

In the book Guardians of Ga'hoole "The Capture", by Kathryn Lasky, I was able to analyze the growth of the main character, Soren, from a small hatchling to a wise owl. In the beginning Soren wasn't very confident because he was always being called names and being picked on by his older brother Kludd. By the middle of the book Soren was beginning to gain more confidence in himself. There were things that happened to Soren that made him think about his own abilities, but by the end of the book he was confident enough in himself that he could fly.

In the beginning of the book Soren wasn't very confident because of his older brother Kludd. Kludd often called Soren stupid when Soren messed things up. When Soren and his family were talking about their egg teeth, Soren asked his mom, "What happened to my egg tooth, mum?" Kludd said "It dropped off, stupid" (Lasky 3). Soren is always being pushed around by Kludd. Soren is trying to branch, jumping from one limb to another, when Kludd makes fun of Soren when he can't do it. Poor Soren wasn't even able to participate in his own bone ceremony. His brother Kludd had his first bone ceremony, which is where the owls are big enough to eat a whole vole or rat. The owl eats it whole and then coughs up the bones and the fur from the animal. When Kludd had coughed up his pellet, his father said, "Oh, that's a fine pellet, son" (Lasky 13). This ceremony is given to owls that have bigger throats than smaller owls. Soren feels that he will never be as good as his brother Kludd.

In the middle of the book Soren gets more confident in himself. Soren gains more confidence when he is being taught how to branch by his father. Soren is growing in size, and Kludd can no longer push him around. Unfortunately Soren's brother Kludd pushes him out of the tree where they live. Soren gets snatched by the bad owl, Jatt. He takes Soren to a place called the pit. In the pit owlets are made into slaves. While Soren is there he is also growing

physically, so he is big enough to have his very first bone ceremony. “He coughs up bones and fur but it is only a miserable little pellet” (Lasky 54). So even though Soren is growing physically in size, he is still afraid that he will never get his flight feathers. He still doubts that he will escape the pit or be ready for the world around him.

In the end of the book, Soren has become completely confident in what he can do. Hortense taught him how to fly. She was examining Soren and Gylfie’s wings and said “Your barbs, both of you, are still soft but they’ll stiffen up. And I am sure you will both be splendid fliers” (Lasky 124). Soren has grown his flight feathers and learned how to fly. He escapes the bad owl’s pit with his friend Gylfie. “Don’t look back! Don’t look back, Soren! Believe!” said Gylfie (Lasky 162). Soren had grown to believe in himself.

In the book Guardians of Ga’hoole “The Capture”, by Kathryn Lasky, Soren grows from an owlet that is weak, scared, and a white ball of fluff, to a strong confident screech owl. As an owlet, he was a frightened bird, scared of the world around him. Towards the middle of the book, he was maturing physically and starting to trust himself. He was also gaining more confidence. By the end he is mature and confident in his ability to fly and believe in himself. Having confidence and believing in yourself will help you to always overcome your fears.

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