

Challenging

In the episode “Phoenix” from Breaking Bad, Walter White watches Jane choke to death on her own vomit. Jane was passed out after shooting heroin with Jesse Pinkman. White wanted Jane out of the way because she was helping Jesse challenge White’s authority. The scene from “Phoenix” is challenging to me because in my experience you don’t let people die from drugs. For example, I was at the 21st birthday party for my friend Allison and a guy at that party was doing cocaine. A few people at the party, me included, got him to stop before he did too much and overdosed.

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White's dying of cancer and at the same time dealing drugs to get money for his family so they can live well after his death is challenging to me. For example, I remember watching an episode of the X-Files called "Memento Mori" when the character, F.B.I. Agent Dana Scully, is diagnosed with brain cancer. White's actions are challenging to me because Scully did not go around causing trouble for other people. Although Scully was fearful of death she handled her cancer diagnosis by trying to determine a cure and consoling her loved ones.