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A Rare Film to Embrace the Black Experience

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consist of running and hiding from bullies and riding the waves of his mother's addiction. His trauma is conveyed with subtlety and specificity that we rarely see. It feels so important to understand that help comes to this boy in the form of Juan, the man who controls the drug trade that has sucked in his mother. Life is complicated that way. People are too.

In his adolescence, we know the boy as Chiron. Skinny and a perpetual outcast, Chiron has acquired some coping skills, but still is do-

ing a lot of hiding. In this episode (indeed, in all three), he has pivotal encounters with a peer, Kevin. The interactions here are alternately tender and traumatic. We are made to feel the inadequacy of all the adults in Chiron's world, and the walls that confine him and limit his options could not be more confining.

In adulthood, Chiron becomes Black. He has bulked up and adopted the model of manhood set for him by Juan. Because this film has taken its time with its main characters, we are more likely to recognize that, if we encountered Black, we would not imagine that

he has Little and Chiron inside him. He has chosen a persona, and the choice is both reasonable and mysterious. When Kevin asks him, "Who is you, man?" the question reverberates. Who is he? Can we know? Does he?

I love that this film keeps people complex. I love that it keeps black men complex. Though it takes its time and though Little/Chiron/Black says little -- and though I saw it when I was stressed and tired -- I was riveted. It made me want to know people in a different way. And that's the mark of a beautiful, humanist film.



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Dental Day, sponsored by Northwest Family Services and Compassion Connect, will take place Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Clackamas Community College's Harmony campus, 7738 S.E. Harmony Rd.

Patients will be seen by appointment only. Registration is in the first floor lobby of the Harmony building.

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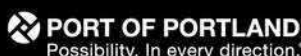
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