



Rewriting the Beast: Trauma and Redemption in Brigid Kemmerer's *A Curse So Dark and Lonely*

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Abstract

*This paper consists of fairy tales that have long functioned beauty and the beast traditionally consists of the power of female love over male were extremely ugly. In the novel *A curse so dark and lonely* that relocates the fairy tale into a psychological realistic framework shaped by trauma disability and political consequences. The novel tells about the simplistic moral binaries and the transformations of a fraught and ethical process. It had a figure of romantic salvation through a traumatized subject caught in the cycles of guilt, repetition and fear. Trauma had the manifests through repetition, haunting and the fragmentation of identity. Prince Rhen curse function as a literalized trauma that had a producing cycling in the story. Where the prince trapped in a narrative recurrence who was unable to move forward from the curse. Where the magical structure of the curse was developed through mirrors and it had a psychological structure of traumatic repetition.*

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Introduction

The paper explores about the suffering of Prince Rhen and it made a complete change after the arrival of the heroine of the story harper. This Paper tells about the trauma through the burden faced by the Prince Rhen though. And he had a cyclical nature of trauma and the burden of unresolved guilt. After the arrival of Harper, who is a modern heroine living with Cerebral Palsy where she had a Connection with fairy-tale depictions of embodying resilience, agency and moral Clarity. The curse was given to Prince Rhen was like a cyclical curse that creates a unique narrative structure and it's a mirror image that reflects the repetition of trauma in the individuality of Prince Rhen who was trapped with the past memories like failures and guilt. In the novel the main character was Rhen had a loyal commander and he is also famous and represents for loyalty, trust, and moral integrity. But the relationship of Rhen had the redemption that requires support from others like community and friendship which become essential elements of healing throughout his life.

The protagonist of the story had played a major through idealising romances as a cure through modern adaption that had a power imbalances gender expectations and illusion of effortless transformation. The curse had a enforces cycling in a temporarily manner each season should consists of hope and ends in devastation. The narrative introduces that Harper Mckeona, who was lived in experience with cerbrel palsy that complicates conventional fairy- tale portrayals

of femininity and vulnerability. Where Prince Rhen curse was a poet of supernatural punishment had cycling trauma and ethical failure as a metaphorical representation. Trauma theory provides an analytical framework for narrative style that revolves around psychological fragmentation and repetition. Prince Rhen had played a major part in the supernatural and psychological concept of the curse. Rhen attempts to break the curse by inspiring love in a woman transported from the story.

The novel ultimately suggests that redemption is possible when individuals confront their past mistakes, accept responsibility, and strive to become better versions of themselves. It had a creative in its structure to make the story is more unique and interesting than the typical story of the Beauty and the Beast. In the enchantress who gave the curse, but her character wasn't as well-developed as like others because she was shown at the beginning of the Furthermore Harper and Rhen's romance wasn't very persuasive for a story in which they were meant to fall in love in order to break a curse. I was very elated to find that this novel wasn't a typical love story Where the main character easily falls in love with the prince.

This novel to solely on romance, but harper's relationship with Rhen slowly developed over time as they built up a sense of trust and understanding with each other. In this paper, I loved to mention all the characters in this novel especially Harper, who is a strong protagonist and she can take care of herself, then she tries to help others in any possible way, and it doesn't let her hold disability back. I also thought that the author's writing style was very unique and entertaining that I am attracted to the novel, since I never felt bored while reading this novel and it's completely different from a traditional fairy-tale novel. The author made a novel with common things like romance, fairy tales, curse, freedom but in a creative way that creates interest among the reader.

Harper is a twelve-year-old girl who lived a life with Cerebral palsy in the Place Washington D.C. Where she lives with her family but her live is not happy with her family. At one day, when she tries to defend a Stranger who was getting kidnapped. This incident made a drastic change in the life of Harper. After this incident, Harper get a magically transported to the Kingdom of Emberfall. to make a Potential love interest for the Prince Rhen. In Emberfall, there is a person Called Prince Rhen who was suffered by a Curse and when he gets a freedom, after he find out the truth love of the girl. Prince Rhen suffered by a Curse and he was enslaved inside by the Place under the Course of enchantress. The enchantress forces Rhen to Confess to the girl, if he succeeded.

The novel had a fairy-tale structure to in a complex narrative of transformation of beast, that feel exploration of trauma, guilt and redemption. The Beauty and the beast are the repeatedly adapted in the literature but the theme of transformation through love, this novel had a deeper psychological and social concerns. Prince Rhen get over the Curse. But it is not easy to succeeded from the Curse. If he didn't find the love without for months, he will Completely become a beast for his full life. And the kingdom of the Prince Rhen will be suffered. Now, Prince Rhen Partially became a beast and his Kingdom also suffered for Sometimes. But if he completely changed that the kingdom also suffered.

This paper tells about the trauma, resilience and Ethical transformation. The Cursed Prince Rhen is forced to live a life like same season repeatedly as a transforming into a beast. If His transformation as a beast symbolizes the repetitive and haunting nature of trauma. This Paper

tells about the novel reconstructs the beast narrative by presenting the process of guilt, trauma and ethical change. It majorly tells about the human transforms into a beast as a Curse.

This novel had a classical fairy tale about transform of a beast and it faces a psychological trauma, & healing and moral growth. At that Harper was a Small Girl who Came to the Place Emberfall from the Place Washington D.C through the magical door. When She reached the place Emberfall, where she had to decided herself that she will Leave the Emberfall from its impending door or return to her family before it became too late. It tells about the impact of trauma on relationships. Rhen was a loyal commander grey Who was despise by the Curse. Through their friendship is strained by the repeated failures and growing despair. The Kingdom itself becomes a Silent witness of Rhen's Suffering and it illustrates about the traumatic affects that not only individuals but also the entire Place.

The Kingdom also feels the Curse of and Suffering of Prince Rhen. It also lived like a Curse life Like Prince Rhen. Harper Plays a major and fantastic role in the novel. She was a heroine of the story, where her personality and moral courage enables her to face the Challenge through the development of the magical world. She Came from the real world into the magical world. She made a drastically change in the real world. It portrays about the importance to environment and nature. The nature plays a major vital role in the story. There are many imaginations, fantasy, romance where the characters should speak together and the relationship should develop together in the forest.

The Prince Rhen and the small girl Harper, should to trust and each other and love blossom between him which was started in the forest so that nature Plays a vital role in the life of hero and heroine. It made a Connection between the digital technology and magical world. The small girl Harper uses a technology from the real world in the magical place Emberfall. It creates an equal connection between digital and magical.

This paper tells about the knowledge never ends and it laid in our hand. The novel A Curse So Dark and lonely is not End but it Just a beginning of the Story from the past, present and the future and it had a connectivity between the generation through the curse. This novel tells about the digital usage in the real world and the curse, fantasy, imagination in the magical world. The author Creates a bridge between the real world and the magical world. There was a door, that connects both the world. The heroine Harper Came from the real world, Washington DC to the magical world Emberfall for love the Prince Rhen for save his life and kingdom from the Cease. The Prince Rhen got a punishment as he made to feel the girl fall in love him. But each he tries to make her fell in love with him. And the Prince Rhen fell in love with him. Through failing to make the girl love him, So Prince Rhen transformed into a beast for many times. Through failing in an attempt to many her to fell in love with him. The Characters of Rhen and Harper feels the emphasizes, of resilience and the possibility of redemption. The novel tells about the story of Prince Rhen of Emberfall who is cursed by an enchantress. The reason of Prince Rhen cursed because at one time he rejects her. So, when she became powerful, she cursed the Prince Rhen as a part of Insult, revenge, feel sad etc. The Original Beauty and the Beast tells about the typically the beast's transformation as a romantic love. But this novel tells about the Curse as a Consequence of moral failure than misfortune. The Prince Rhen was arrogant and cruelty toward the enchantress, that made her to extreme angry, so that she made a Curse to the Prince Rhen that he will become a beast.

The novel tells about the main character Harper was a teenager from the place Washington DC who was forced bring into the home of Emberfall, where she wants to responsibility at home. But When she tries to intervene thinking that she was kidnaped by someone. Where she is pulled into the cursed kingdom of Emberfall and there she meets Prince Rhen, who is trapped in an endless cycle of repeating for the same season. Without complete the endless cycle the Prince Rhen naturally transforming into a monster at its end. Again, the same endless begin till it completed. Prince Rhen lived a life in an endless live with his personal guard or commander Grey who was the person left by his side. After the arrival of Harper's arrival that disrupts the cycle of the curse and the three of them made a team where they ready to face the path which was filled with danger, political tension, and unexpected connection. In between the tension the three of them had little of enjoyment among themselves at this time Harper feels that she was a princess in the place Emberfall.

Rhen also feels boring due to tortured of his curse and he feels relax and consented by the commander Grey who was the only companion of him. Before the arrival of Harper, where he feels broken through trauma and psychologically disturb by the curse. At beginning Harper didn't believe him after spending some time she started to believe him. The relationship develops when they spend time together through this their relationship build strong. Then slowly they started like each other and then the romance slowly blossoms through the trust. The Prince Rhen overcome from the curse through pure selfless love from her partner.

The romance between Prince Rhen and Harper through her developing trust towards him and she didn't believe herself that she trusts him and fall in love whole heartily. Where she decides to save Prince Rhen and his kingdom through her love towards him. Harper didn't believe that how she suddenly fell in love with Prince Rhen within some times.

In my point of view due to prince Rhen fault through silly mistake where the place Emberfall fall down due to curse and the prince Rhen also suffered lot due to curse. He was turned as a transformation into a vicious monster through he finds out the truth love. Where the Prince Rhen till wait for the truth love over three hundred seasons have passed with his spectacular strategic and calculating skills. He faced exterior largely masks through his grief, loneliness, and internal chaos which comes over the fact that his kingdom has fallen into disrepair where he is power was hopeless to stop. Grey is one of Rhen's commander and he was the only person who loyal to the Prince Rhen. Where Grey was a person who was kind hearted, softness and seriousness to his loyalty and sense of duty.

There is a person who called Grey was loyal to Harper because through her relationship with Prince Rhen. Harper was a strong young woman who was crossing the scuffles of her own difficult in her life in the real world. She feels a strange realm feeling to live a life in the magical world to save a stranger person into a world of enchantment. Prince Rhen's world had the laments concluded in the emptiness of his castle where he lived alive with ghosts of his past where he specifically thinks about his parents. And Prince Rhen feels his parents as a ghost and he feels trapped in the castle. Where he lite through seeing the beautiful sunlight from his room though sitting. Prince Rhen who was really shocked through her Harper bravery turns into a frantic struggle when the man overrides her. Where She finds herself restrained to the crushed in fighting for her life. The enormous compression and pain in the life of Harper where she doesn't resolve the problem by herself.

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