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The apocalypse has hit Monument, Colorado, and Jake Simonsen, captain of the football team, is caught in the middle of it. A series of escalating disasters, beginning with a monster hailstorm and ending with a terrible chemical weapons spill that affects people differently depending on blood type, has torn the world as he knows it apart. Now Jake has to decide how to pick up the pieces.

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Paolita Arce says

El porqué se fue Jake, es algo que en realidad no necesitaba ni quería saber. Sin embargo, al leer este libro sólo me confirmó lo que creía sobre este personaje. Sólo era egoísta y pensaba sólo en él. No le importó que habían niños que dependían de él. Prefirió irse. Y porqué? Porque creyó que con la tipita esa si le iba a funcionar su "herramienta". Patético Jake, realmente patético.

elena says

[There is a massive black cloud and people are dying or going crazy but all this 18 year old can think about is getting it on with a 15 year old! Ugh! (hide spoiler)]

Jenn says

If this was supposed to endear Jake to me, it didn't work.

Here we find the real reason why Jake never came back to the Greenway. He leaves to go find out if the hospital is still running, however, when he gets there, he finds a wall of missing persons and notes to loved ones. And amidst all of that, he sees a picture of a girl he used to sleep with. A 15 year old girl. He's 18. But it's okay because he brought her candy every time.

So, after seeing this picture he decides that the pressure of going back to the Greenway is too much and he's going to go find this girl because as he puts it "*...if there was anyone who could get him up again, it was Lindsay Morrow. Just seeing her body in her bathing suit on the photo has almost done it for him.*".

She's 15!! And your friends (and girlfriend, might I add) are trapped back in the supermarket and all you're thinking about is getting laid.

Congratulations, Jake Simonsen. You are a douche.

Abee ? says

Sentí que fue una historia totalmente innecesaria de contar, pues tampoco nos habla mucho sobre lo que fue de Jake, y la razón por la que se marchó se me hizo totalmente estúpida, me hubiese gustado más quedarme con el hecho de que se va y no saber que fue de él. Fin.

He visto muchos comentarios de odio hacia Jake, así que de él solo diré que, sí, en efecto es un personaje débil y estúpido, sin embargo yo no lo odié, simplemente me fue un tanto indiferente.

Cynn says

A pesar de que debería ser como una explicación de por qué Jake hizo lo que hizo no encuentro un "*sentimiento agradable hacia él*". Perdón pero me sigue pareciendo un personaje que no me termina de cerrar. Lo que sí me gustó pero me dio mucha lástima es la historia de "la otra chica" y su decisión final.

Shaheen says

Oh Jake.

Such a selfish boy! I thought being inside his head would give me a reason to like him, but this novella just showed me how right I was in disliking him.

Jake ONLY thinks about sex and drugs. While this would be an exaggeration in most cases, for Jake it's just a reality. And he's proud of himself:

"Look, everyone knew that Jake lived for sex. It was his thing. He was handsome and popular and he talked about it—how sex ruled his life."

The reason he left the group in Monument 14: he saw a photo of a girl he was having sex with and decided to go and see if she's up for it again. While the world is ending. And his best friend is dying.

"God love you, Jake Simonsen. You braved the apocalypse for a booty call."

And he got there, and gave her a chocolate - because that's their *thing* apparently, he gives chocolate and she sleeps with him - and then she tries to sleep with him! Oh by the way, she's like a sophomore, so that makes her 15 or 16, right? While Jake is 18.

Anyways, I hate Jake.

I think the author has done a wonderful job with this novella in showing is how broken and sick Jake really is. It makes me feel like I got to know him a lot better, even if he turned out to be worse than I'd originally thought.

Again, this story isn't essential reading to understand and enjoy the series, but it enhances the experience, and it certainly throws light on what happens in *Sky on Fire*.

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Eugenia says

Este libro sólo me dio ganas de matar a Jake. En el primer libro, a pesar de todas sus estupideces y su cobardía, me caía bien. Pero en este 1.5 demuestra cuan cobarde es. Parece como si no se diera cuenta de todo lo que paso. También me hizo darme cuenta cuan mentira es que Jake "ama" a Astrid y cuan mentira es que Astrid "ama" a Jake. Dean tenía razón, para Jake Astrid es puro sexo. También me di cuenta que Astrid no merece a Dean, en el primer libro ella se me había hecho indiferente, pero en este 1.5 demuestra que es una idiota. No puedo creer que Dean de su vida por esta chica y que ella sólo lo utilice. Y esta nueva chica, Lindsay, también una estúpida.

Igual se que la autora escribió esto para que sepamos porque Jake hizo lo que hizo. Y, no siento que la autora quiera que sintamos pena por Jake. Quiere que veamos como ve él todo lo que esta pasando. Por más estúpido que sea, es la verdad. De alguna manera, hubiera sido idiota que Jake tomara todo con seriedad, como Alex, Niko, Dean y Josie. Es la diferencia de los personajes. Jake siempre tuvo todo lo que quiso, no entiende porque ahora no lo puede tener. Siempre va a ver gente idiota que sigue pensando en lo superficial hasta cuando perdió todo. Ese es Jake.

Spoiler.

Hay una frase que dice Jake. No me la acuerdo exactamente. Dice que preferiría ser sangre tipo A, tipo AB o sangre tipo O antes de ser sangre tipo B. A los de sangre tipo B les pasa que tiene problemas reproductivos.

Jake dice que eso es una mierda porque le saco lo que era su vida: el sexo.

Casi mato a todo el mundo al leer eso. JAKE ANDA A LA CONCHA DE TU VIEJA.

Cookie The Book Cat says

I loved this novella. Answered one of my questions from book one. This finished open ended and I hope to see more of this side of the story in book two.

Silvia says

Pues podría haber sido más bonito esto. Ya que el tonto de Jake se molesta en ir a buscar a la OTRA. Incluso traerla al supermercado... hubiese sido una pieza firme y no del grupo de los niños/a los que hay que cuidar.

david y biblioflick says

[a girl. Yeah, but can't blame him since he saw a flyer of her. (hide spoiler)]

Trisha says

*"I'm sorry. I'm sorry, guys," he told them.
He started ripping off the wires from the front of his jacket.
"I'm not . . . I'm not coming back. I can't do it anymore. Tell Astrid I'm sorry"*

In book 1, Monument 14, the above words were the last we heard from Jake. He left the store and went out to check if the hospital was open...and then he disappeared and left everyone behind.

THIS story is the story of what happened to Jake when he was gone. Amazing! I loved it - to see it from his perspective. And to get to know him just a little bit better.

A little bit of my heart broke for him reading this, because you get to see a little more of him- but then I remember what he left behind and how he left it. And I'm not quite as sad for him, but it's still hard to be Jake....

I love this series. I need another book soon :)

Adriana says

Un personaje muy debil, pero supongo que es entendible, me gusto ver su perspectiva

Eduardo Ventura says

Personal Response

I liked and disliked reading this book. I was hoping for some excitement in the story. It was a short story from one of my favorite dystopian series. I was not extremely disappointed, but if the story was meant to connect me to the character Jake, it just made me hate him even more, because of his cowardice.

Plot

Jake was sent to a mission to see if the hospital was open after the chemicals were spread all over the state. He was assigned this task because the effect of the chemicals to his blood was only sexual dysfunction, rather than being Type O and becoming a monster thirsty for blood. Jake discovered that the hospitals were shut down. He ran away from his friends and pregnant girlfriend who were still locked in the superstore in order to find the another girl. Lindsay was a sophomore from Jake's school with whom he would have sexual relationships at lunchtime. Jake found Lindsay. He left her with her type O father, after spending the night with her and being unable to have sex with her.

Characterization

Jake, the protagonist of this story, was a coward and an excessively selfish 18 year old guy. Jake did not

changed as much as I wish he had. He showed his extreme lack of commonsense throughout the story by not being careful in a chaotic city and almost getting killed.

Lindsay was a sophomore who always played cool and showed no interest in anyone but herself. However, she showed how much she loved her father by refusing to leave him behind when she had the chance to escape. I was not a fan of her character, but I appreciated her loyalty to her father.

Setting

This story took place in the year 2024 in Monument, Colorado. The setting of the story was very important, because it was the time when the MORS compound was accidentally spread. Also, the setting showed the outside of Monument, Colorado a little bit more, preparing the audience to the beginning of the second book.

Thematic Connection

I think the theme of the book was "good overpowers evil." Jake, in my point of view, is a terrible person. However, before he left Lindsay, he was willing to give up his selfish purposes and take the heat for bringing Lindsay with him to the superstore where his pregnant girlfriend was, in order to save her life.

Recommendation

I recommend this book to anybody, of any gender, between the ages of 15 and 20 years old, who enjoy dystopian short stories. I recommend this book especially to the ones who read the *Monument 14* series. I chose these groups of people because this story connects to the second book of the series. It was a very easy read, perfect to read before going to sleep.

karen says

He could've beat the guy to death. Kick his head until he died or, even better, just take out the gun and shoot him through the heart.

Weird feeling, to know you could kill someone and you wouldn't get in trouble for it.

It would have been a mercy, even.

People would praise him, even.

But it was easier to run.

probably more like a 3.5.

review to come.

read it for yourself here:

<http://www.tor.com/2013/06/26/jake-an...>

Andrew says

And here is yet another TOR original free story from the world of Monument 14. This book I feel follows characters which are introduced in a book that I have yet to read - A pity then I have not read the book as I am sure it would explain the characters, their personalities and the situation they find themselves in.

The story by its very nature is limiting in what it can describe so so much has to be assumed to be familiar to the reader - that is where I fall down unfortunately and as such I feel I am at a disadvantage - dont get me wrong I enjoyed the story but from my perspective it felt like so many other teenage survivor in a destroyed world or at least one where conventional rules and barriers no long exist.

This story is of course part of a much larger body of work and that is where I really need to be to truly appreciate the story and what it is building towards.
