

Nuts and Bolts: Stories from New Britain Manufacturing
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Vignette on David Honyotski

Working at MM Hardware, a division of Rushford and Corbin, calls for a lot of work which is exactly what David Honyotski had to endure. David's role of a superintendent consisted of making sure that the workers produced enough "numbers", of door locks, to be shipped out to the buyers. As much as he loved his job, there were always times when he just needed a good kick in the butt to keep his spirits up and Johnny Binelli was that man. Johnny was David's boss and the two had a relationship based off of respect. If Johnny were to call up David right now and tell him to run through the wall, David would because of the respect he gives Johnny.

David recounts a moment when he came to work one day in a bad mood and John quickly changed this. His comments of "What the hell are you thinking? You went to college! Now go!" Johnny always made sure David knew how valuable he, and his education, were to the company. By the next day they could walk past each other laughing about the predicament from the day before. "He always had a way of making you feel good. He was very close with everyone else making sure they were okay. He was dedicated to the place, knew how to make everyone work with happiness and would come to work at like 4:30 a.m. to look everything over," says David.