

# TEARS of a TIGER

Appearance - Andy is a tall, African American boy. He has a big nose, thick bushy brows, and big lips.

Personality - Andy was once a fun loving, basketball playing class clown. He enjoys spending time with his friends and his girlfriend, Keisha. But once his friend Rob dies in a car accident when they drink and drive, Andy starts pushing his close friends and Keisha away. He becomes very sensitive and distant often causing scenes in class.



Andy Jackson

Thoughts - After Rob's death, Andy thinks that he should've been the one to die in the car crash, and not Rob. Through all his pain and sadness, he thinks that Keisha is one of the most influential people in his life because she's always happy. He thinks that Keisha is going to make it big, but when he thinks of his future, he imagines a black space. He thinks his father and mother don't care about him, because they never support him at his basketball games. He thinks that his counselor is useless because when he needs him the most, he isn't there. He thinks he should kill himself.

Feelings - Andy is often feeling sad, alone, like a lost cause, and a terrible person. He ends up hating himself for drinking and driving with Rob and he is often in a depressed/suicidal mood.

Problem - After Rob is killed in a tragic car accident, Andy cannot seem to snap back to reality and is often sad/depressed.

Goal - To be goofy, happy and fun loving like he once was.

Outcome - Andy cannot seem to snap back to reality. He can't quite seem to handle the pressure of his problems, school, and getting into college. In the end, he ends up shooting himself with his father's hunting rifle.

Statements - "It seems like being dead is the only way I'll ever feel alive again."

"It's like the time I almost drowned but this time, no one's going to save me."



"I don't know... I felt at peace." "I'm not sad, I feel heavy"  
"How can you tell the parents of your best friend  
Sorry for killing  
their son?"

Actions - Andy disrespects Keisha at the talent show.  
- Andy asks if Rob is cold when he's 6ft under.  
- Andy goes to therapy and pretends to be okay  
- Andy misses his chance to get a scholarship.  
- Andy fails his classes.

Reactions - Goes on dates with Keisha  
- Fools around in class and thinks his teacher is racist.  
- Argues with parents often.  
- Talks to Monty as if he is okay  
- Replaces Rob's spot on the basketball team.

Reaction/Connection - I feel like I connect with Andy in the story because I know what it is like to lose someone that you love. I also know how he feels because I know what it's like to be sad and to feel alone. I reacted very strongly, because although I do relate to Andy on a couple occasions, Andy forgets to focus on his life with the ones who are close to him. I mean, he doesn't go to school as much as he should, he's flunking classes, and he ruins his relationship with Keisha. He secludes himself from everyone which isn't good for his mental standing. That is my connection and reaction to Andy's situation.