Letter-Essay for *The Forever Man* by Eoin Colfer

Dear Mrs. Antonio,

What if you were in a such a bad situation that you had to leave your century, and start a new life with help from a friend? That is what happened to Tom Riley, and his friend Chevie, the protagonists of the novel *The Forever Man*. This was a very interesting novel.

A specific character from the novel had stood out in my mind, and what they did was devastating. The character was named Albert Garrick. An action that Garrick did that really stands out in my mind was when Garrick killed Jack the Ripper due to jealousy. Jealousy of Jack killing more people than him. I completely disagree with Garrick’s action because killing people is wrong and not the solution to his jealousy. Garrick should’ve dealt through it, and not have killed Jack for having a higher kill count than him.

Some thoughts and feelings that I had while reading the story are gross and disturbing. If I was in this character’s situation, I would have probably fainted due to disgust. There were lots of dead people, each one of them having an intense smell. Riley and his friend Chevie were very brave and persevered through areas that had terrible smells, never giving up to achieving their goal, to defeat a master assassin, Garrick.

Something that I really liked about the book is how the author is very brilliant at describing the characters and their decisions and actions, as if you were right there next to the protagonists. Readers can really visualize the story taking place, wondering what is going to happen next as the story progresses. In addition, the characters are very entertaining and realistic, like Chevie, or Chevron, a rebel FBI agent who enjoys punk rock and always breaks the rules.

The setting of the story is important to the events of the story simplify because if Chevie had never came to London, then she would have never been able to meet Riley, meaning that Garrick would have killed Riley. But if Chevie had have landed somewhere else, she would probably meet someone else who is in danger and would help them escape. Also, London is important to the events of the story because Riley’s master lives in London, and if Garrick never lived in London, then Riley would have likely been adopted by a nicer foster parent.

Your student,

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