

Cain and Abel

Stan and Slim

IDENTIFICATION (THROUGH MIMESIS)

Cain and Abel develop similar activities:

In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions.

Stan and Slim have similar experiences:

"See I'm just like you in a way... I never knew my father neither - he used to always cheat on my mom and beat her. I can relate to what you're saying in your songs..."

ANGER BECAUSE OF A – FELT, THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY REAL – LACK OF RECOGNITION

Cain becomes angry because Abel gets attention from the Lord while he himself doesn't seem to get any attention at all:

And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.

Stan becomes angry because Slim does get recognition from his fans – Stan being one of them – while Stan seems to find no recognition at all:

"Dear Mister-I'm-Too-Good-To-Call-Or-Write-My-Fans, this'll be the last package I ever send your ass! It's been six months and still no word - I don't deserve it?"

RECOGNITION NONETHELESS FOR THE PERSON WHO FEELS UNRECOGNIZED

The Lord worries about Cain:

The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen?"

Slim worries about Stan:

"... why are you so mad?"

A WARNING FOR THE POSSIBLE EVIL CONSEQUENCES OF FRUSTRATION,
ANGER AND STUBBORN PRIDE

The Lord advises Cain to do well:

"If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you..."

Slim advises Stan to calm down and to do well:

"I really think you and your girlfriend need each other or maybe you just need to treat her better. [...] I think that you'll be doin' just fine if you relax a little..."

A FINAL WARNING

"... but you must rule over it..."

"I just don't want you to do some crazy shit."

WARNING GOES IN VAIN – MURDER ON A DESOLATE PLACE

Cain kills Abel:

Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.

Stan kills himself and his pregnant girlfriend:

"Some dude was drunk and drove his car over a bridge and had his girlfriend in the trunk, and she was pregnant with his kid..."

PERSONAL NOTES ON THE CAIN STORY

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