

Script Analysis of Gruesome Playground Injuries

Character Analysis: Doug

Super-objective: To convince Kayleen to let him heal her to fulfill his romanticized notion of loving her.

Domestic Situation

- Marriage
 - Members of the community (Cleveland) value the ability to leave a marriage, but no do value those who use it. Doug aligns with this value.
 - You're not the first groom to get cold feet." (Kayleen, 22)
 - Members of the community do not value waiting until marriage to live together. Doug aligns with this value.
 - You think we could get out of here? You think we could just pry ourselves out of everything? Go somewhere else? (Doug, 31)
 - Doug values romanticism: finding people, inability to be alone, healing each other.
 - I didn't want to be alone. (Doug, 11)
 - I think about that all the time. I always think about it. (Doug, 13)
 - *Doug stares at her, transfixed as she does this. (10)*
 - But you have the funeral tomorrow and everything. You should go home. Take a bath. Get some rest. (Doug, 13)
 - Let's dance. (Doug, 13)
 - I'm not someone else. I'm you. (Doug, 27)
 - I came back in the summers and Christmas. I tried to find you. I tried to look you up, but I couldn't find you. (Doug, 33)
 - I think I'm home now. (Doug, 34)
 - Sometimes I'd just imagine you were there, you know, I'd imagine you were there and I'd start having a conversation with you. Just start talking to you. (Doug, 34)
 - Maybe if I could climb to the top of this telephone pole in the rain at night, like the mast of a ship lost at sea, maybe I'll see the shine of you, bring me home again. (Doug, 38)
- Women
 - Doug values forming idealizations of women.
 - Girls don't get scars. (Doug, 8)
 - You're the prettiest girl I've ever seen. (Doug, 27)
 - That's my life, up there, Leenie. That's my life without you. (Doug, 30-31)
 - You think we could get out of here? You think we could just pry ourselves out of everything? Go somewhere else? (Doug, 31)
 - You don't know me, okay? You think I'm someone, some girl you dreamt up a million years ago. (Kayleen, 35)
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- Doug values taking care of Kayleen.
 - But you have the funeral tomorrow and everything. You should go home. Take a bath. Get some rest. (Doug, 13)
 - You want me to get you some ginger ale? (Doug, 16)
 - The top ten best things anyone's ever done for me have all been done by you. (Kayleen, 22)
 - You're too young! (Doug, 25)
 - I'm going to fucking kill him. (Doug, 26)
 - What could make you stop? (Doug, 26)
 - I wish I could do to you what you do to me. I wish you'd let me. (Doug, 31)
- Children
 - Members of the community (Cleveland) value parents that care for their children. Doug aligns with this value.
 - ...and he's like, She is where she is. *I don't know where the girl is. He said he didn't care and didn't care to know. And I was about to just leave, but I didn't. I didn't and I said to that son of a bitchAnd she loves you because you're her stupid father. But you've never loved her back, you've just damaged her and fucked her up, and never even bothered to notice she's this ANGEL. So FUCK YOU COCKSUCKER. (Doug, 36)*
 - You think I enjoyed that? I hate being in the same room with that guy. (Doug, 34)

Economic Situation

- Profit
 - Members of the community (Cleveland) value insurance. Doug presumably values it based on his time in hospitals.
 - No, I work in insurance now. (Doug, 30)

Social Situation

- Class
 - Doug values showing off his scars.
 - I told them, no, you're just a crackhead dumbass with shit for brains. I told them you'd never commit suicide because you wouldn't have any scars to show off afterwards. (Kayleen, 11)
- Gender
 - Young men value physical feats including sports and sex. Doug aligns with this value.
 - I was playing and this dude on the other team, he was a real agitator. And he kept creeping all over me, he was annoying you know?. (Doug, 16)
 - And he was so grossed out he started to cry. And then I was like, skating all over the place. I scored a goal. We lost, but I still scored a goal. (Doug, 17)
 - I was riding on the handlebars. Todd Scott was riding and I was on the handlebars and we were speeding down the Noble Road hill and my foot got caught in the spokes and I got flipped off the bike.

- Members of the community (Cleveland) do not value athletes for their intelligence. Doug does not align with this value.
 - I'm not stupid. That's really mean, you know? Everyone just thinks just because I'm awesome at sports and I always get hurt that I'm stupid, but I'm not stupid, I'm just brace, that's all. I'm brave. Don't leave. (Doug, 19)

Political Situation

- Power
 - Men value overpowering people in order to get what they want. Doug aligns with this value. Doug also values demeaning others to make himself appear more significant.
 - His name is ass-face. (Doug, 12)
 - I was playing and this dude on the other team, he was a real agitator. And he kept creeping all over me, he was annoying you know?. (Doug, 16)
 - And then that stupid Girl Scout gave me pink eye... What a bunch of little bitches. (Doug, 23)
 - Fuckin' pussy. (Doug, 24)
 - That guy is skeeze central. (Doug, 25)

Moral/ethical situation

- Religious beliefs
 - Doug values believing in angels and miracles.
 - You've got like super powers. Even tonight. When we kissed, you kissed my missing tooth. The gap. And it stopped hurting. (Doug, 14)
 - You raised me from the dead! (Doug, 29)
- Behavior
 - Doug values taking on challenges, regardless of their potential harm.
 - I was playing Evel Knievel. (Doug, 8)
 - I climbed up a tree. (Doug, 9)
 - I hate to tell you this, you stupid fucking genius, but getting up on the roof in the middle of a fucking electrical storm isn't a brilliant fucking move! (Kayleen, 21)
 - I've got a mess of them in my trunk. Killer, too. The Japanese shit. (Doug, 36)
 - Easy to climb up. Not so easy to climb down. Especially in the pouring rain. (Doug, 38)
 - Doug values healing.
 - I like to get stitches... It makes your skin feel tight. (Doug, 9)
 - I know it's probably superstition, but I kind of need it. (Doug, 14)
 - You'll do it. You'll touch it. You'll heal me. The pills only last so long. (Doug, 14)
 - I don't know how, but I remember you, something about you... coming to me, and sinking into me, and giving me breath again. You came and healed me. (Doug, 29)
 - People with intellectual disabilities do not value being called "retarded." Doug aligns with this value.

- You shouldn't say "retarded" That's real rude to retarded people. (Doug, 17)
 - Doug values having a good time.
 - I was rocking out. (Doug, 15)
 - It's fun. (Doug, 16)
 - Let's dance! (Doug, 17)
 - Doug values sharing fun facts (often incorrect) to appear intelligent.
 - Yeah, it's Mexican, you know? (Doug, 16)
 - Doug does not value hygiene or avoiding grossness.
 - *He sits, takes off his shoe, and starts scratching the bottom of his foot vigorously. (18)*
 - *He whips one of his socks at her face. (Doug, 18)*
 - It's because I wash them a lot. You should wash your hands. They are grimy. (Kayleen, 10)
 - And so I made myself throw up a little bit in my mouth? And I spat it on him. (Doug, 16)
 - Our throw up is all mixed together.... So awesome. (Doug, 20)
 - Doug starts kissing his forearm and the crook of his arm, as if to practice. He gets more and more passionate, trying to annoy Kayleen. (19)
- Sexuality
 - Young students at Margaret Mary's value experimenting with kissing. Doug aligns with this value.
 - I danced with her tonight. She kissed Dan Strauss. (Doug, 19)
 - Yeah, she also kissed Ian McGee. (Kayleen, 19)
 - Do you want to practice kissing? (Doug, 19)
 - I'm just saying; I never kissed anyone. And I'm assuming you haven't either. And I'm nervous about doing it, and you probably are too, so why don't we just practice so when we do have our first kiss, we'll know what we're doing. (Doug, 20)
 - Young male students at Margaret Mary's value sex as a means of achievement. Doug aligns with this value.
 - I told you I did have sex. (Doug, 25)
 - I'm going to kiss Erin Marks tonight. (Doug, 19)
 - Young male students at Margaret Mary's value belittling female sexuality. Doug does not align with this value.
 - He threw me down and kicked me and wailed all over me. But I didn't care 'cause I busted his stupid nose. Fuckin' pussy. (Doug, 24)
 - He called you a skank. Dozier did. I was leaving school and he yelled out to me and... him and all those guys were laughing and just...saying all this stuff and... People think they can say things like that about you. (Doug, 26)
 - I think about that all the time. I always think about it. (Doug, 13)