

Lord Of The Flies

I didn't know exactly what the book is talking about when I saw its title. As a matter of fact, it's not about flies at all. It's all about something inside a man's deep heart. The whole novel is analyzing the hopelessness and the despair of humanity. Under William Golding's pen, I was pulled into a suspenseful and venturesome world, and saw clearly the treachery among people. And this is exactly what this tale of tragedy, heartbreak, and the sinister side of humanity tries to tell us.

The story was set in an uncharted island, stranding a group of schoolboys. The primary characters of Lord Of The Flies separately stand for four typical humanity traits-intelligence, rationality, kindness, wickedness. Simon is the representative of intelligence. He always stood in others' shoes, and thought of others' needs. William Golding conveyed the main meaning with him, with his high intuition; when other children were discussing the beast in the forest, Simon came out a prophetic intuition " Maybe the beast is us." , realizing that the genuine beast which horrified everybody existed right inside the mankind's deep heart. He showed up from the dark to tell others his thinking. Unfortunately, he was identified incorrectly as the beast and was killed miserably. The death of Simon truly gave substance to that the beast did exist, deep inside our heart.

The character of rationality is Piggy. He was a fat boy with a pair of glasses, and he preferred to give suggestions. Yet, he was bad at making himself understood. Everybody made fun of him instead of listening to what he said. The person who stood for kindness was Ralph, who was born in the middle class family. Due to his steady and prudent, he was then singled out by other children. On account of this case, the gap between him and the wicked character, Jack, came out. Jack, who was a intrepid boy who wanted to do nothing but hunting, and it was he that made everybody a barbarian. Notwithstanding, he never abided by the rules, and even Ralph, who possessed the highest authority could do nothing about him. As time went by, the amusement of pursuit and hunting rose among the children. Dominated by the power of the darkness, they ended up cutting one another's throats.

The most astonishing feature of the tale is that William Golding stated the dark side of the mankind with a group of children instead of adults, and this clearly showed that the darkness of human may have existed when we were children. After finishing the novel, my feeling was of discouragement, not for anybody's death, but for the deterioration of men's

hearts, just as Ralph said “why is the circumstance under corruption?” , that was absolutely the same question I wanted to ask, why, why is the situation of the mankind’s heart keep corrupting? Snatch, betrayal, assassination, and hatred congest our life. When people are controlled by the negative power, trust is no longer existent among people. As a consequence, there will just be more tragic outcomes.

It seems that we can do little about the problem. However, if we try our best to be strong and never surrender to the vicious power, perhaps we will find that there are still peace, justice, and love inside our hearts. Although exterminating the vicious minds in our hearts seems extremely impossible, we can still get along with others harmoniously. That is to say, positive side can still be found in our hearts. In other words, the negative side inside our hearts is likely to be overwhelmed by the positive one. Lord Of The Flies, the novel not only let me see into the depths of our hearts but also made me a strong person. Now that the beast exists inside our hearts, it’s time for us to knock it down!