

His parents + significance:

- Father
 - He has a slight resentment for his father but wants to be acknowledged by his father
 - He definitely wishes that his father played an active role in his life
 - He was ashamed since he would tell his ends that he didn't have a father
- He loved his mother for surviving
 - His mother persevered through "misplacing her man"
- Mother was strong and stubborn, created a path for herself in a world of men
- Father was what not to do, mother was what to do
 - Father became a major influence on his development for this reason (antihero)
 - King saw his father as a lonely drunkard in a barn with a heart full of regrets
- King saw his parents as the good guy and bad guy in a story
- King acknowledges that he could have easily been a very different person without his father's failure and mother's successes