

Student Essay on Review of "The Scarlet Ibis"

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Essay

Although the narrator of the story contributes to Doodle's death, the narrator actually enhanced Doodle's short life helping him live more than he helps him die. Additionally the narrator always knows that Doodle can act more like a normal boy, than as a sick person that was about to die. In "Scarlet Ibis" the narrator is not responsible for Doodle's death.

Doodle's brother would only do this to have control on Doodle and Doodle's actions. This control, which Doodle's brother wanted, gave him enjoyment to boss around his brother, enjoyment to boss a crippled kid. And that Doodle walked only because his brother was ashamed of having a crippled brother. It was bad enough having an invalid brother says the brother but having one who possibly was not all there was unbearable so he began to make plans to kill him.

Brother takes pride at first by teaching Doodle to walk, exceeding his expectancies and abilities. What the brother doesn't realize is that, he is getting closer to him. Doodle brother starts getting Doodle ready for his first days of school. By help him learn how do more things then walking he also teaching him how to swim, climbs, and all the things little boy do.

Doodle's brother finally realizes failure, and he ran away from failure, only to find when he went back to face the truth their was more failure, he then feels guilt and out of guilt comes love, for the first time a real love for his brother. He finally realizes that all this time he has loved his brother, but failed to show it within himself, and to others. For the first time he understands that not only did he fail in what he wanted to do, he failed in what he felt was a moral obligation to society, wanting to do this.

In conclusion, Doodle's brother becomes no better than Doodle himself, he is as morally bankrupt as Doodle was physically incapable. In light of the situation the pride, greed and selfishness bettered the life of Doodle, but also ended it short. We must ask ourselves, what if the brother hadn't shown greed selfishness and pride what if the brother had just not cared at all? That is a question we will ask himself for the rest of his life.