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YOU MUST HAND THIS BOOKLET TO THE SUPERVISOR AT THE END OF THE EXAMINATION.
In the novel, "The Kite Runner" written by Khaled Hosseini, a moment that both shocked and surprised me but was important to the text as a whole was when Amir let himself get brutally beaten by Assei. I felt that this was important to the story as a whole because in the process he was able to do three things that I felt Khaled was trying to portray as important throughout the novel. The first of them being that there is a way to achieve redemption, secondly that family is important so we should attempt to protect them no matter what and finally to face our troubles and fears with courage.

Towards the end of the novel, Amir our main protagonist visits Rahim Khan who is an old friend. Rahim informs Amir that he knows about Amir's past sins committed against Hassan and gives him an opportunity to be good again. This opportunity involves going into the now Taliban-run Afghanistan and saving a young boy named Sohrab who is Hassan's son.
and Amir's nephew, Amir agrees and locates Sohrab with Amir's childhood bully, Assef. Assef challenges him to a fight if he wins, he gets to take Sohrab with him and if not, he'll most likely be killed. Instead Amir lets himself be viciously beaten up by Assef who is wearing knuckle dusters. It was shocking because although he later had to spend weeks in hospital, Amir enjoyed being beaten up because he saw it as his first step to redemption.

The first point I want to make is that instead of shrinking away from Assef, he stood up for himself which indicated to me that a change had occurred inside Amir. "Wires in your mouth" this was part of the consequences Amir suffered during his recovery as he had been damaged so much he couldn't even eat himself or move at all. Despite this he was happy he did it which I think is important to the text because he had changed by trying to become a better person. He had achieved this by facing his fears with immense courage. I think Khaled was trying to demonstrate that no matter the consequence, it is important for people to be brave. I found myself agreeing with that concept and I was shocked and surprised that Amir was willing to do something as brave as that.
The second reason why this moment was important to the text as a whole was due to Amir's willingness to take the beating for his nephew, Sohrab. "I had to do this," the quote from Amir describing his dedication to Sohrab made it simple for me to understand how important his family's lives are to him. He was willing to die so Sohrab could carry on. To me, this indicated another important change in Amir's character because previously Amir wasn't as family-oriented; earlier in the novel, he was willing to sacrifice Hassan instead of himself. This was also surprising because it showed that Amir wasn't as selfish as he seemed beforehand.

The final reason why this shocking moment was important to the text as a whole was because Amir's need for redemption made him want to stand up to Asset. "There is a way to be good again," a quote from Rahim Khan, telling Amir that he still has a chance to redeem himself. Earlier in the novel, Amir had let Hassan get raped by Asset and also framed Hassan for stealing money and a watch. These past actions made Amir feel guilty and saving Sohrab was his way of redemption. "I think that this was important because Khaled Hosseini really emphasized the idea of redemption throughout the novel, and another reason was because..."
Nar’s redemption was the climax of the novel and it was both shocking and important to the text as a whole because of that.

In conclusion, the moment that I have described was shocking because of its severity and importance to the novel. As I have mentioned and explained, it was important because it showed that Amic had gained courage, was willing to sacrifice himself for his family, and finally, being able to redeem himself.
The Kite Runner
This essay provides extensive detail. The moment is clearly described. It links confidently and insightfully to the author’s purpose. Shows a comprehensive and mature grasp of the text as a whole. The essay is organised and points are expressed with some flair.