

Theme Essay Outline

Note: Remove my words and put in your outline.

Make sure both 1s and 2s are complete sentences.

Must be in formal tone - no "you" or "I" or talking to the reader.

Recommend: red, then blue, then, orange, then everything else

We all know what it's like to be powerless...but have you ever felt powerless while fighting for your life..with a ghost?

This month I read *The Suffering* by Rin Chupeco. Seventeen-year-old Tark wants to fight and kill all the bad people on Earth and the evil spirits that have been haunting him. Alongside a friendly ghost, Okiku helps him with his hunting. However, when he finds out his teacher, Kagura who taught him how to rid the souls has been reported missing when she went to Aokigahara, known as the Japanese suicide forest, filled with deadly spirits, but he not only must protect the ghost who is caring for his life, but he also has to protect his own. I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys horror and some romance. I would rate this book a 9/10 because it moved very quickly and was also mildly emotional which elevated the book.

Rin Chupeco's novel, *The Suffering* illustrates the theme, risking one's life to protect others is dangerous. Tark's ability to exorcise ghosts causes him to risk his life to protect others. When Tark finds himself alone with his cousin Callie alongside the spirits, while trying to find Kagura in Aokigahara he has to risk his life to protect Kagura, Callie, and Okiku while also trying not to get himself killed. "I don't want to do this Okiku, but it's what I need to do to save Kagura...I'm sorry. (Chupeco,177). Tark explains to Okiku that he must go on his own, putting his life on the line alone, or else she will die. When something dangerous needs to be done to protect someone else, it is important to help others understand that it is best for everyone else, even if it means someone dies. As shown by Tark when he's explaining he needs to finish the mission on his own for Okiku and Callie's safety. Tark risking his life means he has to care for others but also he might have to lose everything

Secondly, Tark's strong feelings to protect Okiku make it hard to live without her. When Tark has to live for a while without Okiku's company with him he struggles with his love for her which makes it difficult to continue without her by his side as seen when he is talking with one of his friends about her. "I can't classify the feeling as romantic..It's everything and the irony is that I can't explain my love for Okiku without sounding crazy, I'm floundering without her"(Chupeco,297-298) Tark explains his caring for Okiku is so strong that he can't put his love into words, she has risked so much for him and always helps him with his missions and when she is not around, there is no one there to protect him. Living without someone who protects you with your life can be dangerous not only emotionally but also physically. Okiku gives her whole emotions and care to Tark, and no matter what happens, she will always love him. So when she's gone, Tark's life begins to fall apart. Tark has always loved Okiku and always wants to be by her side so when Okiku risks her life to protect him, she is also putting him in danger by not being there to protect him.

Lastly, When Tark experiences a fight with a popular classmate, McNeal who has been harassing and SA'ing some girls at his school, he puts his life, reputation, and safety at risk. He explains that he knew something was amiss with McNeal, so he wanted to punish him for the bad things he did to others. "I step back back, flexing my hand, quite happy to risk a little more pain if I can throw another hit. (Chupeco, page 60) Tark feels happy when he causes McNeal pain, and is willing to risk more if it means McNeal gets the punishment he deserves

Knowing all the evil things people do to others, feeling joy when others are in pain after they've done something wrong can be strengthening, but can also be risky. When Tark puts his safety behind others, he knows that if he hurts others, he's not only putting his safety behind, but also his reputation and how others see

him.

Concluding, Risking ones life for other can be dangerous because proved by Tark, he would do anything to protect others but his bad descisions

Works Cited

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