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Title Trying to Escape

Author / Director / Source: Wallpapers Wide

Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

I found this picture via Google Images when I searched for "trapped."

Content / CD / Summary / Precis (Say? "Plot? Setting/Situation? Key lines/phrases scenes, etc?)

This picture depicts a woman who is bound to the trunk of a tree by some sort of cotton-like webbing that is tied around her hands. The picture is in motion, as her head is tilted back and her hair is flowing, and she is trying to release the webbing attaching her to the tree. She is on her knees on the dirt ground in a white dress, and she is located in a forest-like environment.

Content / CM / Meaning? / Theme(s)?

This photo is not necessarily about being physically trapped to something in life; rather, it is about being trapped inside oneself and trying to escape. Many people are isolated from others and the world because they can not fully accept the reality of their existence. Some sort of mental barrier or external source inhibits their coming out of their shells, and thus they do not possess the ability to be themselves and to fully exist in unison with others. Essentially, this photo represents the anxiety and apprehension that people face because of the pressures that society place on people to conform and fit in. Nevertheless, it advocates to break through that bubble and to live life freely.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

This photo is taken of a woman in motion, which adds to the picture's vividness and emotion. The woman is also in a white dress against the primarily black and dark green background, making her completely stand out as the focus of the picture. Moreover, her wrists bound to the tree symbolize her own psychological confinement, and her movement represents her trying to free herself from the isolation the confinement brings.

Commentary (What do you want to say? Why like? Questions? Synthesis / Allusions-Connections / Relevance to personal experience, to literature, 20Q's? etc.)? "Poetic" Traits?

I really enjoy this photo because it portrays an exceptionally relevant message in a creative and artsy way. Unfortunately, the influences and stresses imposed by people in society today have become so demanding and taxing on people's mentalities, forcing them to conceal their true selves to fit in and causing them a build up of anxiety and anger. So many people are affected in this way because they live in fear that people will not accept them for who they truly are, and they become unable to fully participate or relate with people and the world. Nevertheless, humans are born with an innate sense of freedom and liberty, and only fellow humans possess the ability to take that away. God created people in his image so that they can shine and prosper in their own ways and contribute to the diversity on earth, not so they could all conform to some sort of "ideal" lifestyle. Max de Pree's quote expresses the importance of diversity on earth when he said, "We need to give each other space to grow, to be ourselves, to exercise our diversity. We need to give each other space so that we many both give and receive such beautiful things as ideas, openness, dignity, joy, healing, and inclusion." A life without diversity and the influences of an array of people is a life without prosperity for anyone. Therefore, the significance and relevance of this photo can not be denied. It is poetic because it promotes the breaking of the boundaries and walls that hinder people from being themselves and prospering in life. It encourages people never to worry about what other people think and instead to embrace themselves, whether people like it or not.

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