

Grendel Chapter 10: Warren

Directions: read the summaries of the zodiac sign and the philosophy. Read Chapter 10. Then answer the questions.

Zodiac Sign: Capricorn

Dates: December 22-January 19 (Winter)

Element: Earth

Ruling Planet: Saturn

Symbol: The goat

Stone: Garnet

Life Pursuit: To be proud of one's achievements

Desire: To have every need taken care of.

Ruled by the driven and persistent Mountain Goat, Capricorn energy is willful and determined, focused on lofty goals. Capricorns set their minds on a goal, and will do anything to achieve it. Taking risks to achieve it is not one of their ways, but seeking the simplest route to the top is. Even if time can be saved by taking shortcuts, a Capricorn will stick to the plan. We are loyal, structured, family-oriented, hard-working, devoted, honest and paternal (damn that is a perfect description of me!)

Philosophy: Friedrich Nietzsche

Nietzsche believed that Greek culture could best be understood as a resulting from the conflict between two basic human drives. The Apollonian and Dionysian. The Apollonian is the drive to create clarity and order. It is a desire for a world in which everything possesses a clear identity and can be distinguished from other things. In a world that lacks clear distinctions that is often confused and chaotic, the Apollonian tries to redeem the horrors of the world by giving them the illusion of order and beauty, thus making them tolerable. The Dionysian is a drive that tries to rip apart the Apollonian illusion. Nietzsche believed that the Greeks had to create the mythical world of "gods" in order to live at all.

Thus, Nietzsche was a severe critic of religion, especially Christianity. He spoke that "God is Dead." He believed that most people did not believe in God, and that religion could no longer serve as the foundation for morals. He believed that traditional values needed to be questioned.

He believed in Hedonism. Hedonism is the desire to experience pleasure instead of pain. He argued that sometimes people were willing to increase their pain, strain and tension to accomplish tasks that in the end would make them feel better, more powerful and competent.

Questions:

1. In bullet points, list the key events and characters:

2. What is the importance of the following scenes?
 - a. The scene with the goat:
 - b. The death of the Shaper:

3. Zodiac Connection:

4. Philosophy Connection: