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### The Little Prince Chapter 26

“You understand. It’s too far. I can’t take this body with me. It’s too heavy.” (Antoine de Saint-Exupéry 79.) The book *The Little Prince* is about a young prince who is on a journey to leave his beloved rose, and he realizes that nothing can change. He later creates a special bond with a pilot found in the lonely desert but passes a few adults who he thinks are very foolish and strange. *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, is a fiction book. In chapter 26, the universal truth that relationships change over time is portrayed through the friendship between the pilot and prince through the past, present, and future. When they hang out with each other it contributes to their friendship because they show each other how important one another is to them. They make the stars their own symbols by showing how to view them as bells of laughter or wells with rusty pulleys.

To begin, their friendship is explored in the past. The first time the little prince and the pilot met was when the pilot had just crash landed and the little prince asked the pilot to draw him a sheep. In the second chapter by Antoine Saint-Exupéry, it states, “...`This is just a crate. The sheep you want is inside.” But I was amazed to see my young critic’s face light up. “That’s just the kind I wanted! Do you think this sheep will need a lot of grass?” (6) The little prince asks the pilot to draw the sheep various amounts of time but when the pilot draws the actual sheep he doesn't like the sheep he wanted it in a different way. According to the third chapter, it states,

“‘Oh! That’s funny...’ And the little prince broke into a lovely peal of laughter which annoyed me a good deal. I like my misfortunes to be taken seriously. Then he added, ‘So you fell out of the sky, too. What planet are you from?’” (Antoine Saint-Exupéry 7). The little prince assumed the pilot crash landed from another planet because he fell out of the sky which was incorrect because the little prince has never seen an airplane before which gave the pilot a clue that the little prince was not from Earth. The little prince later tells him that he is from an asteroid which is a planet and the pilot was surprised to hear that. In the present the little prince and the pilot are good friends.

Next, their friendship is explored in the present. The little prince and pilot are going to meet on the same day and same place they met. In the text it states, “‘Don’t you remember?’ he was saying. ‘This isn’t exactly the place!’ Another voice must have answered him then, for he replied, ‘Oh yes, it’s the right day, but this isn’t the place...’”(Antoine de Saint-Exupéry 73). The pilot and prince planned on meeting at a certain time and place, an unknown encounter with the little prince and something else occurs and the place was not the place they wanted for it to be. This is like a meetup with a friend where they are on time but at the wrong place like going to a different Starbucks but being there at the time given. The pilot is there for the little prince at an urgent time. According to Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, it states, “‘I reached the wall just in time to catch my little prince in my arms, his face as white as snow.’” (74). This scene is soon after the mysterious encounter, which was with a snake, and the pilot is there to catch his friend, risking his own life. A friend is there for you, no matter what, even if there is a snake nearby. The friendship is so strong between the prince and the pilot that the pilot risks getting close to the snake for the sake of the little prince’s life. relationships are explored because they

go back to where they met. The little prince, in the future, will die but when his time comes he and the prince will always laugh together.

Later on, their friendship is explored in the future. The prince talks to the pilot saying that even if they are miles apart the message in the stars for them can be bells or wells with rusty pulleys in the sky. According to Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, ““It’ll be nice, you know. I’ll be looking at the stars, too. All the stars will be wells with a rusty pulley. All the stars will pour out water for me to drink...””(78). They can look up to the sky and the pilot will see bells of laughter and the prince will see wells, the stars being something to each of them even if they are miles and miles apart. Rene Descartes states, “My mind loves to wander, and cannot yet suffer itself to be retained within just the limits of truth...” With this being said, the prince and the pilot are not limited to be physically together but they can still think about one another, even if the prince is on his own planet. The way they connect is through the stars and they will remember the times they shared and they will still bond together with their minds. In the next chapter even without seeing each other for six years they still remember each other and their past memories.

In conclusion, relationships, and the generalizations change overtime, and everything being related in some way also are included with the little prince’s and the pilot’s past, future, and present. This story matters because grown ups should keep telling kids to have fun with their imagination and try to imagine stories and draw pictures instead of telling them their work is terrible. This story relates to us because sometimes we tell little kids to draw nicer or that dolls and toys don’t mean anything even though toys are kids’ childhoods and that we should see things in a different perspective. We should care because kids these days don’t have strong

friendships with people and new generations are not as creative as before because people discourage them at a young age telling them their artwork is ugly or a story they make up does not make sense.

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