

Talking Points 2 Paradise

Child Rape

The Supreme Court Justice was disrespectful to Solita when he violated her and attempted to touch her numerous times. I was appalled by the fact the Pilar did not do anything about it, and how she expected for Solita to “understand because she was a big girl and should know better.” This is ridiculous! Even more horrifying was the fact that her mom’s ignorance caused Solita to believe that she was doing something wrong, but luckily she knew he wasn’t suppose to be touching her. This can be compared to how Isabel had the little moment with the fisherman, but its different in that Solita did not want to be touched at all and was disturbed but felt no guiltiness about it.

Separation

While Solita was aware that Mercedes and her husband were separated, she was very oblivious to the fact that her beautiful mother was seducing Don Armando behind her father’s back. The girls apparently knew and made sure to keep Solita out of it as a childish way of having something against someone in order to keep their interest. Solita was desperate to know and even after having ocular proof of her mother’s moves, deep down inside she refused to believe it and blamed Don Armando on everything. She only wanted him to be punished.

Redemption

Through the classes with Madame, Solita felt that she was able to redeem herself and gain the respect of the girls. Unfortunately, the girls seemed to grow more grudges against her, especially after Solita took so many bold moves (like participating in the dance classes and liking it and talking to the grownups). Solita has a lot going for her because she presented a creative mind in her writing, but a large part was due to the fact that her blood carried some French, and this moved Madame. Throughout the novel we continuously see how she tries to impress the girls, but it seems that she’s only making their relationship worse.

Religion

Its amazing how a little girl can be so affected by the kind words of a priest.

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