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Book Review

Title: Earth Aliens #6: Rebirth

Author: S.E. Wendel

Reviewer: Lisa Packard

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Interest Level: Intermediate, Young Adult

Rating: Outstanding



Review

Zeneba has been captured by the humans. Despite being tortured and questioned about her people, Zeneba will not give in. Rhys is heartbroken over her capture and joins the Resistance to bring the human leader down, free Zeneba, and live in peace. However, while trying to free her Rhys is captured and imprisoned. Elena is able to break in, free Rhys and Zeneba, and barely escape with their lives. While in the capital city of the Charneki, the Tikshi come to kill them all, only to be beaten back until the humans show up. Zeneba and Rhys escape and try to make a treaty with the Resistance. The human general demands that Hugh arms the them with a bomb to take out the Charneki and surrounding humans. Hugh changes the blast radius, which effectively stops the war, but at a terrible cost. In honor of Hugh's death, Rhys dedicates himself to helping the Charneki and humans live in peace.

Not only did Rebirth bring a wonderful close to the series, but it also provided a lot of character development. Hugh journey from being a scared eleven-year-old boy to the twenty-year-old young man is inspiring. As a boy, Rhys always relied on his brother to keep him safe, but he eventually decides to be a man; he makes his own decisions and chooses a side to fight for. Elena also experiences considerable change. She finally stands up for what she believes is right, even if it means going to prison or even being killed; she is able to conquer her indecision and fear. Wendel's description of the battle is moving as it shows the Charneki's sacrifice and pain. Humans turning their back on other humans is very interesting, and will remind readers of James Cameron's Avatar. Slowly, the humans are able to open their eyes in understanding of the alien race they share the planet with, and realize who is the true threat to the planet and themselves. Wendel shares how dangerous blindly picking sides is, and the consequences of rash actions.

*Contains moderate violence and mild language.