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Chingola Tankhouse

Have you noticed that none of your stickhands
has any teeth? Well, I'm sure they do
put a lot of sugar in their tea, but do you not think
it might be something to do with the job,
poised above tanks,
jabbing spaces between cathodes
while acid fumes hit them in the face?

You're not convinced. Well here it is.
I can be very scientific when I want to be.

*The control group was matched for age, sex, tribal
origin and grade within the company. A Mann
Whitney U-test was carried out and the null hypothesis
was rejected, resulting in the conclusion
that the stickhands have significantly fewer teeth
than the control group. Your attention is drawn
to the Dental Surgeon's report on page 47:*

THESE MEN HAVE NO TEETH

The management has to pay compensation
but I get big white wally smiles
every time I set foot in the tankhouse.

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