

## Lesson 21

### Situation

Context: The ruined kingdom of Asharia, ruled by the dictator Malcoth.

Hero: Sam, the son of the former rebel leader.

Story Goal: To return the true king to power and rescue Sam's father.

### Question

Villain: Malcoth, the cruel and powerful dictator of Asharia.

Price Paid: Sam will be betrayed by those he considered friends, lose allies and his mentor, and almost lose his father to Malcoth's schemes.

Theme: Will Sam decide to throw his life and morals away in pointless revenge against the broken man who killed his family, or will he strive to become a better person than Malcoth and let go of the past?

Premise: Unrestrained anger will eventually destroy itself.

The peaceful, unprepared kingdom of Asharia fell into darkness almost twenty years ago when a ruthless dictator seized control of it and used it to launch attacks against other nations. Sam, the son of Harold Gelding, secret leader of a small revolutionary movement against the invaders, has grown up in a world where speaking out of line can get you killed. When Sam's father is kidnapped and his friends are brutally murdered, Sam swears that he will kill the man responsible for these acts and rescue his father.

But can he defeat, or even get close to, the most powerful man in all of Asharia, the terrifying Wizard King Malcoth? Even when all seems brightest, when the revolutionary army swells with recruits, darkness lurks around the corner. Sam will be betrayed by those he considered friends and lose many of his allies before the war is over. Will Sam decide to throw his life and morals away in pointless revenge against the broken man who killed his family, or will he strive to become a better person than Malcoth and let go of the past?

Complete: 10

Appropriate: 10

Well Thought Out: 10

Total: 30