

Reflections on *SeedFolks*

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Comparing and Contrasting Curtis and Maricela

Both Curtis and Maricela are sad about something. Curtis is sad about losing his girlfriend, Lateesha, and Maricela is sad because she does not want to have her baby. They also both grow something. Maricela grows radishes and Curtis grows tomatoes (for Lateesha.) Curtis makes friends with Royce and Maricela makes friends with the people in her group for pregnant teens. A difference between Curtis and Maricela is that Curtis thinks highly of himself and Maricela wants to die! Or at least not have her baby. Curtis is in good shape and works out and Maricela, even though she is pregnant so it makes her look fat, probably didn't really work out before she was pregnant. One more difference is there ethnicity; Curtis is from Cincinnati and Maricela is Mexican.

What I Admire About Curtis, The Strong One

I admire that Curtis, even after he was dumped by Lateesha, kept going to the gym to work out. Getting dumped didn't put him in a depression and make him forget about other things like his physical condition. Although, he did stop going to the gym after he started planting tomatoes, of course. This shows that he now realizes that being strong isn't every thing. I also admire that he keeps trying to win Lateesha back. I think that Curtis is one of the best characters in the book.

Analyzing a Quote From Maricela

"If you're a pregnant teenager, people think you should be burned at the stake. I'm a Mexican, pregnant sixteen-year old. So shoot me and get it over with."(p.66-67)

This is Maricela talking about how she thinks people don't like her because of her situation. Maricela doesn't have very high self-esteem. What I think she's saying is, "Death is probably better than life right now."

Right off the bat, these words describe Maricela's personality. It's connected to other parts of the chapter because they all describe how Maricela hates herself.

They are important because they're implying that she feels unwanted. I can't imagine what this is like because it's never happened to me. There are probably lots of people, though, in places like Africa, New Orleans or South Asia who might, based on where they live in these conditions, rather be dead.