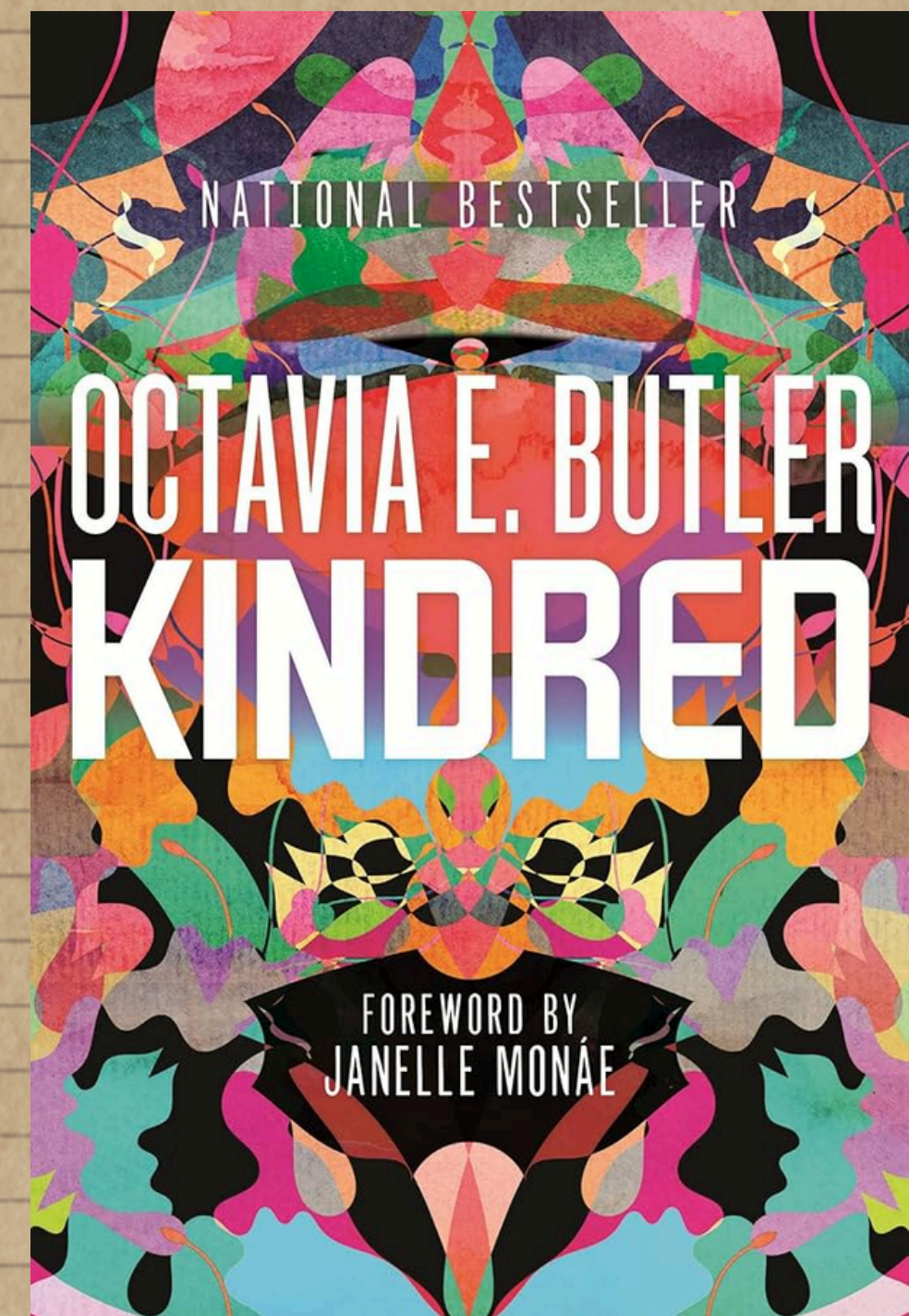
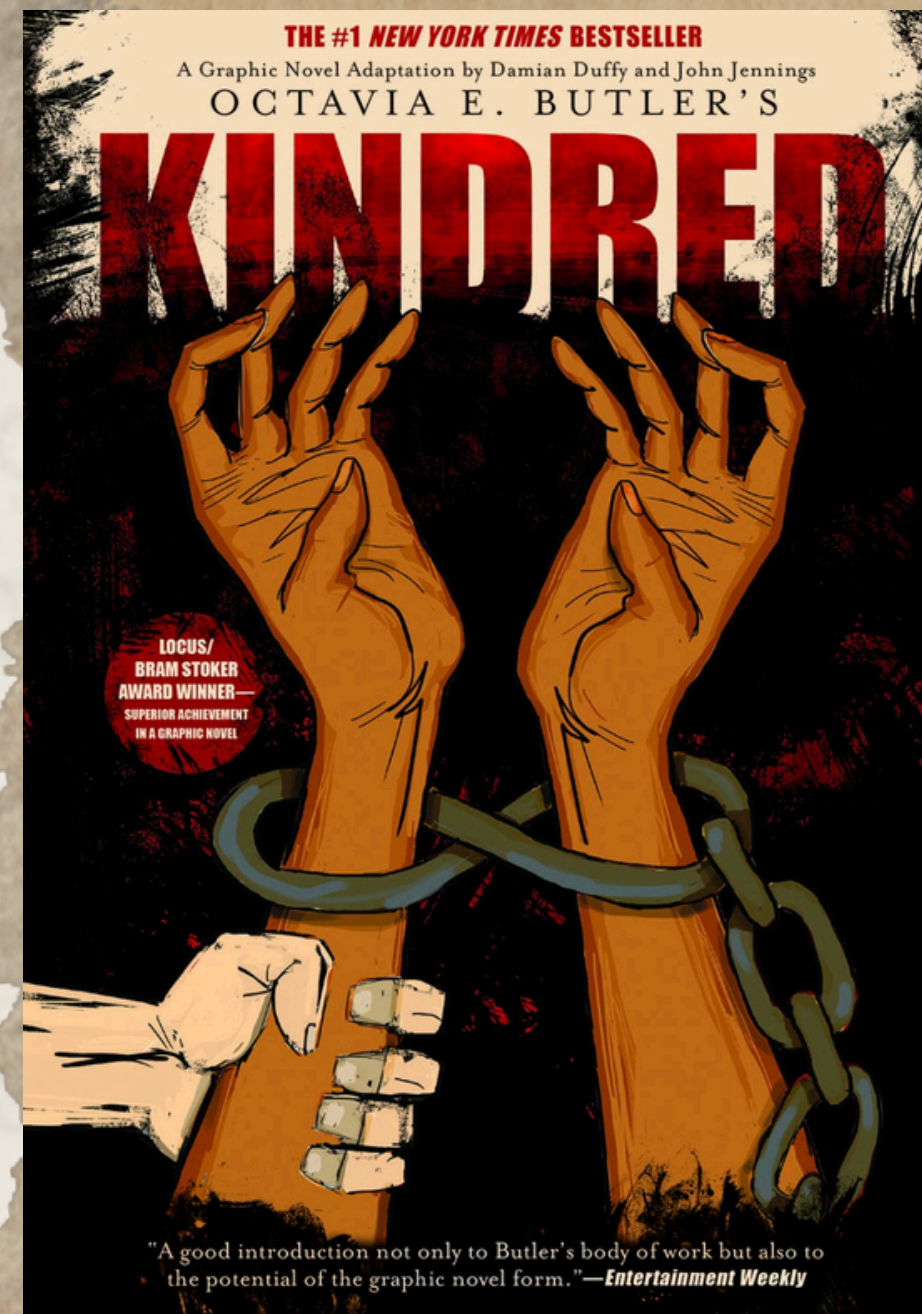
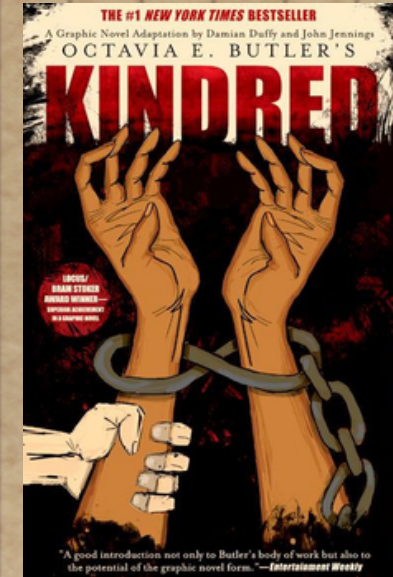


POWER, INFLUENCE, CONSEQUENCE

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KINDRED



The book Kindred by Octavia E. Butler takes place in the Antebellum South. The story is about Dana who is living in CA, who found herself in the state of Maryland in 1815 which was 41 years before the civil war that ended slavery. She discovers that her mission is to keep Rufus, the son of the plantation owner alive because he is one of her ancestors. But Rufus grows up and starts to be like his father, a slave owner, and the book tells the reader how slavery was and how slaves were treated.

QUESTION FOR THE PANEL



- Can a person still be “good” if they work to support an abusive system?



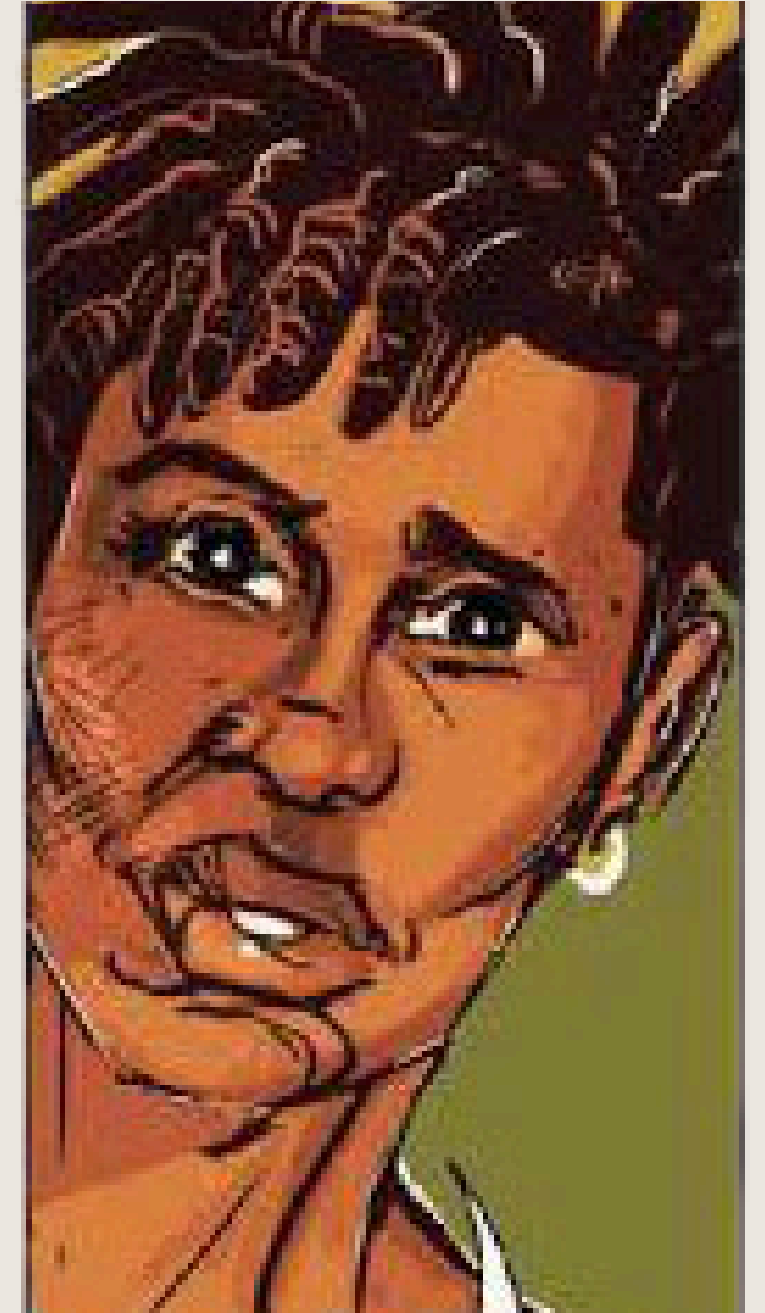
CHARACTERS



RUFUS



DANA



ALICE

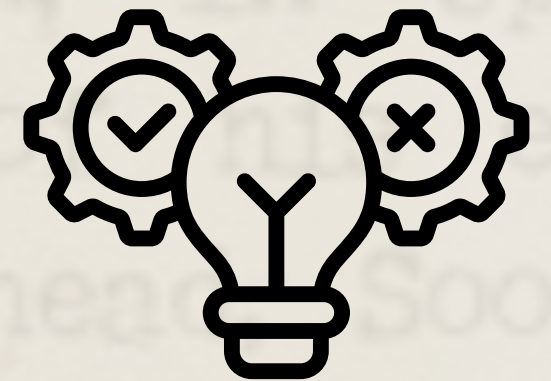
RESEACH QUESTION



Is the abuse of power a product of human nature, or is it created by the society around us?



THESIS



In Kindred, Octavia E. Butler uses imagery, characterization, and setting to demonstrate that the abuse of power is not part of human nature at birth but it is catalyzed and normalized by the society and laws around them.

SOCIETAL INFLUENCE ON CHILDREN



"SHE COOKS AND WASH AND IRON. COME HERE, GAL. LET THE FOLKS SEE YOU. SHE IS YOUNG AND STRONG. SHE WORTH PLENTY OF MONEY. TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS. WHO BID TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS?"

– KINDRED, P.99



- We can see how kids are influenced to behave inhumanly like others in society
- show the effect of society's influence on the beliefs of the slaves' kids
- She uses imagery to create a deep, shocking image

LAWS CORRUPTING RELATIONSHIP

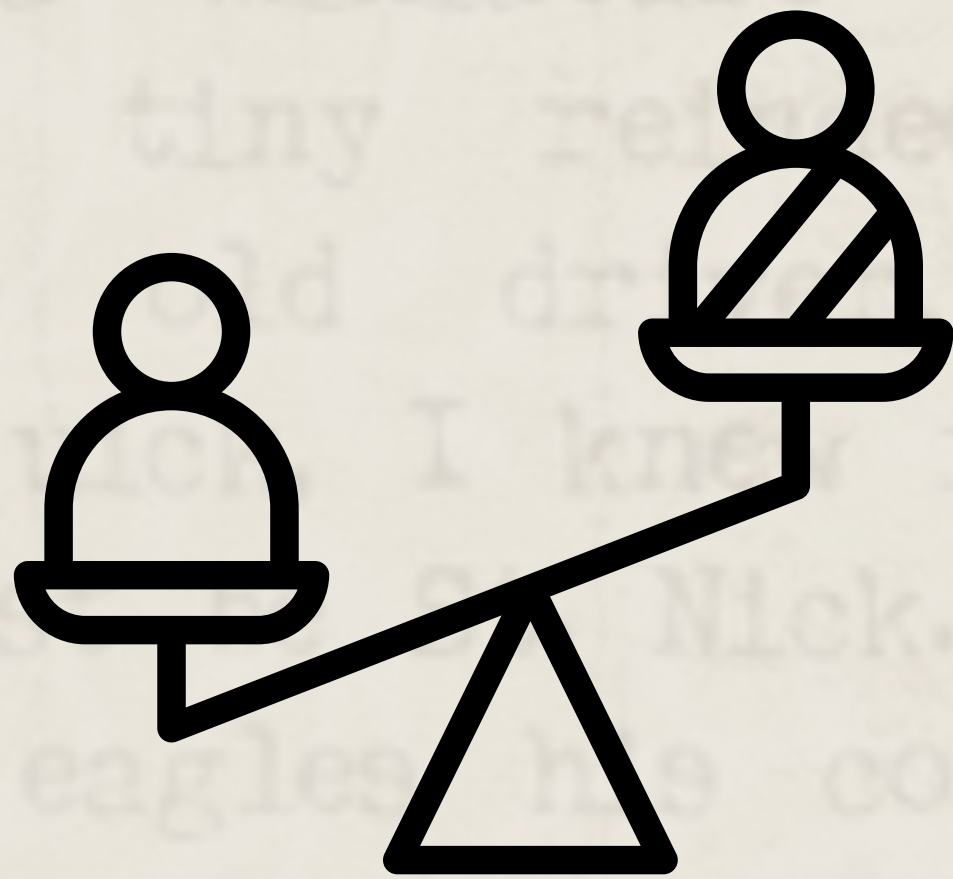
“THE JUDGE WANTED HER SOLD SOUTH-FOR SPITE, I GUESS. I HAD TO PAY NEAR TWICE WHAT SHE’S WORTH TO GET HER. THAT’S ALL THE MONEY I HAD.” (BUTLER, 147)



- Rufus and Alice used to be friend when they were kids and they used to play together.
- Rufus tried to ripped Alice after she married Issac
- Rufus’s relationship with Alice changed from friendship to abusive.
- she uses characterization to show how Rufus's ideas and actions changed when he got olde

INDIVIDUALS VS SOCIETY

"HE COULD GET HELP FROM HIS NEIGHBORS, FROM THE PATROLLERS, PROBABLY EVEN FROM WHATEVER POLICE OFFICIALS THE AREA HAD. HE COULD DO ANYTHING HE WANTED TO ME, AND I HAD NO ENFORCEABLE RIGHTS. NONE AT ALL." (BUTLER, 201)



- **Tom is older and physically weaker than Dana**
- **the area and people around Tom gives him power and he could use them to kill Dana.**
- **She uses Setting : the local community, (patrollers Antebellum south), and government which enforce power**



12 YEARS A SLAVE

**"YAH AIN'T A FREE MAN. YAH NUTHIN' BUT A GEORGIA
RUNAWAY." (12 YEARS A SLAVE)**

- Solomon was free black man who's from NY.
- His freedom papers stolen and is brutally forced into southern slavery.
- Southern structure permitted kidnappers to abuse their power because society blindly accepted a white man's claim over a Black person's life without requiring evidence.



MODERN LIFE CONNECTION

Syria

"Russia's indiscriminate bombing of hospitals, schools and other civilian infrastructure as well as rebel targets in Syria helped turned the tide of the war in Mr. al-Assad's favor nearly a decade ago."

- **In both Kindred and Syria we see that the abusers doesn't rely on them self but they use the power of the society. To enslave people and bomb them.**
- **Assad used the russian air force to kill people in the cities that didn't him as president and they want democracy in thir country.**



The CONCLUSION

**Octavia E. Butler's Kindred proves
that the abuse of power is not
built into human nature at birth it
is a corrupt product of the laws,
institutions, and societies that
allow it to happen**



Thank
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