"What, have they had a falling-out?"
(you and 00)
internal monologue for Owen:

"Did you see that? I got made eyes at. Who'd have thought (00
and do such a thing) be up to that?"
It isn't like goddamn cheese, it doesn't get better the moldier it is.

Given to Neil, obliquely bringing up how NYKs are getting along.
Easy said.
in

No sense pussyfooting around it. (Gwen going to Neil a hour he 6 P m are getting along.)
True, though not true enough.
the first sliver of apprehension

That was the first sliver of apprehension.
The old usual questions, we mint them for ourselves each generation as if short of coin...

experience
00 didn't want any of this.
She looks at him (as if/like) he hung the moon.
She thinks he hung the moon.
The wiring of the mind.

(Owen wonders, in conjunction with the power hookups, boosters etc., done for his dredging layout.)