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Introduction

H.P. Lovecraft is one of the known writers of horror and weird fiction in the United States of America. He had a fiction against the backdrop of New England. Some of his stories and in fact, that has been selected for comparison are "The Outsider" and "The Color out of Space." This paper is addressing a couple of similarities and differences in the story "The Outsider" and "The Color out of Space" by H.P. Lovecraft portrayed mainly through the themes, characters, length and setting of the two stories

Differences

The short story "The outsider" was published in 1926 in a weird tale. The writing of this story took place in 1921. The major themes in this story are loneliness and the ab-human, as well as the afterlife.

To begin with, the narrator of the story seems to exist in a state of loneliness. To start with, the lengths of these two short stories, "the outsider," stands to be the most extended story with around 533 pages. The setting of the outsider is in an unnamed town. In reality, the setting of this story is based on the hometown of Hinton, Oklahoma. The story is also narrated in the first person by a teenager. The story begins by revealing that for some good years, the narrator lived in the castle. It tells us that; narrator lived alone in the castle as the narrator himself recalls no

one except himself. He can only remember spiders and rats around him. No voice of humans is heard. He later encounters humanity, and this makes him incredibly lonely. The narrator uses the ab-human to mean a vestigial being that involves a process of turning to monstrous like a vampire. This story introduces the readers to horrific scenes and activities happening in the story. We, therefore, get to know that Vampires, as argued in the story, are not human subjects though associated with some morphic variability. It is worth noting that the tone of this story is not only forlorn but also pompous. However, we have some aspects of foreboding runs in the entire story, as evident in the first three sentences. The idea of the story is centered on the narrator's viewpoint (Fourteen-year-Old Boy).

On the other hand, the short story "The color out of space" has a few pages. The setting of the color out of space outside the Arkham city in the new dam that is covered by water and this is an area visited by many people from the town. One of the major themes is blasted health that is evident by the unnamed narrator, who remembers how he sent many years to survey nearby land to find new reservoirs. However, the land seems historically dark. The only thing he can hear is a legend in towns, although he can even believe them, and as such, he can only believe after visiting them.

Similarities

One of the similarities is that they both are horror stories and are in print. The outsider is a real horror story because predominantly its themes that are Gothic like ab-human. Similarly, "The color of Out Space" is a horror story as it becomes more frightening as we read it deeply, as evident by blasted health. Besides, they are written in the English language and by the same

author (H.P. Lovecraft) in the United States. However, while the color out of space involves horror and science fiction, the outsider is a genre of science fiction, horror, and fantasy.

To sum up, H.P. Lovecraft has clearly shown his imagination and creativity in his literary work. In "The Outsider" and "The Color out of Space," differences and similarities revealed through themes, settings, length, and tone of the two stories.

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