

Superheroes do just
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DempseyENG3U2018/1/23A superhero is respected and an example for us. The comic book Watchmen, which is written by Moore and Gibbons, describes a story about six “superheroes”. A murder that surrounds the “superheroes” is happening, and the living “superheroes” begin to investigate this case. The Comedian, Doctor Manhattan and Rorschach are three of the six main characters, with different costumes.

Although they look like superheroes? they are not because superheroes are supposed to be self-giving. What is more, they always think of others more often than of themselves. In the book Watchmen, they do just as they pleased. To understand the book thoroughly, it is important to know the nature of the characters in it.

The Comedian? who is self-centered and relentless, is not a superhero. When he was young, he attempted to rape Sally and hit her and justified his action by saying “C’mon, baby. I know what you need. You gotta have some reason for wearin’ an outfit like this, huh?” (Moore and Gibbons, 48). The Comedian is not only self-centered but also unable to be self-controlled. As a workmate, the Comedian tries to rape Sally instead of being on friendly terms with her, which would not happen to a superhero. In addition, he is relentless and cold-blooded.

He kills the pregnant woman who has his baby after he discards her and says “Filthy, stinking, worthless...” (Moore and Gibbons, 56). Hurting and discarding a woman, especially a pregnant woman, is ungentlemanly. Furthermore, he kills her and his baby, which is immoral and proves that he is

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not a hero. However, he just treats everything that he has done as a joke. Another of the Comedian's wrong-doing is that he hurts the citizens because they do not obey him.

As a vigilante? he yells at the citizens with a rude and an impolite tone," Listen, you little punks, you better get back in ya rat holes! I got riot gas, I got rubber bullets..." (Moore and Gibbons, 58). He is not a regular cop but a violent sociopath who thinks he is society's only protection, and he fights and kills without reservation. His behavior reflects his brutality and he is not a superhero. He is more like an arrogant man with a costume. Another protagonist in the book is Doctor Manhattan. He is the only one with super powers and can change things into steam and other forms, and restructure himself, and some other powers.

As a public figure? he is so spineless when the reporters mention Janey, his ex-girlfriend who is suffering from cancer, he shouts out "I said leave me alone!" then teleports everybody out of the building, (Moore and Gibbons, 92). Doctor Manhattan is a distinctive man in Watchmen because he has strong powers such as see the future. However, he uses his super powers to teleport everyone away from him to avoid being asked some personal questions. He is self-centered and he is not suitable to be a super hero. Afterwards, he witnesses the Comedian kill the innocent pregnant woman and he just says "Blake, do not...do it" (Moore and Gibbons, 56).

He could prevent the pregnant woman from being killed, but he just observes, "You coulda changed the gun into steam or the bullets into mercury or the bullet into snowflakes! You coulda teleported either of us to goddamn Australia, but

you did not lift a finger.” (Moore and Gibbons, 57). He is false and does not care about others. To other countries, he is a powerful bomb. He destroys other countries using his super powers.

An aside is that, “ Their terror of me balanced by an almost religious awe” (Moore and Gibbons, 130). People in other countries have a great fear of him because he is not only a walking bomb but also a menace, and nobody can be defended. However, fear is the thing brought from Doctor Manhattan, but it is not the thing that created by a super hero. Rorschach is a character who is out of his mind in Watchmen.

He is a normal person until he is involved in the investigation into the kidnapping case. He kills the kidnapper’s dog and burns the kidnapper because of the killing of the girl, and he “ Stood in street. Watched it burn.

Imagined limbless felt torsos inside; breasts blackening; bellies smoldering; bursting into flame one by one. Watch for an hour” (Moore and Gibbons, 203). He is a madman with mental illness because he punishes the kidnapper in an illegal and bloody way, which is self-centered. Also, he causes confusion in the prison by provoking others like “ Fat chance. Come and get me” (Moore and Gibbons, 260). He offends many criminals as a crime fighter before he is arrested. However, in the prison, his behavior is the same as a criminal because he kills others and escapes from the jail. In fact, he is a psychopathic serial killer with a hero complex.

He crams Moloch into the refrigerator and threatens him, “ You are sweating. Looks unpleasant. Should cool down” (Moore and Gibbons, 149).

Violence is a useful but malignant way to solve a problem, which is absurd to a super hero. However, it is his symbol throughout the entire book. The Comedian, Doctor Manhattan, and Rorschach are not super heroes because they are self-centered and selfish. In comparison, Super heroes should be selfless and leave themselves behind others.

Instead of doing what they pleased to do, selfless is not only the character for super heroes but also the main character for people. Although not everyone can be a superhero, everyone can be selfless. Work cited Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons. Watchmen. America: DC Comics press, 1986