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| **Theme**: Digital Dilemmas**Text**: “140” by Ben Errington, 2016, (2.1 normalsider)**Instruction:** You must analyse and interpret Errington’s short story “140” and make a presentation (roughly 8 minutes in length). Also, relate the short story to the theme in general. Apart from your own points, you must include the following points in your presentation:* a characterisation of the narrator
* an analysis of the structure of the story
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**Ved den mundtlige prøve lægges der vægt på, at eksaminanden:**

* behersker et sammenhængende og forholdsvis flydende engelsk med relativ høj grad af grammatisk korrekthed
* giver en klart sammenhængende præsentation
* analyserer, fortolker og perspektiverer prøvematerialet med anvendelse af fagets analytiske begreber og metoder
* anvender den viden, der er opnået i arbejdet med det studerede emne.
* Der lægges desuden i bedømmelsen vægt på, at eksaminanden kan indgå i uddybende samtale om præsentationen.

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Alberte S - Johannes

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Harriet – Alberte M

Laura R – Caroline J

Anna - Naja

Jakob – Marie

Nanna - Søs

**Ben Errington “140” (2016)**

Hashtags and filters are my weapons. While some have words, fists, guns, knives, or sticks and stones, my 140 character limit is all that stands before me and my ultimate goal – composing something so devastatingly wonderful on social media that it goes viral.

[@ElaineInsane](https://steemit.com/%40elaineinsane) is my handle and quite fitting really. Although some would find it tasteless, it’s a moniker that I am sure will eventually become notorious. Plus, it’s catchy as hell. I designed the typeface that I used on the logo myself, and once I was convinced it looked shit-hot, I added it to all of my pages (…).

It wasn’t hard to pick a target. It had to be somebody (…) who needed to be worthy of receiving a rightful punishment. Charlie Chokeslam (not his real name of course) was the young man who I eventually decided upon. He seemed pretty likeable on the surface, his blue eyes and stubbled chin made him quite adorable actually. His sense of humour, however, left a sour taste in my mouth.

He had a social media presence across Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat and more, but he was a woman-hating, slut-shaming, sexist idiot with a love for performing pranks and violent ‘wrestling moves’ on his girlfriend. While they seemed playful on the surface, there were dark undertones that often rose to the surface in the form of online rumours from various sources and public break-ups (…).

Charlie Chokeslam (real surname, Groves) wasn’t just a controlling, abusive little boy. That was the tip of a gruesome iceberg. He also made a habit of grooming his underage fans and meeting with them for sex, taking advantage of his position as a minor celebrity to manipulate naïve young girls. I spoke with several of his victims, and while some of them seemed fairly at ease with what he had done, as illegal as it was, one of them had been severely affected by her experience. Her name was Annabelle and she had self-harmed for years, but it was only after being used by Charlie that she actually considered taking her own life. I told her to remain strong and that the only true way she could get her revenge was to live a long, happy and fruitful life. She wasn’t to be beaten by that little fucker. I promised her that he’d get what was coming to him.

As it seems to be with modern social media, it was easy to make contact with him directly (…) Of course, Charlie Chokeslam was nowhere near as much of a big deal as he believed he was, so grabbing his attention was quite simple. I hit him with a classic catfish, setting up a new Twitter account several months before and following a wide variety of mindless accounts from ad bots to meme sharers to the obvious bullshit – Justin Bieber, One Direction and anybody else that made me feel sick to even pretend to be a fan of. I uploaded pictures I had collected of a girl who was a friend of a friend of an acquaintance, the standard selfies, out drinking with friends, holiday snaps and the like.

After tweeting enough over the course of many weeks (…) I sent him a message. He was short at first, only responding with one-word answers. But soon, as he found out more about me – my age, where I went to school, and the kind of things I liked to do with my spare time, he quickly turned the conversation to sex. He wanted to see photos of me but I managed to keep him interested without sending any nudes (which I would have had to have amassed from another source). Eventually, I arranged a meet at what he thought was my parents’ house. I answered the door in a wig and thick-rimmed glasses, claimed to be the girl’s sister and offered him a drink. I could tell that he was suspicious of me from the off and while he did ask a lot of questions, the drugs started to take effect before he could get cold feet and make a bolt for the door.

I used a pulley system that I’d put together using a sex swing and some bungee cords to suspend him naked from the ceiling. After slapping him awake I forced him to give me the password to his Twitter account.

[@CharlieChokeslam](https://steemit.com/%40charliechokeslam) 01/05/16 9.02pm
I have a confession to make.

[@CharlieChokeslam](https://steemit.com/%40charliechokeslam) 01/05/16 9.02pm
I’m not the person you may think I am.

[@CharlieChokeslam](https://steemit.com/%40charliechokeslam) 01/05/16 9.03pm
I’m a scumbag. An abusive, pathetic human being with a dangerous superiority complex.

[@CharlieChokeslam](https://steemit.com/%40charliechokeslam) 01/05/16 9.06pm
My partner, Alicia, deserves better than me.

[@CharlieChokeslam](https://steemit.com/%40charliechokeslam) 01/05/16 9.09pm
I have been violent. I have been manipulative. I have been controlling.

[@CharlieChokeslam](https://steemit.com/%40charliechokeslam) 01/05/16 9.15pm
And, worse than that, I have been unfaithful in the worst possible way.

[@CharlieChokeslam](https://steemit.com/%40charliechokeslam) 01/05/16 9.19pm
I prey on underage girls and force them into sexual acts with me.

[@CharlieChokeslam](https://steemit.com/%40charliechokeslam) 01/05/16 9.20pm
I will be punished by [@ElaineInsane](https://steemit.com/%40elaineinsane).

I castrated Charlie with a Stanley knife. He cried and called for his mother. I called the police and used a voice modulator as I told them where to find him.The [@CharlieChokeslam](https://steemit.com/%40charliechokeslam) tweets averaged 30,000 retweets each by the next morning and the [@ElaineInsane](https://steemit.com/%40elaineinsane) account had almost 100,000 followers 24 hours later. When I eventually checked my inbox I had received dozens of messages asking me for help. I’d better get to work!