau', 'Sid', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'Sid', 'Nedeau', 'Andy', 'Co', 'Sid', 'Nedeau', 'Andy', 'Sid', 'Nedea u', 'Sabbatus', 'Irish', 'Sweepstakes', 'Purely', 'Andy', 'Maybe', 'Henley', 'Bac kus', 'Shawshank', 'Escapes', 'Shank', 'Beaver', 'Morrison', 'Modern', 'Boy', 'Gu ide', 'Fan', 'Adven', 'Beaver', 'Henley', 'Shawshank', 'Henley', 'Really', 'Fou r', 'Henley', 'Shawshank', 'Club', 'Wh', 'Henley', 'Shank', 'Administration', 'Wi ng', 'Maine', 'Two', 'October', 'Andy', 'Zihuatanejo', 'Putting', 'Henley', 'Te n', 'Shank', 'Back', 'Andy', 'Pacific', 'Scare', 'Anyhow', 'Mexico', 'Peter', 'Stevens', 'Andy', 'God', 'Wa', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'Nobody', 'Andy', 'Warden', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'Nor on', 'Andy', 'Sid', 'Nedeau', 'Buxton', 'Shawshank', 'Anything', 'Norton', 'Mayb e', 'Tomm', 'Williams', 'Maybe', 'Mississippi', 'Williams', 'Andy', 'Every', 'And y', 'Apparently', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'Shawshank', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'Zihuatane jo', 'Mexico', 'Peter', 'Stevens', 'Probably', 'Lord', 'March', 'Cellblock', 'Sun day', 'Sunday', 'Instead', 'Captain', 'Guards', 'Cellblock', 'Captain', 'Guards', 'Gonyar', 'Dave', 'Burkes', 'Cellblock', 'Gonyar', 'Burkes', 'Cell', 'Gonyar', 'C ellblock', 'Cell', 'Burkes', 'Shut', 'Burkie', 'Gonyar', 'Shut', 'Burkes', 'Gonya r', 'Andrew', 'Dufresne', 'Everything', 'Shawshank', 'Gonyar', 'Scarb', 'Rocks', 'Linda', 'Ronstadt', 'Warden', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'Chester', 'Admin', 'Wing', 'Rec ords', 'Files', 'Rich', 'Gonyar', 'Gonyar', 'Something', 'Gonyar', 'Norton', 'Loo k', 'Last', 'Cellblock', 'Five', 'Every', 'Dufresne', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'Cellbloc k', 'Andy', 'One', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'Probably', 'Andy', 'Andy', 'Rocks', 'Rock s', 'Norton', 'Gonyar', 'Norton', 'Linda', 'Ronstadt', 'Linda', 'California', 'No rton', 'Baptist', 'Watching', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'Wretched', 'Gonyar', 'Norton', 'God', 'Norton', 'Rich', 'Gonyar', 'Gonyar', 'Norton', 'Frenchman', 'New', 'Eng l', 'Gonyar', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'Norton', 'Rich', 'Gonyar', 'Warden', 'Samuel', 'Norton', 'God', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'Linda', 'Ronstadt', 'Ror y', 'Tremont', 'Maybe', 'Bronze', 'Star', 'Norton', 'Andy', 'God', 'Tremont', 'Go nyar', 'Tremont', 'Something', 'Warden', 'Never', 'Keep', 'Tremont', 'Warden', 'N ever', 'Norton', 'Dolorously', 'Tremont', 'Smells', 'Oh', 'God', 'God', 'Gawwww d', 'Rory', 'Tremont', 'Well', 'God', 'Get', 'Warden', 'Norton', 'Tremont', 'Nort on', 'Get', 'Well', 'Rory', 'Tremont', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'Maybe', 'Andy', 'Dufr esne', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'Pacific', 'Rory', 'Tremon', 'Trem ont', 'Cellblock', 'Tremont', 'Andy', 'Tremont', 'Rory', 'Tremont', 'Trem ont', 'Andy', 'Andy', 'Maybe', 'Andy', 'Cellblock', 'Shawshank', 'August', 'Fiv e', 'Maybe', 'Two', 'Three', 'Warden', 'Norton', 'Gonyar', 'Norton', 'Sam', 'Nort on', 'Eliot', 'Baptist', 'Sunday', 'Andy', 'Dufresne', 'Sam', 'Normaden', 'India

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In [ ]: name_counts = Counter(filtered_names)
        top_names = name_counts.most_common(10)
        print("Top 10 most common names:")
        for name, count in top_names:
            print(f"{name}: {count}")
       Top 10 most common names:
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Andy: 319

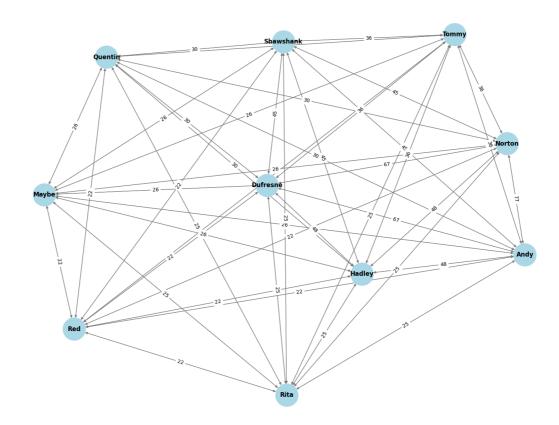
Norton: 77 Dufresne: 67 Hadley: 48 Shawshank: 45 Tommy: 36 Quentin: 30 Maybe: 26 Rita: 25 Red: 22

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In [ ]: import networkx as nx
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        top_names = {
             "Andy": 319,
             "Norton": 77,
             "Dufresne": 67,
             "Hadley": 48,
             "Shawshank": 45,
             "Tommy": 36,
             "Quentin": 30,
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"Maybe": 26,
    "Rita": 25,
    "Red": 22
}
G = nx.DiGraph()
for name, freq in top_names.items():
    G.add_node(name, frequency=freq)
for name1, freq1 in top_names.items():
    for name2, freq2 in top_names.items():
        if name1 != name2:
            weight = min(freq1, freq2)
            G.add_edge(name1, name2, weight=weight)
plt.figure(figsize=(16, 12))
plt.figure(figsize=(16, 12))
pos = nx.spring_layout(G)
nx.draw(G, pos, with_labels=True, node_size=2000, node_color="lightblue", font_s
edge_labels = nx.get_edge_attributes(G, 'weight')
nx.draw_networkx_edge_labels(G, pos, edge_labels=edge_labels)
plt.title("Character Network Graph based on Interaction Frequency")
plt.show()
```

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Character Network Graph based on Interaction Frequency



```
("Maybe", "Rita"), ("Maybe", "Red")]
weight_dict = defaultdict(int)
for interaction in interactions:
   weight dict[interaction] += 1
max_weight = max(weight_dict.values())
edge_colors = ['red' if weight == max_weight else 'gray' for weight in weight_di
G = nx.Graph()
for interaction, weight in weight_dict.items():
   G.add_edge(interaction[0], interaction[1], weight=weight)
pos = nx.spring_layout(G)
plt.figure(figsize=(16, 12))
nx.draw(G, pos, with_labels=True, node_size=2000, node_color="lightblue", font_s
edge_labels = nx.get_edge_attributes(G, 'weight')
nx.draw_networkx_edge_labels(G, pos, edge_labels=edge_labels)
plt.title("Character Network Graph with Highlighted Greatest Number for Each Int
plt.show()
```

Character Network Graph with Highlighted Greatest Number for Each Interaction

