

Homework - 9/29

Advanced Eng. B

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Recap Today's class completed reading "The Wife's Story" by Ursula K. Le Guin.

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"The Wife's Story" by Ursula K. Le Guin - Summary

Narration: The story is told in the first person by a wife reflecting on her husband's drastic change, leading to a shocking and tragic ending. The tone is sad, full of disbelief, as she tries to make sense of what happened.

- **Happy Marriage:** In the beginning, the wife talks about how much she loved her husband and how perfect he seemed. He was a good husband and father—kind, strong, and trustworthy. The family lived happily together.
- **Mysterious Changes:** Over time, the wife notices something off about her husband. He starts behaving differently—coming home late, acting distant, and seeming like he's hiding something. The once perfect husband begins to feel like a stranger to her.
- **The Transformation:** Her husband undergoes a shocking transformation—not into a typical monster, but into something even more horrifying to her—a human.
- **The Twist:** Throughout most of the story, readers are led to believe the wife is human, but the twist reveals that she and her family are wolves, and her husband is turning into a human. The story cleverly flips the script on what readers typically consider "monsters," showing that the wolves fear humans as much as humans fear them.
- **Climax:** When the husband transforms, the wolf family and community see him as a threat. In the end, they have no choice but to kill him to protect themselves from what he has become. The wife is heartbroken, but she knows it was necessary for their survival.
- **Themes:**
 - **Identity and Change:** The story explores how a person (or creature) can change so much that they become unrecognizable to their loved ones. The husband's transformation from wolf to human represents a loss of identity.
 - **Fear of the Other:** The wolves see humans as terrifying, much like how humans often see wolves as dangerous predators. The story plays with the idea that we fear what is different or unfamiliar.
 - **Perception of Monstrosity:** The wife initially describes her husband as a "monster" in the way that humans might describe wolves, but the twist shows that from her perspective, it's the human transformation that's monstrous.
- **Symbolism:**
 - **Transformation:** The husband's change from wolf to human symbolizes deep fear of losing oneself and the idea that someone you love can turn into something you no longer recognize.
 - **The Moon:** Though not directly mentioned, the story hints at the moon and its connection to transformation, possibly referencing werewolves and the cycle of nature.

Homework:

Finish the final two pages in your packet. Due to some upload issues, if you need a new copy of the workbook, please reach out ASAP.

Note: If you missed any of the classes, please note that we've finished the story. Completed packets will be due 10/6

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