

Character Soundtrack



Shaila Curry- Film Study



Adelaide is the original tethered but after swapping with Red over 20 years ago, she continues to live and even gets married. Speed forward, her and her family are staying in a house for the summer at the place where Adelaide first got swapped. Everything seems fine, until it starts getting dark and this family is standing in the driveway, all in red jumpsuits. That is Red, she is the original Adelaide. Red looks exactly like Adelaide, except her hair is matted and her speech is broken due to her not using it often for 20 years.



Left Behind by DAGames

Red

Red was originally Adelaide before she was swapped with her tethered, this brought whole new meaning to her cause. There are two lines from this song that made me believe that this song was the best fit for Red. “I was left behind. All this torture will unwind. I was never all that kind. If you were to rewind then you would find. I was left behind” Red was unknowingly abandoned by her parents and replaced, yes the duplicate looks like her, but it isn’t her. When we take a look into their past, Red was normal and she was happy, but she was also young. The second line is, “You have no idea what we've been through time and time again. Done holding onto our deadliest demise. We can't keep you alive” Red was stripped of what she knew as normal, going from home cooked meals to raw rabbits. She is the only “tethered” who knows what it is like on the surface, but the only way to get back is to replace what is already is up there.

This song is about NF's attachment to the past, this applies directly to Adelaide and how much she chooses to run from her secrets. She was always aware who they were and why they were here, this explains why she didn't try to negotiate or bribe the tethereds unlike her husband. This went on for the entirety of the film, she continued to run from her past until she was forced to face it, even then she chose to cover it up. The line, "See my problem is I don't fix things I just try to repaint, cover 'em up, like it never happened" describes her need to hide the truth from her entire family. If the tethered never came up then Adelaide would have continued to lie to her family about who she was, and where she came from.



Mansion by NF
Adelaide Thomas Wilson

In the end, adelaide isn't as nice as she seems to be, if it means that she can keep what she spend years building and maintaining. It doesn't matter who was the original Adelaide, because who ever is on the surface has control over what the tethered does, so this line "Call me calloused, call me cold. You're italic, I'm in bold. Call me cocky, watch your tone. You better love me, 'cause you're just a clone" points out that she was nothing more than a clone as were the others, Adelaide made Red the tethered because she could. There was no sympathy because she lived through it before, she knew exactly what happens to the tethered and she refused to go back. The line, "You just crossed the line. You've run out of time. I'm so sorry, now you know. Sorry, sorry, I'm sorry, sorry. Psych" points out Adelaide's willingness to do whatever it takes to keep her life as well as her family safe, even if it meant killing her past.



Copycat by Billie Eilish
Adelaide Thomas Wilson



Things aren't always what they seem and the villain of the story may not always be the villain. This story poses a dilemma, who is really the antagonist. Adelaide is nothing more than a thief, while Red is enacting her revenge after so many years. These two girls are one side of a tragic story, Red wants her life back, she wants for all of the tethered to experience what it feels like to be free of someone else's desires and expectations. Adelaide wants to ignore her problem, to leave life the way it was, but it will never be the same, and she knows this. There is no true way to tell if Adelaide was evil or if Red was, because there is a story behind all of their actions.

Mansion- NF

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