

Character Analysis

By Liam

Jarred, the son of the servant, was a main character in the Forest of Silence by Emily Rodda. This novel is set in the Palace of Del before it was taken over by the evil Shadow Lord. Throughout the fantasy novel, Jarred has developed traits such as loyalty which he demonstrates at times of conflict and confusion.

Emily Rodda depicts Jarred as a determined, impatient, confident and rebellious person. Jarred was rebellious when he ran from the guards, he was confident when he jumped out of the cart. Jarred was impatient when he was a child and wanted to get things done quickly, he's also determined when he's looking for the book about the Belt of Deltora. Jarred's character traits are further enhanced through the many events that happen in this novel.

Jarred came across difficult dilemmas in this novel but he overcame them in different ways. Jarred used his character traits to get out of difficult situations. He was confused whether to stay or leave the castle when he was confronted by Prandine and he also questioned whether or not to go into the chapel when Endon was mourning. Jarred had many dilemmas but overcame them, that shows that he is determined even if it is tough.

Throughout the novel, Jarred has changed both physically and emotionally. Jarred has changed throughout the novel, he has also become emotionally stronger. Some evidence that he has gotten tougher is: Jarred had just woke up and his hands were rough and calloused on page 24, he became emotionally stronger because he waited for years for the Shadow Lord to get less stressed. Jarred changed over the entirety of the novel, he became stronger mentally and physically.

Jarred's character traits adds diversity to the storyline. For example if Jarred and Endon were the same, Jarred wouldn't find the blacksmith. If none of that happened then the story would be boring and the Shadow Lord could rule Deltora forever. Jarred's character is a very important part of this story.

Jarred Character Analysis

by Lauren

Jarred, the son of the servant is one of the main characters from the fantasy novel the forests of silence. Jarred spent most of his childhood in the palace of Del with his best friend Endon, the king of Del's son. Emily Rodda proves Jarred as a loyal, mischievous and a kind person which is demonstrated in some events of the novel.

Emily Rodda depicts Jarred as being a mischievous and a good person who does his duty by being a loyal and comforting friend to Endon. Jarred is a mischievous person throughout the novel . Jarred is also a good person because he wants to comfort his friend . For example when Jarred was hiding from Min and Prandine , also when Jarred and Endon snuck down to the kitchens and begged for treats . Another example when he said "friends to the death we were as kids , friends to the death we always will be ".

Jarred's dilemmas affect his life style, personality and his knowledge . A dilemma is a problem with two answers . A dilemma from the book is he went through the trap door with the chance that guards were there and Jarred would be killed . Another example is when Jarred could stay with Anna and the unborn child or help Endon.

Throughout the novel Jarred has changed physically and emotionally throughout the fantasy novel the forest of silence . Jarred has changed because he has changed from a boy to man . Jarred also started to change as he left the palace grounds to the village of Deltora where he had to work and fend for himself which made a big physical and emotional change for him . For example on page twenty-three the novel states " he glanced down at Jarred's hands - soft and white, with long, rounded nails ". Another example on page twenty-eight, it shows that Jarred is a more responsible person as he grew up when the novel says Jarred and Anna married and the novel also states on page twenty-eight "and Jarred took his place as blacksmith".

Jarred's character traits do make the forests of silence a better novel . If Jarred did not have character traits the novel would be extremely bland and boring because most events in the novel are caused by Jarred's actions, which are determined by Jarred's character traits. For example if

Jarred did not have character traits he wouldn't have been determined to go to the chapel before dawn, also Jarred and Endon wouldn't have had the argument which meant that Jarred wouldn't have needed to leave the castle grounds. Which means he wouldn't have met Anna and they wouldn't have married so they wouldn't have had a baby which says no one would have got the gems and Deltora would be doomed .

The Forest of Lost Souls

By Ethan

Jake tossed and turned. He couldn't go to sleep with his mother sick. Then, just as they had over the past few nights, the dreams came. He could see himself entering the forest of lost souls with only his raven for company. He felt nervous no-one had ever come out alive. His hand brushed against some bushes, then he heard the faintest yell it was coming from a cave up ahead with two red eyes staring at him. Then he realised what it was "Salem" he mumbled.

Jake woke with a sudden jolt he couldn't believe what he just saw. His heart was racing as fast as a race car. "Salem, Salem is real it's not a legend." Memories came flooding back; memories of a friend Julian and how one day she disappeared. "Salem ate her" he mumbled. He ran downstairs to see his mother lie dead on the floor.

"How could this be?" Jake said as he started to cry. Then he stood up and knew what he must do, "I will kill the beast," he mumbled. Later that night he wandered into his old school it had been abandoned long ago. As he rubbed his hand against a desk, the memories came. He saw Julian as clear as day she was in the forest of lost souls. In the middle of the forest he faintly saw, it looked like a heart. Then the memories went away he stumbled to his feet and thought about what he saw. "It's all coming together Salem is protecting the heart." He ran home without stopping when he got home he slammed the door behind him.

"I can't do this I won't do this!" he yelled. "What help can I do I'm not ready I won't I can't this isn't real Salems just a myth a legend. He stomped out of the house and stood in-front of the forest "come and get me Salem" Jake yelled

"I will" a voice came back

"This can't be," he mumbled he turned around and ran without looking back then out of nowhere he hit a hut.

Jake woke up puzzled and confused not knowing what had happened. Then he heard two people chattering as he looked around he saw a fiery blaze. "Let me go" he declared

"Sorry for the inconvenience" he said back Jake stood up and realised where he was he was in a forge. "I don't think you can defeat Salem by yourself" he mumbled "but I will help you".

"So what's your name,"

"My name is Bastion" he exclaimed. Jake thought about if he was willing enough to defeat Salem

"Yes he said. Bastion went outside and came back in with a sword Jake picked it up and smiled.