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| **Generic Convention - characterisation** | **Quote/example** | **Explanation** |
| **Characters: most often characters represent personal responses to climate disaster, typically characters represent intergenerational responsibility or conflict; some characters revert to base human nature; some characters represent climate refugees** | **Protagonist Flea (Felicity):**  **“Flea had trained herself to be a black belt of the brolly”. “With this umbrella, Flea didn’t need anyone else to protect her.” “Whether in fight or fight mode, she never let her guard down.” “Flea had learned to live with a lot of things”. “Somebody still had to fend for her family. One of them still needed to brave the outside.”**  **“she’d just have to get her mum out of the sinkhole herself”. “It was hard to play the hero to somebody who was so disinterested in their own rescue.” “don’t start whining again…Just shift your backside into the brolly. I’ll do the rest.” “At just sixteen, Flea was already taller and tougher…When did I get bigger than my mum?” “Oh, give it a rest, will you!’ blasted Flea, cutting her off.”**  **Symbolism of her name Felicity/Flea**  **Secondary character Shelly: “Shell was barely into her thirties”. “It was crazy for Shelly to want to stay.” “the depression that had hung over her mother like a black cloud after they were forced out of their old flat in Liverpool…Shell started washing her headache pills down with cheap gin, which had sunk her faster than any flood.” “I can’t go through another evacuation…Where can we go now?” “Shelly wasn’t old but she’d lived long enough to remember the sunshine. Long enough to miss it like hell and lose hope that it was ever coming back.”**  **Symbolism of her name Shelly:(Shell)**  **Background characters who are mentioned in the narration: Nanna Wheeler “Your old Nanna was the only relative we had to shelter with. She might have lived longer if we hadn’t brought all of our dirt and germs to her doorstep.”**  **The old lady on the fifth floor “She didn’t want to leave…The old folks in these flats won’t ever step out into the weather again. They’d rather be left to drown in the comfort of their own homes.”**  **“The young didn’t pity the old anymore and the old didn’t envy those who were stuck being young now. Better that they’d been young when the sun was still shining and the streets were still dry.”**  **Wes “your brother’s still off looting with the lads” “Wes hadn’t helped their mum because he knew she’d only slow him down.”**  **Flea’s dad “They’ll chuck anyone overboard who they don’t need. They’ll deport them like your dad”.**  **“wary” “cautious” “afraid” “a young Scouse girl to survive” – Flea**  **“We can’t afford our own fancy backyard bunker.”** |  |