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A Kind of Merry War The Cruel Optimism of Love

Notes:

- Brother d'Evegne
 - "Cruel optimism is the condition of maintaining an attachment to a significantly problematic attachment... To understand cruel optimism, therefore, one must embark on an analysis of indirection, which provides a way to think about the strange temporalities of projection into an enabling object that is also disabling" Berlant 24-25.
 - A belief that something good will come of it, but it undermines or frustrates us.
 - Love hate relationship.
 - What is love?
 - Love is really a razor's edge. On one side the good feelings, but on the other, the threat of revenge if all fails.
 - We do not like the loss of control when we fall in love.
 - We love love when it is going well, but we do not love love when it goes wrong.
 - "Ultimately, the love hate relationships that we love so much in the characters we watch and read because that is precisely our relationship with love itself."
 - We let our apps do what our parents used to do (arranged marriages).
- Sister d'Evegne
 - Using a Critical Lense to View Art: Reading as a Woman
 - EXPECTATIONS, VALUE, AND POSSIBILITIES
 - Hero or antihero
 - Angel vs. Fallen Woman
 - When people do not fit in the dichotomy, which presents them with a major problem.
 - Can't be an angel, but she also cannot be a fallen woman
 - Be true to yourself not only as a person, but as a woman as well.
 - Don't fall into the tropes.
 - We can redefine what something is
 - Choose the disabling/enabling power of cruel optimism.
 - We have the ability to choose for ourselves.

After thoughts:

-Be wary of labels

-The atonement comes into play in these situations.

-We can be healed from the perceptions that others imposed on us and the decisions we make.