

director's worksheet

Sunrise

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INT. PUP TENT – NIGHT

David comes in out of the rain after his mishap with the trashbag. David and Michelle argue, resulting in the two of them not speaking to each other, sleeping alone in the tent together.

story

theme: seeing

moral message: warmth comes from within.

David

super-objective: to be respected

story objective: to be seen as a man

scene objective: David wants to be the decision-maker.

relationships with other characters: David is Michelle's husband of three years.

conflict with other characters: David & Michelle's relationship has been strained lately. This attempt to reconnect was initiated and planned by Michelle, and David is determined to take some control of the weekend in order to be the pants-wearer.

inner conflict: David doesn't want to hurt Michelle's feelings, but this is split between his true desire to not hurt her and his personal desire for getting to the more physical part of the evening. David wants to fulfill his wife's expectations regarding the chores and schedule, including in the tent, but constantly being told what to do has been getting on his nerves for weeks.

Michelle

super-objective: to be loved

story objective: to improve her marriage

scene objective: Michelle wants everything to go right tonight to ensure a perfectly romantic evening together.

relationships with other characters: Michelle is David's wife of three years.

conflict with other characters: David & Michelle's relationship has been strained lately. Michelle has initiated and planned this trip as a way of spending time alone and away from their busy suburban schedules, specifically David's work, to which Michelle feels David devotes too much time at the expense of their life at home. David believe it's how he provides for and supports his wife.

inner conflict: Michelle loves her husband but doesn't feel that he loves her in return, at least not in the same ways. she doesn't want to be seen as a nag or uncharming, but she does want to see certain things happen this weekend and has taken steps to ensure intimacy.

scene

verbs within the scene: enters, sits up, undresses, folds her arms, notices, sits, stares, runs his hand through her hair, kisses, smiles, sighs, moves over, rolls away, sleeps