The Sheltering Sky Continent Book Report

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Short Summary

This book is about a man named Port and a woman named Kit. Port and Kit are very good friends. Kit and Port go on a long journey throughout the course of the book. They travel through many cities. Kit and Port experience some pretty bad living throughout their journey. They find that often the food that they get is not cooked very well and doesn’t taste very good. They have a friend named Tunner that accompanies them along their trip, but soon after, Port gets jealous of how much time he is spending with Kit. Port then tricks Tunner to leave Port and Kit by themselves. During this period alone Kit starts to feels bad for Tunner so she makes them go on a trip to try to find Tunner. They take a very uncomfortable bus to the town Port sent Tunner to. Port gets very sick during this bus trip picking up a fatal disease along the way. Kit takes care of Port to the best of her ability but when they reach their destination, Kit also picks up a disease. Kit is desperately trying to find Tunner for help, but cannot seem to find him anywhere.

Recommendation

*The Sheltering Sky* is definitely not one of my favorite books of all time. I did not like this book one bit. It was also slightly confusing to me because I didn’t understand all of the words perfectly. I recommend this book to people that are in their twenties or thirties and older. I suppose if you enjoy reading about a book that seems to never end you would like this book. I also think that this book was very boring and their journey seemed to never end. An example of this book being boring was when Port and Kit were taking a train and Kit felt like going to the place where all the poor people were. The author only described what everyone was wearing and what they were doing. The only part of this that I found funny was when she turned around to see a man holding a goat without a head, to later find that the severed head was rolling around on the floor. One interesting part of this book was when Kit and Tunner were walking in the desert while Port was alone on his deathbed. I thought this was interesting because while Kit and Tunner were alone and knew that Port was dying Tunner didn’t seem to care one bit. Tunner also made Kit stay with him. Kit was very sad at the outcome when she got back to Port’s bed to find his eyes closed and him not breathing. I did not like Tunner after this because he forced Kit to stay with him while she worried greatly about Port. Tunner could have at least had a heart and stayed with Port while he died. Once again this book might have been the least interesting book I have ever read and do not recommend it to anyone that does not have patience.