

Discussion Questions for
Better Angel, by Forman Brown

Part One

Chapter 1

How would you describe Kurt? What does he like and dislike?

Chapter 2

What is the significance of Barry and Beany in this chapter? How are Kurt's interactions with these two characters different?

Chapter 3

How does the author characterize Mr. Schantz and Mr. Brill?

Chapter 4

How are Nob and Kurt different, and how do they behave differently in this chapter?

Part Two

Chapter 1

How would you describe Kurt at this point in his life? What is his relationship with Chloe and Derry?

Chapter 2

How does Kurt feel about this relationship with Derry in this chapter?

Chapter 3

Was it a mistake for Kurt to send Derry the letter? Why or why not?

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Chapter 4

Would Kurt be happier with Derry or David? Explain your answer.

Chapter 5

Is Kurt in any way responsible for Chloe's divorce? Why or why not?

Chapter 6

Does Kurt betray Chloe by agreeing to meet with Roy? Should Kurt have obeyed Roy's request? Explain your answer.

Chapter 7

What is the relationship between Kurt, David, and Derry at the end of the chapter?

Part Three

Chapter 1

What is Tony's perspective on sexuality and relationships? How does Kurt's perspective on these matters compare with Tony's?

Chapter 2

What does the Rubins' treatment of Tony and Kurt symbolize? Explain your answer.

Chapter 3

How does Kurt feel shame in this chapter? According to Kurt, what is the relationship between shame and sexuality?

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Chapter 4

What is the meaning of Kurt's agonizing in Paris? Why did the author include this chapter?

Part Four

Chapter 1

What does Kurt see in David that Chloe and Tony do not see? What is your impression of David?

Chapter 2

Why does Chloe dislike David? Is Chloe right about David? Explain your answer.

Chapter 3

Should Kurt accept the job that he is offered? How might this new job affect his relationship with David?

Chapter 4

How does Kurt's stay in Michigan compare with his life in New York? Has Kurt changed? Why or why not?

Chapter 5

How does Derry get arrested? How do Kurt and David respond to his arrest?

Chapters 6 and 7

Do you agree with the way Kurt reacted to the note from Ozzy? Why or why not?

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