

Kate

The Duff men all liked Rhonda, who could cut through the guff.

"Mind you, I..." (as in "Mind you, I've said nothing." Check to see whether this is too Irish to be a mannerism for Darius or Hugh.)

--possible characteristic for Bruce is that he picks up speech mannerisms from Darius, such as this; steals them.

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Argot, a dic of criminal slang

- Housley, Lucien B. 1939; Seattle

use a W crew.  
- Patric uses  
instead of yachoo

- balled up: wrongly done or confused
- bisquit shooter: waiter or waitress
- crockery eye: glass eye
- forty rod: bad strong whiskey
- - jasper: derisive term for a person, i.e., that jasper.
- knowledge box: school
- oyster berries: pearls
- rain: tears
- snoop lights: X-rays
- under full sail: drunk

"Not at all much." (someone indicating they want just a bit more coffee or drink)

Dora, meeting Rhonda?

Rhonda (or Kate) waitressing: joke about punching mealtickets

Meg?

It surprised her that (Rhonda) was one of those people who can do more than one thing at once--ironing, whatever, she always also had an eye on Jackie.

Bruce, instrument of desire, (held Proxy close while dancing? looked at her as if spooning her up?)

Not that you'd have known so from (Bruce?).

Rhonda?

Klatte

→ 566--"When I can't sleep at night I go over all the ones I know in this area."  
(people she went to high school with)

--use with Jick? maybe to review the town of GV as it was then, or the  
people along English Creek.

~~Rosellan, Cathleen, Carlene - (Carlita)~~

Easton? Rhonda?

<sup>the</sup>  
A black fire of dreams.

There were times when she wanted to bat Bruce's ears.

"That Rhonda. She can surprise you."

Bruce?

I blamed--not life, but what?

Rhonda to child? -

Do you want a whaling? (i.e., spanking)

- use with Beth, after Jack - Ray Heaney fight. >

Bruce

from Patricia Kelly, Mac'n Texas sales rep, speaking of something good that had happened to somebody, winning a lottery or some such:

"I'd ask for it, you know?"

-flirting w/ Wyoming?

Somebody's got to get - deuces & treys of life.

Bruce to Darius?

Jack o  
Kenny &  
Darlan?

"letting down the cable" and other details (inc. teamstering) for Rhonda's  
family background in Lucier interview, in "Fort Peck ferry" file.

possible archie & mehitabel use:

The 3 couples go to a movie, A a&m are the cartoon. Rosellen giggles herself silly, Whispers along the row to the others that she could use a crew of those flinging himself key to key on (archie bouncing the typewriter for paydays). Rhonda, though, takes to heart mehitabel's "what have I done~~to~~ to deserve all these kittens"; she knows she loves the baby, but...

Bruce diving: can he be at the original site of Fort Peck? or a Lewis & Clark camp? a buffalo-herd crossing? a steamship wreck?

--the dredging in a way is processing the bottom of the river, sluicing its history: the buffalo skulls (dinosaur bones before that?), pieces of old steamboat... this would tie in w/ the pickup ultimately joining the other pieces of history.

Rhonda ?

a thin (or round) girl who could turn in any direction and look the same.

the private language of twins:

--Tony Angell mentioned that Bryony and Gilia had one, when they first started to talk.

--alludetto this, without entirely tipping the reader off, in 1st scene of Bruce/Neil?

*Tucker*  
baby behavior, for Bruce and Rhonda's ~~Clerk~~ (?): ask Tony and Lee for suggestions.  
*Tuck*

Owen Williams--2nd folder MHS oral history summaries

p. 1--Recalls incident when caught speeding on new Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Captain Plank in charge of town management, couldn't arrest him, so put his motorcycle in jail for 30 days.

(possibly true, if Plank of the Corps of Engineers cd control Ft. Peck traffic?)

Bruce

I did fast damage to the plateful of...

then figures out how to hang around - cafe, by doing dishes,

an eating place at Fort Peck has sign on the wall:

Meals 50¢

Big feed 75¢

Hell of a gorge \$1

from Eng Crk "Forest Svce" filecd ctgry

--Lunches put up. (cd be said, or cd be sign in cafe)

- Where R handa works.

MHS oral history transcription excerpt: filed alpbhtcly in "1st of 2" MHS oh folder)

Ray Howard on hiring prostitutes as waitresses when he'd get shorthanded in his McCone City cafe near the spillway project.

--says the prostitutes were girls from the Dust Bowl, many from Minneapolis.

--cafe sold \$5 and \$10 meal tickets, which were then punched for cost of meal.

--customers would pitch in and wash dishes

--the Riding Academy was about a half-mile out of Wheeler.

chock-full of hot air, that one.

- someone says old Bruce?

--I was travelin' when I got here. (Heard on All Things Considered; means, I can move on from this place, too)

*bar or cafe scene*

veteran waitress in Oregon City, fall '87, who continually called me "kid":

"What 'll you have, kid?" "Here you go, kid."

Tuck,

"Eat that or I'm going to rub it in your ~~hair~~ hair." (somebody's--Marcella's?--  
kidding injunction to their  
children; original from  
Valerie Ryan.)

- TK harda?

- she & Bruce are . only ones w/ children?

Talking to myself in the dark so you wouldn't hear me.

Bruce turns off light: "Will do it in dark so she can't hear us."

I like them lanky.  
(or: cranky)

(A Duff says about his taste in women.)

bosogpante : bossy person .

sd at Rhonda,  
o Mariah,  
o o Manilla

dredge work: Carter Johnson, oral h. summaries fflidr #1

A character, maybe one of the Duff brothers, who gets coldly, arrogantly drunk; what Bill Lang once called "fuck you" drinking, fast and mean. (sullen, too?)

Bruce?

said of Bruce

quicksilver

analogy to sperm? A character says of another, The old boy must have been pumping out q'silver the night he produced (son's name).

(or name of a Duff daughter-in-law)

--could also be linked to gush of the Missouri (thru penstocks, permanent excitati on into electricity)

Bruce ?

the whole famn damily

Bruce,  
mistaking engine  
like Owen?

comple-cated (somebody's version of "complicated")

said by Bruce?

So goddamn what?

Bruce?

slow horses and fast women

have Stanley say: That's like the advice to avoid slow horses and fast women. The trouble is to know which is which.

Bruce

Clarence Palmer, p. 13:

I sailed a little high in Hot Springs and got a little short of money.

Bruce to Neil or Doris?

--You hired out to be tough, didn't you?

- Helena employer to August Robt?

The Montanans

Bruce?

I told her flatout no.

Bruce,  
in target practice  
scene?

sack of oats--slang for case of beer

Manish - Montana lingo

sd by Bruce?

"I'll give you four guesses." (i.e., surely you know this.)

(use c ~~Baloney Express~~, Roger Telling of Model T's?)  
(or have Jack say, sardonically, to Riley?)

"Say. Didn't you...?" (interjectory "say" as mannerism for one of the women? Rhonda?)

DARE, p. 3

classical - "shame" gesture of moving index finger @ right angles to other

Bruce & Rhonda's child does this?

"He just right up and hit him."

--a fight involving Bruce?

Rollins/2

307--bucking horse "played cat's cradle with the gentleman's innards"

324--mutton chopE wool with a handle

--sunnyside egg: with a bright eye

--egg over: dirty on both sides

snooks (nickname of endearment, as in Baby Snooks)

Lujo

heard on the train to Montana, April '88:

"She's in the ~~ha~~irdresser field."

~~waitress~~

Rhonda to Bruce, leaving a Duff family gathering? picnic?

**We'd better scoot.**

Marcin

Montana Lingo

Throw me a cow. (i.e., pass me the cream for my coffee. Jick then slides the dish of creamer containers along the counter)

Owen o Bruce's what he's getting involved in (w/ holdup)

He could rate a rifle bullet in the back, he could rate a lot of unpleasant things.

W Words  
Bruce is really <sup>isn't he.</sup>  
340 - walking. /ence; nervous person  
(see E Gwynn mannerisms?)

Yeah, I'll bet tears big as horse turds rolled down your face.

Melvin Hanson--1st folder MHS oral history summaries

*use w/ Bruce*

p. 20--suit salesmen wd come to barracks

--"The guys were pretty good to go and dress up when they went out."

(check w/ LIFE pics, which I think do show men in bars somewhat dressed up)

Bruce?  
Neil?

character with black line on back of his hand, where he slapped grease onto a cut,  
as Clifford Shearer's dad did.

dredge work details--

painting the dredge, insects came out at dusk and stuck to fresh paint  
(Walter Inlow, oral h summaries filefolder #1)

--could use as precipitating action in scene: Bruce or someone else does the painting, as to re-do it (earlier in the day) the next day.

<sup>Bruce</sup>  
Sometimes you had to wonder if [the guy] is absolutely stud loco.

--use when Riley prints EARTH and FIRE onto AIR and WATER service station sign.

Bruce had not spoken to Owen (since Owen slapped his ears down), which was something of a relief.

--But Bruce at some point sticks up for Owen against outside comments.

Bruce calls Rosellen "Sis". (doesn't dare do so w/ Charlene?)

Depend on Bruce to bring chaos out of order every time.

"Bruce isn't happy unless he's in trouble up to his bottom lip." (Owen says?)

(Bruce and Rhonda) were strapped for money, naturally.