

When the Impossible Becomes *Possible*

“Curses in life are really just blessings in disguise.” This saying is especially true in *Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins, based on a depressed, poor boy who falls into a secret world full of giant insects and rodents. Gregor is an unexpected hero who transforms the lives of his family and community, becoming invincible.

Gregor starts off as a normal, but secluded person but later turns into a hero. For example, Gregor leaps off an immeasurable trench to save the lives of many creatures and humans in the Underland, including his dad. This shows that Gregor sacrifices his life for others, which confirms his self-centeredness changed into a passion for helping others like him, all in a short amount of time. This proves that thinking about others can make one change their point of view and personality.

By risking his life, Gregor brought light and safety to a suffering community and healed his mom’s broken heart. For example, Gregor follows a prophecy about uniting people, and stops the rats from ruling the humans kingdom. By doing this deed, he brings hope and delivers a message that the Underland community can conquer any difficulty. He is brave and determined, which gives him the power to defeat anything that come his way.

Near the end of the Prophecy of Grey, Gregor earns personal confidence and mental strength. For example, he retrieves his dad from the underworld and brings him home safely. This proves his determination was stronger when he was unselfish. Most people think a hero's journey is only to protect, and be strong and wise. However, Gregor reveals that all one needs to be a true hero is to be true to oneself.

To become invincible, all Gregor had to do was trust his family and friends, but more importantly he had to believe that he is unstoppable. Readers should be reminded that challenges in life are normal but with confidence they can conquer the impossible.