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Thematically, the episode centers on father and son relationships; on how the sins of the former become the business of the latter. Nucky and Jimmy's surrogate father-son dynamic is all but obliterated, and Jimmy may be just starting to realize how much of an opportunist his father, The Commodore, is. (The Commodore only became interested in Jimmy when he realized he could use his son as a wrecking ball against Nucky's operation.)

All of this comes to a head late in the episode, when "Maid" gives the series one of its best scenes: Nucky, fresh from jail, confronts The Commodore and Jimmy at dinner. The gloves are off as Nucky simmers with contempt, vocally laying into his enemies. Nucky gets the last word in with Jimmy, by delivering an intentional below-the-belt remark regarding how The Commodore and Jimmy's mother met. ("He didn't even know her name. He just picked the one he wanted. The rest, was understood.")

"Maaaake Ouuuut!"

If only the entire episode ran as strong as this one scene. Too much time is spent filling out what pregnant Lucy (Paz de la Huerta) is up to while Van Alden keeps her locked in a room. While I can appreciate the dramatic need to flesh out the supporting characters of world as rich as Boardwalk's, I just don't care enough about Lucy's plight to spend a B-story's worth of time to do it.

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