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Development, Change, and Growth in The Marrow Thieves (Frenchie)

**Introduction**

The Marrow Thieves is recognized as the adult novel created by Canadian writer, Cherie Dimaline and it was originally published in 2017. A comprehensive evolution of this novel revealed that it is a survival story established based in Canada where the bone marrow of Native people was brutally harvested by “recruiters”. It is noteworthy to mention that character development is one significant aspect of this novel that helps the audience to understand the main theme of this story. The character of Frenchie is recognized as the protagonist in this story that played a positive role in successfully addressing the issue of evil. This paper focuses on critically analyzing the features of development, change, and growth of the character of Frenchie in “The Marrow Thieves.”

**Discussion**

The character of Frenchie is recognized as one of the main characters in the novel that helped to define the actual theme of the story. Frenchie was a sixteen year old boy who tried his best to successfully deal with the calamity of harvested bone marrow in case of Indigenous individual. A detailed consideration of the entire plot of this novel revealed that the character of Frenchie went through different forms of transition over time. This specific spectrum can be further examined in three major forms of development, change, and growth of the character of Frenchie in this novel.

           The character of Frenchie was established as the first-person narrator of the story of crime presented by the author. At the start of the novel, he was a sixteen year old boy who closely witnessed the practice of harvesting of bone marrow by the recruiters only in case of Native people. It is established that he lost his brother and mother due to the trend of harvesting of bone marrow by recruiters. The observation of this specific incident at an early age eventually greatly influenced his prospect of development over the years (Young et al.). The domain of development, change, and growth for the character of Frenchie can never be separated from this particular event of his life.

           The uncertainty of life and the effort for survival played an important part when it comes to referring the approach of change particularly for the character of Frenchie in the novel. At a young age, he had to separate from his family and struggled to save his own life and successfully escape from the calamity of recruiters. The immense sufferings of life were greatly experienced by Frenchie at a very young age that eventually helped him to develop his character as a strong individual who strived hard to survive in life. As a teenage boy, he had to face the harsh reality of the world to make some big decisions to successfully handle the inappropriate domain of life.

           The factor of change in the case of the character of Frenchie can be observed in case of his decision to successfully address the troubles of isolation and loneliness. He had to make important decisions independently to attain a better form of survival in life. The uncertainty of events in life played a crucial role in the idea of growth for the character of Frenchie. It is observed that he learned harsh lessons of life at a very young age and struggled alone to save himself from the recruiters (Crow). The tough journey of escape adopted by Frenchie helped him observe and understand the problems of other Native people who also faced chronic conditions in their lives and struggled to save their lives. The stories of strangers during the journey of escape eventually helped Frenchie to successfully develop his character with time by adopting some strong qualities of survival.

           The journey of survival greatly helped Frenchie to understand the actual reality of life and keenly focused on the spectrum of endurance. The narration of heartfelt experiences by others developed the character of Frenchie as a source of inspiration who never abandoned hope in his life. He recognized the secret of life through the continuous growth of his character during the different phases of this specific story. Undoubtedly, he considered experiences of his life and narration of events by others as life-changing features.

The prospect of change in the case of the character of Frenchie can also be observed in case of a turning point when Frenchie comes to kill Travis to ultimately retaliate the spectrum of RiRi’s death at his hands. This specific event indicated the changing domain of Frenchie’s personality as the one main character of the story. It is successfully established by the author of this story that the objective of survival in life greatly influences the actions of people. At the earlier stages of his life as a young boy, he was a scared teenager who believed that he can never survive without his family. Later, he started realizing his responsibility and made crucial decisions for the entire group of survivors.

**Conclusion**

To conclude the decision about the aspects of development, change, and growth in the case of the character of Frenchie, it is imperative to indicate that experiencing different hardships in life is important. The struggle of surviving in life ultimately encourages people to embrace necessary changes and develop a strong character to successfully deal with different calamities in life. The threat to life ultimately made it essential for human beings to timely make a decision and think about the existence of life as a priority. The events of life ultimately made it essential for Frenchie to recognize the importance of change and he made some major decisions independently.

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