

Daddy's Home

The Taming of the Shrew

The name of the movie that I chose for this essay is Daddy's home. I would like to start off by introducing the main characters who are Brad Whitaker, Sara, Dylan, Megan, and Dusty Maryland. Brad Whitaker struggles to be a good stepfather to his wife's (Sara) two children, Megan and Dylan. He also struggles with his sterile reproductive system. Sara is the wife of Brad and mother of Megan and Dylan. Dylan is the son and Megan is the daughter in the movie that both of the fathers are trying to win their respect over. Dusty Maryon is the actual father of the children who come to supposedly visit the children for a while when in reality he is only visiting so that he could win his children's respect. The respect would allow him to become the only father figure to the children and that is what he desires. Dusty is considered to be "dominant" and "fun" father during the movie while Brad is the considered wimpy and boring father.

There also are two secondary minor characters in the movie who discreetly play a huge impact on the main characters Brad and Dusty. One of them is Griff who is a handyman that Brad hired when he made a hole in his family's house. Griff became a good friend of Dusty's after he met him in a bar after Griff was fired by Brad and they immediately became friends after finding out each other's dislike for Brad. Griff then stays at the family's house with Brad because he needs a place to stay and becomes a family friend. The other character is Leo Holt who impacts Brad's decision throughout the plot. Leo Holt is Brad's boss at the radio station and during the movie Leo gives advice to Brad about Dusty.

The play the Taming of the Shrew and the film Daddy's Home proves that gaining either a romantic or parental relationship may have different features even though they share the similar acts to gain the relationship.

"For I am he born to tame you, Kate, And bring you from a wild Kate to Kate Comfortable as other household Kates."

(PETRUCHIO- Act 2, Scene 1- Line 291 to 293)

In this quote, Petruchio describes how he is going to transform Kate to a person to a person who

is accepting to him and is respectful. This will allow him to gain that romantic relationship due to the fact the thought of having a romantic relation to her will become a norm. By transforming Kate, Petruchio will achieve exactly what he desires which is the romantic relationship which Kate.

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The character in the movie who is Dusty in the movie happens to be giving a rant like talk to Brad about he how he will gain the father like relationship his children will have even though he was not around for them when they were younger. During this talk Dusty speaks in a demanding and aggressive tone with a mindset that he will gain the type of relationship with his children. This quote can easily be compared to the situation that is going on with Kate and Petruchio because they both desperately want to gain the relationships that they desire.

"The poorest service is repaid with thanks, And so shall mine, before you touch the meat."

Petruchio (Act 4, Scene 3, Line 45)

In this quote, Petruchio states that the worst way to show thanks is to state it verbally. He begins to direct her on how he wants her to act. He does this by depriving her of necessities in life. Petruchio

keeps Katherine from eating any food and getting any rest.

The plotting suitor finds himself in a complete situation in the movie, even though he is trying to get trying to achieve a desired relationship just like Petruchio.



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One of the main characters in the movie, Brad is at a point where he cannot verbally form a relationship with his children so he tries to bribe them. During this scene Brad gives Megan and Dylan Christmas in April and gives them a lot of presents. Brad does this because he does not seem to gain respect from his children by acting like a "normal" father so he gets them what any other child would like, presents. By giving them the presents he hopes that they would get his respect which would start a nice parental relationship. This quote can easily be contrasted to the situation that is going on how Petruchio is trying to win a relationship with Kate because that are both trying to gain the relationships that they desire but in opposite ways. Brad is trying to gain his relationship by giving and is trying to gain his relationship by preventing Kate on what she needs and wants.

In the end of the of the movie, Brad ends up getting the respect from Dylan and Megan which leads him to gain a father like relationship. Although, Dusty does not end up being to only father like relationship to the children, the children get to know him better and develop a better relationship. Similar to Daddy's Home at the end of Taming of the Shrew Petruchio claims Kate as his wife and he got the relationships that he desired. Both of these plays and movies end up proving that romantic or parental relationship may have different feature even though they share the similar acts

to gain the relationship.