

Student Essay on After the First Death, A Review

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Essay

I am reading a book called *After the First Death*. It is about a boy named Miro and a man named Artkin. In the part I read a problem arises when one of the children on the bus has to go to the bathroom. There is no bathroom on the school bus so Miro tells the children they can't go to the bathroom. A girl steps out on the aisle and pees her pants. Miro says nothing as he sees the urine flow down her leg into her shoe. Artkin is kinder and he tells Kate, the bus driver, that he will get a pail for the children to go to the bathroom in. Kate is sitting in the backseat and she is thinking about how her leg itches because her panties are wet from urinating on herself. When Miro gets off the bus she quickly takes her jeans then underwear off. Miro catches her in the middle of her changing session and he just watches her.

After that incident Artkin brings in a bag of candy for the children. This candy is drugged so that the children will fall asleep and not be nuisances. Kate refuses to allow the kids to be drugged again but she finally gives in after a brief discussion. All the kids take and eat some candy except for one small boy named Raymond. Raymond talks a short while with Kate about not being allowed to have any candy and him being able to help her.

Artkin seems like a man with a purpose. He seems to be living in secrecy along with Miro. Miro isn't the Boy's real name just the same as Artkin isn't. Artkin's plan is to hijack a bus and hold the children hostage on it for ten million dollars, the release of some prisoners, and the revealing of a secret government organization. On the bus when the problem arises that some children have to go to the bathroom I wouldn't be as ruthless as Miro was. In the following quote he showed his unkindness to the children, "No one can go!" (pg 94). If I were Miro I would have shown a little bit of kindness towards the children and let them know that there would be a bathroom break soon, not tell them that they can't go.