

In Robin Benway's *Far From The Tree*, there were many powerful and impactful arguments. There were intense words being said throughout the entire book which caused a variety of emotions to flow through the characters. Some of the arguments were resolved and some weren't. I believe that some of the arguments could've possibly been avoided. Many of the characters displayed sides of themselves that no one has ever seen before.

While they were spending their day together, Claire and Maya get into an argument after Claire mentions Maya's family situations. "Goddamnit, Maya. Why do you have to burn the house down with everyone inside it?" Page 200. What Claire means by this, is that Maya tends to hurt everyone to protect herself. Maya constantly expresses herself but she never identifies that sometimes she is causing her own pain. Maya doesn't like to take advice or listen to what other people have to say about her and she tends to push people away when they aren't giving her the attention that she wants.

According to Elaine from down the street, Grace was seen with a boy. "Because if I can't move forward and like someone and make friends and, God forbid, fall in love again, then I don't understand why I gave up my baby in the first place!" Page 236. Grace said this because she was upset about Elaine worrying about Grace and Rafe being together as if she was going to have another baby. Grace didn't like how everyone viewed her. Ever since she was pregnant, no one looked at Grace the same which caused her to be angry. Grace didn't think her parents understood after she made one mistake.

In addition to Maya and Grace's situation, Joaquin doesn't want to be adopted and he doesn't think materialistic things are gonna take away his pain of being in the system for nearly eighteen years. "You think I can make up for the fact that you can't have babies?" Page 326.

Joaquin says this to Mark and Linda after they noticed that he wasn't too happy about the car they had bought for him. Joaquin isn't used to people buying him things, especially expensive things. Joaquin didn't want to take his anger out on Mark and Linda but they were treating him too well. Joaquin thought Mark and Linda were buying him the car so that he can agree to being adopted by them.

The arguments in this story changed the way I viewed the characters. I didn't think there would be any deep thoughts and feelings targeted. My argument is very important because the arguments and disagreements in this story weren't everyone's main focus when it should've been. These scenes were too important whereas they impacted many of the characters' decisions. In conclusion, these conversations were very powerful and impactful.