

High

Harry is a middle aged boy who goes to junior high school. When he was young, he used to visit his father a lot, but as he grows older, his visits get very rare. Harry influences the whole plot of this story because I think he is the whole reason that Mr. Tillian purchases the parrot. Harry is shown to be a caring boy, but over the course of the story he changes a little bit. I think that this happens because he is influenced by his friends into playing videogames and not visiting his father as much. I think that Harry really cares for his father and this is shown in the part of the story when Mr. Tillian is in the hospital, and immediately Harry volunteers to take care of the shop. However he doesn't realize how much he is hurting his father by not visiting him this is shown in the end of the story when Harry goes to the shop and the parrot speaks to him. This is shown there because when Harry realizes how much he has hurt his father, he bursts into tears, and that is a sign that he really does care about his father. I think that deep down, Harry is jealous of the parrot, and of all the attention it is getting from his father. Even though it doesn't seem like this, I think this because it says in the story that Harry stays away from the shop when his father is talking to the bird he stays away from it, and even though it says that he stays away from it because he is embarrassed, I think deep down he is jealous about the amount of time his dad and the parrot spend together, and therefore he speaks a lot to his father when he is at home because he wants to spend as much time with him as he can.

Mr. Tillian is a man who cares about his son a lot. He works at a candy shop, and is described to be rather fat. He is a man who really cares about his son, and wants to spend a lot of time with him. Over the course of the story, Mr. Tillian sees a large change in his son and their relationship. When Harry stops visiting him as often as he used to, Mr. Tillian is very hurt, and Harry doesn't realize this. Because he is so hurt, Mr. Tillian purchases a parrot as if could sort of substitute for his son. As he spends more time with the parrot, he spends less time with his son, and he starts to really miss his son, as it is shown in the end of the story when the parrot is imitating him and says "I miss him" and is referring to Harry. I think that Mr. Tillian is considered old fashioned for those times, because he

expects his son to visit him every day, even when Harry is in junior high school and wants to spend time with his friends. Mr. Tillian is also a little bit clingy to his son, and even though Harry doesn't visit him as often as he used to, I think that Mr. Tillian must learn to let go, and not depend on his son so much. Also, I think Mr. Tillian doesn't want his son to grow up, and wants his son to stay young forever because he is always thinking back to when Harry used to visit him so much when he was young. This is shown at the beginning of the story when it says "For years after school Harry had always stopped after school to see his father at work." I think that Mr. Tillian still believes this will happen forever, and so, expects Harry to be his young self forever.

I think there are two themes to this story, letting go and never forget family. In a way these two themes are opposite but they both fit into the story. For letting go Mr. Tillian always had a little boy around but then one day that little boy grew up and no longer wanted to be with his father in the candy shop. I think that is why Mr. Tillian bought a parrot. The parrot was a replacement for Harry when Harry no longer came to the candy store. The parrot was Mr. Tillian's company because he knew Harry couldn't always be his little boy. For the theme never forget family, its more based on Harry. Just because Harry had grown up and all didn't mean he had to stop coming to the candy store. He never did it to make his father sad; he was just growing older and less interested in candy stores. When his father became ill, Harry had the responsibility of taking care of the candy store. While he was cleaning it up the parrot kept say "Where's Harry? Miss him." Harry got confused until he understood the parrot was just saying what his father had said. Harry realized that he was ignoring his father because he was growing up and he never thought about how his father felt about it.

Medium

Harry cares a lot about his Dad, but I think he stops visiting the store because he wants to be cool in the eyes of his peers. When Mr. Tillian bought the parrot Harry became kind of jealous of the parrot because his dad would talk to it

and cared a lot about it. When his papa had to go to the hospital Harry felt guilty because he hadn't gone to the shop a lot. He promised his dad that he would take care of the shop and parrot. When he got to the shop Rocky had started talking to Harry, the parrot kept asking where is Harry. He understood then that is father had been saying that for a while. Then Harry felt alone and understood why his Dad liked the parrot so much. I think then Harry started to like the parrot because he checked the furnace to make sure the parrot did not get cold.

Don't wait until something happens to react, I think this is main idea of this short story. The relationship between his Father and Harry was strong, but as Harry grew older, Harry started to drift away. When Harry became older he only visited his father every now and then, so his father started to get lonely during work especially when business was slow. When is father went to the hospital Harry became guilty because he hadn't spent a lot of time with his father. So he started visiting his father more often. I think he just wants to make his father happy now that he is in hospital and doesn't want him to be lonely because in the book they say "Harry finished his unpacking and then swept the floor of the shop. He checked the furnace so the bird wouldn't get cold. Then left to go visit his papa."

Low

Harry is a very happy boy. He jumps to conclusions for example when he didn't go to his father's shop again and thought his father was joyful and didn't even take in mind, that his father might miss him. At the arising of the story harry is a boy who likes to go to his father's shop to buy sweets at his father's shop with his friends. To the middle of the story Harry isn't really interested in sweats anymore; therefore he doesn't visit his father's shop as often as he did previously. At the end he doesn't go to his father's shop at all. I believe that Harry should have gone to visit his father in the shop to help or to talk. Harry must be a kid

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