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### Huck Finn Copes by Sleeping

Earnest Hemmingway notes, "I love sleep. My life has the tendency to fall apart when I'm awake, you know?" Hemmingway indicates that sleep is a place of safety for him and this realization is one that the character Huck Finn would strongly relate to. In the *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Huck Finn's body and mind allow sleep to overtake him at crucial moments; when one would think that sleep would be an impossible task. Huck Finn involuntarily implements this learned coping technique of sleeping in an attempt to weather the storms. Sleep is Huck Finn's way of escaping his fear and it gives his problems a chance to work themselves out on their own.

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Huck's father is a drunk who kidnaps Huck and keeps him locked up in a cabin in the woods leaving him trapped inside for stretches of time without adequate amenities. Huck reflects, "He got going away so much, too, and locking me in. Once he locked me in and was gone three days" (122). With a drunk for a father, Huck is forced to grow up quickly, and in Chapter Six, as he deals with his father; Huck is the one who has to act more like the fatherly figure. Huck narrates in Chapter Six, "While I was cooking supper the old man took a swig or two and got sort of warmed up" (123). His father was beginning his drinking for the day as Huck was preparing dinner for both of them. His father's inability to deal with life and all of its trials without alcohol is painfully apparent in Chapter Six especially.

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Pap, Huck's father, took any money that Huck had on him spent it all on alcohol. Huck had six thousand dollars which was in the town judge's possession and it was also the object of Pap's attention.

Huck's father wanted this money so that he could buy enough alcohol to last him more than one day,

but when the judge was making it impossible for him, Pap came back to the cabin furious. Huck retells the scene, "He drank, and drank, and tumbled down [...] by-and-by luck didn't run my way. He didn't go

sound asleep" (125). It is important to note that when Huck's father was not fully asleep, Huck was worried and said that luck didn't run his way. As the son of an alcoholic, Huck was well aware of the sobering effects that sleep had on a person, and when his father was "uneasy" in his sleep, he knew that it could mean that his father's drunken episodes were not done for the night (125). Nevertheless,

Huck's body and mind attempt to escape the situation as Huck remarks, "I got so sleepy I couldn't keep my eyes open, [...] and before I knowed what I was about I was sound asleep" (125).

Huck follows his father's misguided lead, and tries to sleep away his fear in an attempt to let his problems with his father work themselves out. Unfortunately, for Huck, his father wakes up from his light sleep and begins chasing Huck around the cabin with a knife and Huck says that Pap was, "calling him the Angel of Death and saying he would kill [him]" (125). His father eventually got tired, and Huck observed that his father, "put his knife under him and said that he would sleep and get strong, and then he would see who was who" (125). Here Huck notices that sleep can be a time to strengthen and deal with things when a body is more able. Huck, however, does not take to his father's regimen right away, but he goes and gets his father's gun and points it at him saying that he would "wait for him to stir" (215). At this moment, crucial to Huck's survival, he falls asleep again in a second attempt to sleep away

his troubles.

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better than to pick up drinking, but he did, perhaps subconsciously, pick up on the observation that when his father wakes up after falling asleep drunk, he wakes up sober and all better (125). It may seem ridiculous for someone to fall asleep at such a pivotal moment, like pointing a gun at one's father, but Huck has to deal with situations that no one should have to encounter, and he has to deal with them alone. Sleep is Huck's way of escaping his problems, and it is a chance for him to rest, to get strong, and to handle some more. This shows that Huck has learned the survival technique of sleeping until things work themselves out from his father. This is also Huck's way of doing what he has to do when it comes to his father, and as Huck said, I "saved myself" (215).



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