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Things are not as they seem

In Angeline Boulley's 2021 novel, *Firekeeper's Daughter*, we read about a pair of siblings that have a strong bond, or they thought so. Siblings have an unbreakable bond and are tied together by blood. In many siblings, their bond is based on love, protection, and loyalty. In the novel, we read about two siblings and how they care for one another but over time secrets are revealed. When comparing/contrasting Levi and Daunis, it's clear that they both enjoy hockey and share the same dad; however, they differ when it comes to their morals.

First, let's talk about the role hockey played in Levi and Daunis' relationship. In Chapter Three, Daunis says "Dad was a hockey god, so Levi lucked out there, too" (Boulley 21). Both Daunis and Levi were taught from a young age how to be excellent hockey players by their dad. During Daunis's senior year of varsity hockey, she seriously injured her arm and required surgery on it, and every time she injures her arm the numbness in her arm grows larger. Although Daunis is hurt and can't play hockey, she still loves the sport and goes to Levi's hockey games to support him. But, they both differ because Levi still plays varsity hockey and is seen as the "golden boy." Throughout the book, we figure out that Levi isn't as perfect as he seems and has been dealing with meth in hockey pucks that are given out during hockey games. Now let's move on to their dad and discuss the role he played in their lives.

Daunis and Levi also share a dad. Levi is three months younger than Daunis and they share the same dad, but his mom is Dana. He regularly stands up for Daunis, but when Mike and Levi kidnap Daunis and Jamie she is surprised by how Levi's true self comes out: "You defending me every time but now," (Boulley 434). Levi's betrayal is painful for Daunis to witness and he's been getting his way while other people take the fall. They also have one last thing in common, which is their joint bank account. But Daunis later on learns Levi hasn't been using it for good and has been installing meth money into the account. While they share a bank account, they don't share the same morals.

Even though Levi is seen as the "golden boy" he has made many mistakes. Daunis's ex, TJ, said "Look. I dumped you because Levi and his goons threatened me," (Boulley 367). Levi's morals are not straight and the illusion of earning money has made him think he is powerful. Levi is full of lies and has made his friends take the blame for his mistakes. For example, Levi and his friends went camping and Levi asked Travis to take the blame when Levi accidentally blinded a woman with a BB gun. Levi only cares about how he is viewed and does not consider the actions he takes that eventually hurt people. On the other hand, Daunis tries to help people by finding justice for the people that were killed by the cause of meth, while Levi is the one distributing the meth. Daunis is concerned about the effects of meth and when she finds out a group of boys had a group hallucination she begins to ask how they are doing now (Boulley 321).

In conclusion, Daunis and Levi come from the same dad but are opposite when it comes to their morals. Levi was the "golden boy" in everyone's eyes but when the secrets were exposed everything changed. Daunis's morals stayed in place and she got justice for the people who died

from meth. Once the truth is discovered Daunis accepts what Levi has done, and she tells him she loves him enough to turn him into the police (Boulley 446). Looks can deceive and we misinterpret people based on how they look to us and not how they are.

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