

Fantasy (ENG-310)

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Assignment topic:-

Significance of the title
"Goliath"

The significance of the title can be traced from the biblical story of the fight between Goliath of the Philistines and Israel's David, in which David wins. But this story signifies the battle between a stronger and a weaker party.

Neil Gaiman's hero has some characteristics to Goliath of the Philistines. He has resemblance to him in size due to which he is selected to fight with attacking aliens. His first interaction with the agent which is a machine which has controlled all the matrix world highlights the characteristics. He says,

You are a pretty big guy

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Then the agent describes his mission of aliens and selects Goliath to fight with them. Another significance is that this battle between David and Goliath shows Saul to be unfit king, as he should have either fought Goliath himself instead of sending David to fight for him. In the same way the machines ruling over the humans in Neil Gaiman's work send a human to fight with aliens, therefore, they select a human & bring some changes in his body & use for their purpose because they want to take advantage of his size. Though Goliath of Neil Gaiman is a large size warrior like Goliath in biblical story but he does not share all the

features of Goliath. He does not have evil intentions in fight rather he wants to protect humans from the enemy attacks on earth.

Neil Gaiman's hero does not seem as strong as Goliath he never wants to fight and leave the earth but he was under the control of machines. The following lines shows his pain of leaving the earth.

I sat down on the floor,
and I began to breath, slowly, in
and out and out and in and -
In .
out .
In

A wrenching. The Worst pain
I've ever felt. I was choking.
In .
out .

I was screaming, but I
could hear my voice & I wasn't
screaming. All I could hear
was a low bubbling moan.
In.
Out."

Even when the machines
manipulate his body and PL-47
is waiting for him he still has
human emotions and his legs
tremble and shake while entering
into it.

Main difference
blw Goliath of
Neil Gaiman &
Goliath of biblical
story

Goliath of biblical story is not winner rather he dies due to a rock which strikes on his head by David	Goliath * is a hero winner & dies due to those machines which has sent him for fight
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similarity is that they both are attacked by rocks and die for their armies.

To conclude, the Protagonist Goliath and the Goliath of Philistines share some similar and some different feature. The title is ironically selected by Neil Gaiman in which he does not only show him mixlure of David & Goliath but he shows Goliath having many qualities of David as he fights with good intention and won. Briefly saying, he is not depicted by Neil Gaiman completely as Goliath of biblical story rather his hero just shares some characteristics as name and size of him.
