

Kite Runner Episode 2

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Brief Blurb :

In this episode we discuss the comparison in songs we've chosen to the book "Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini. We pick 4 songs that relate to the events in chapters 7-12. The songs we picked mostly relate to Hassan's and Amir's relationship with one another. More specifically, the flaws in their relationship.

List of songs Referenced (with links) :

[Dark Red - Steve Lacy](#) - Tybria

[Silence - Marshmallow](#) - Kenny

[Cranberries- Zombies](#) - Eric

[Puppet - Tyler The Creator](#) - Tybria

List of evidence (with page numbers) :

Dark Red : I think this fits into the dream Hassan had. In pages 59-60, we learn that Hassan has a dream the day of the Kite Fighting in the Winter of 1975. In the dream, there's a lake. The people of Kabul claim there's a monster in the lake but Amir protests and says they're wrong. Of course, Hassan agrees with Amir. Amir jumps in to prove it much to everyone's horror and of course, Hassan follows after him. It turns out there is no monster and the lake is named after Hassan and Amir, they are even able to charge people to visit it and that was the dream ("Something's bad about to happen to me. I don't know what, but I feel it coming"). In pages 60-73, Hassan tells Amir in hopes of deciphering it but they never really figure it out. Amir isn't sure he can win the fight and for a second, I think the monster is Baba but Amir ends up winning the kite fighting and Hassan goes out to run the last kite that dropped. ("And I just let bad thoughts linger for far too long"). This is Amir's big moment, he finally gets Baba's approval but he's waiting on that kite and Hassan is taking some time so he sets out to find him. He is met with Assef raping Hassan and instead of intervening, he runs. Later, he realizes that he was the monster and he was dragging Hassan down. Hassan thought of Amir

as a friend and yet, Amir never really was a friend to Hassan. He treated him like a pet and Hassan's unwavering loyalty to Hassan has, in a way, led to the events in the Winter of 1975.

- Tybria

Silence : In the book Amir has been very hostile to his "friend" Hassan. He yelled at him, treated him rudely in general and even left him to be raped. Even after that he never checked up on him or anything. Yet Hassan has still tried his best with Amir. In pages 72-73, "Amir agha and I are friends" and "A loyal Hazara, as loyal as a dog". Hassan was in the process of being beat down and raped yet he still stood up for Amir and that got him into even more trouble. Even after the incident he was loyal. This song explains how someone has found peace in the violence of someone they feel strongly about. Or got so used to it that it's normal for them. Therefore this song reminds me of Hassan's relationship with Ammor.

- Kenny

Zombie : In my opinion I think that this song fits with the book because I think that the book is about war. In the book we hadn't gotten much details about there being violence. But as I said in our last discussion in the back where the critics write about the book, they talk about violence. It also talks about Afghanistan's changes in that time, in history, at that moment a group led by Ahmad Shah, tried to take over the government so it was a crucial moment for the country. Now the song Zombie by the cranberries, is a song about the bombing that was happening in Northern Ireland, and in England. One of the bombing had killed two young children. 12 year old Tim Parry and Three year old Jonathan Ball, had died in the explosion. This is what made the band cranberries write this song about war, something that fits perfectly with a book of a kid in war.

- Eric

Puppet : Throughout this whole book, we see Hassan has this undying loyalty to Amir and I sometimes even wonder, where's the limit? Hassan takes so much crap from Amir from Him being snappy towards him pages 60-73 over a dream, Amir watching and running when he sees Hassan being raped in pages 75-79 but it's a well known fact that Hassan would never let that happen to Amir, and even through pages 80-88 where he ignores Hassan after such a traumatic event. We even find out that Hassan KNEW Amir knew and still protected him. Almost like Amir was his puppet master.

- Tybria

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