

## **American Gangster**

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Frank Lucas: You wanna know what normal is to me? I haven't seen normal since I was six years old. When I was 6, I saw two cops take a friend of mine outside and tie him to a pole. He was 12 years old and they shoved two shotguns into his mouth and broke his fucking teeth off, and then they popped two shotgun shells into his mouth and blew his fucking head off. That's what normal is to me, Richie. I don't give a fuck... (knocks coffee cup off table) I didn't give a fuck about no police, then! I don't give a fuck about no police now! You ain't no different to me, Richie. So it don't mean nothing to me for you to show up tomorrow with your head blown off. You understand what I'm saying?