

DAVID LEAVITT
(Palo Alto, 1961)

California

Yale university

New York

parents

well-off family

upper-middle class

20 years old

The New Yorker

first stories

9 stories

family life complexities

alienation

Family Dancing
(1984)

pains

intimacy

losses

appreciation

insight

for

depth

of

perception

The Lost Language of Cranes
(1986)

Equal Affections
(1989)

on

themes

lost innocence

A Place I've Never Been
(1990)

While England Sleeps
(1996)

Arkansas
(1997)

illness

Florence

support

to

homosexual cause

lesbian

Rome
(residence)

against

present-day gay literature

gay

writers

literature business

as

separate genre

counsellors

no

propagandists

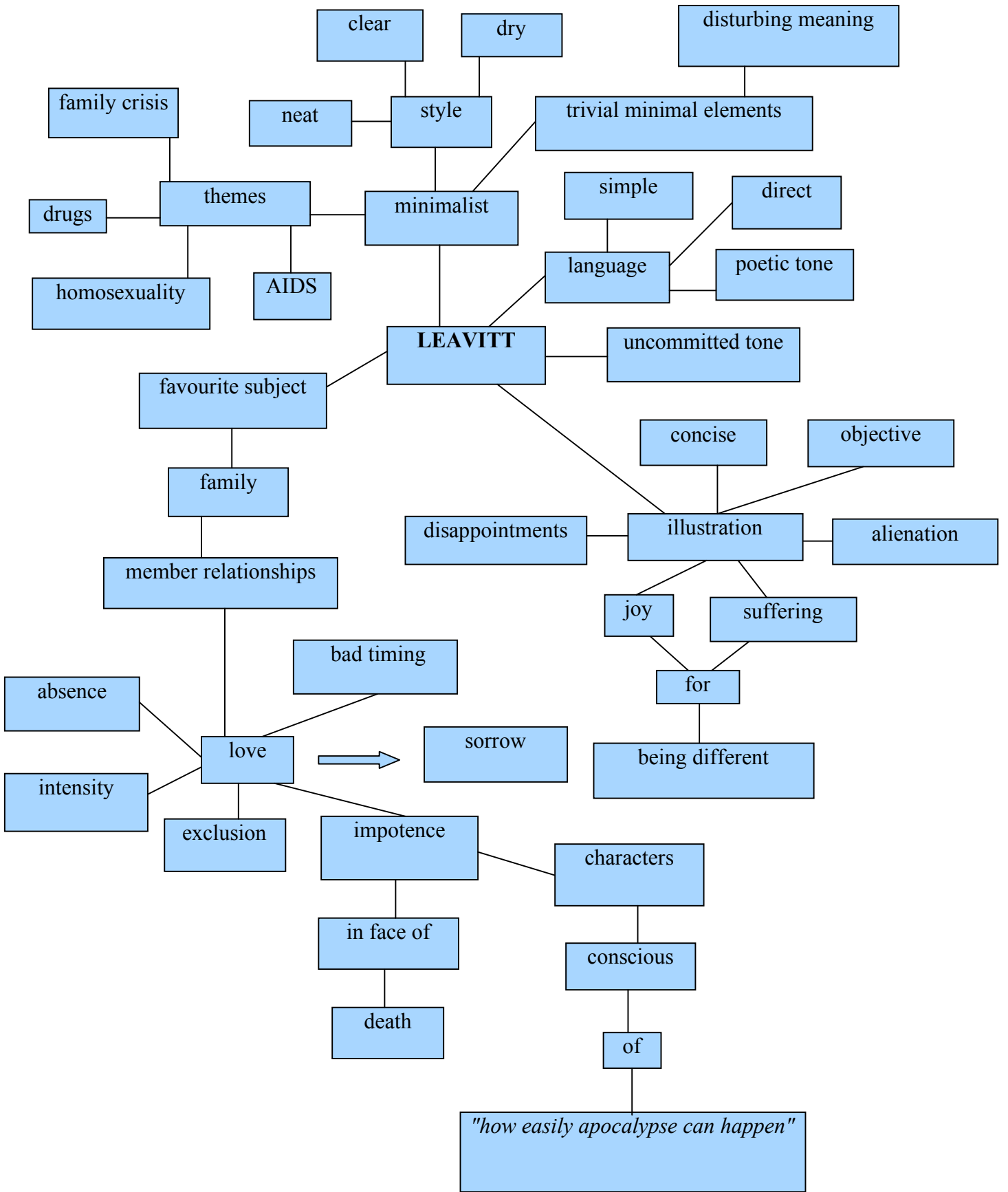
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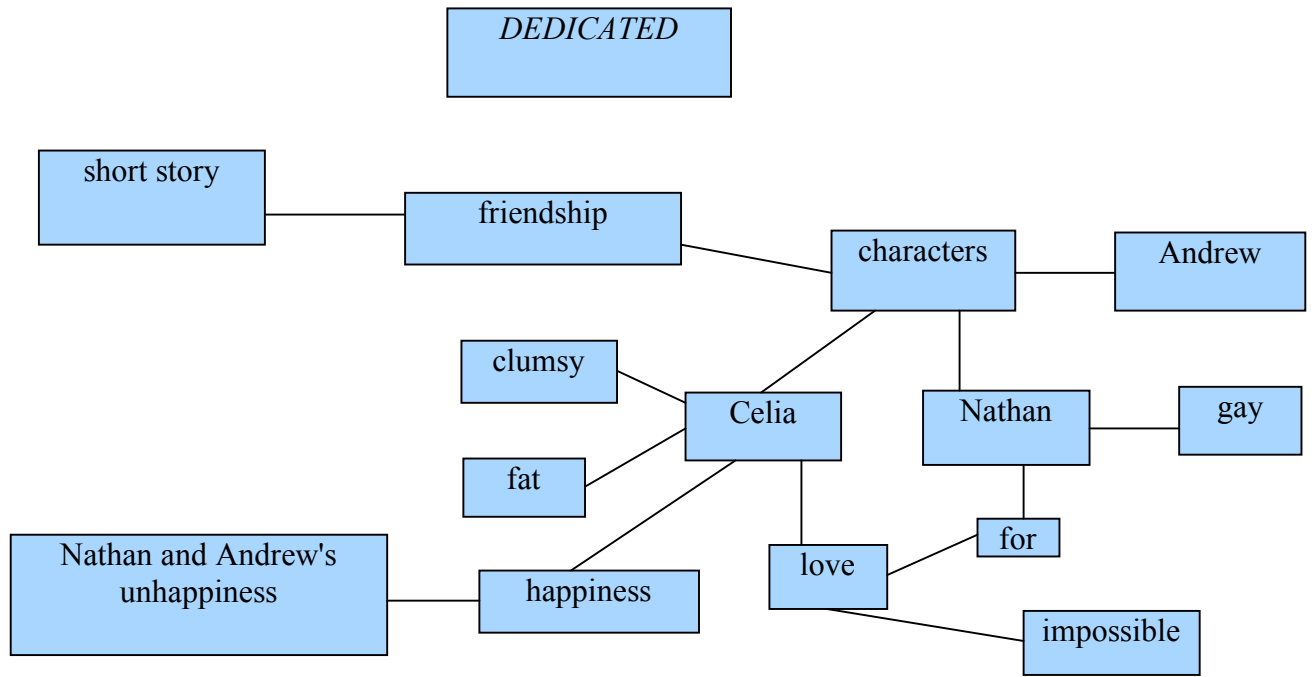
truth

not with

ideology

therapy





(David Leavitt, *Family Dancing*, Warner Books, New York, 1985)