

- Brandy was disappointed that Lester was leaving them all alone. There is a sort of dependence on Lester Nexon. He responds by saying that he had promised his wife that they would leave the planet if something wrong happens.
- He changed his mind of returning to earth, as soon as he heard that booby trap. They find the booby trap to be a dome half covered with rubble
- Force field was broken by the sound(noise barrier) and the dome opens
- Earth people had used gobblers to destroy the planet Rism, but Rismians gave chance for humans to survive based on a sacrifice. This shows that Rismians are nobler race. They didn't intend to destroy human race altogether.

Q) Discuss the Human - Alien interaction as portrayed in Science Fiction.

- This story depicts 'Colonisation'. It is the theme in many Sci-Fi.
- What is this creator complex?
 - Playing god.
 - Becoming obsessed with doing something beyond scope(In the context)
 - In this story he achieves his goal.
 - In a larger sense SF also has a creator complex. SF shows things which we generally don't see.
- Alien-Human interaction : Here aliens are depicted as better race than humans in being considerate towards humans, whereas, Humans only wanted to destroy their home
- Most SF gloomy, pessimistic and eschatological. especially early SF. SF generally used to predict Doom for mankind.(In the story : 3 people die and an entire civilisation is wiped out)

Q) Do you agree SF is pessimistic in its import?

- Early SF always involved war, like Arena, gesture of Farewell, Sentinel.
- SF is plot oriented, it is not character oriented.

Q) SF is something about solving human problems with science. Explain.

- The sacrifice of Lester Nixon helped people live. This can be compared to the sacrifice made by Jesus Christ (A rework) - Brandy kneels down(like in church)
- It is also this branch where we find ritual killing for the greater good.

Q) Why Ruthmary was insisting to go back home?

- Death of children
- it can blast anytime
- filled with convicts

Psychology says this as "Return to the womb theory" - it is in the nature of every child to go back their mother(Search for safety)

Q) But Nixon had the same reasons, why did he prefer to stay?

- SF puts light on religious beliefs(Anthropological myths)

Q) Why do we watch/ read tragedy?

- when we let out our emotions, we feel light. It's called Catharsis.
- It infuses pity and terror(The fear that it might happen with us) in audience
- Tragic fall (As stated by aristotle) causes the people to commit crimes(Brute kills caesar)
- Reference to greek tragedy - "When Lester returned, dosed against pneumonia, to tell her of the accident, she had wailed like a Greek tragedy."
- Farewell - refers to Lestor Nixon's farewell to Ruthmary and Resimians farewell to Earth people
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