

What does the urban setting contribute to the story, "Answer Me 1997?" Support your answer with three details from the story.

"Answer Me 1997"

the urban setting impacts

character

- Shi Won
- convenience store
- late at night
- city has many people
- crime

mood

- store mood: bright, busy
- lots of people coming/going
- city stores stay open late
- alley mood: dark, terrifying
- city has alleys because there are lots of tall buildings close together in city
- late at night, alleys would be secluded because it's dark and cold

events

- main conflict: Shi Won being followed by rapist
- in the city, more people = more crime
- more people = people feel anonymous
- Yoon Jae hit by biker
- city always has people up at all hours

In "Answer Me 1997," the **urban setting** contributed to the story by **impacting** the **characters**, mood, and plot events.

The **urban setting** impacted the **characters** because **Shi Won** worked at a convenience store at night. In the **city**, there are usually stores that are open all night because there are many people who work different hours. There are also many different kinds of **people** in the **city** and therefore higher rates of crime. In this story, there was a **rapist** who was terrorizing **people** in the **city**.

The mood of the story was also impacted by the urban setting. In the store where Shi Won worked, it was bright and felt safe, with people coming and going. But as Shi Won was walking home through the dark alleys and realized that someone was following her, the mood changed to frightening and panicky. A maze of dark alleys is common in the city as there are many tall buildings squeezed into smaller places. Because these alleys are secluded, the ominous feeling of being followed while all by herself contributed to the tense, scary mood.

The events of the story were also impacted by the urban setting. Due to the higher crime rates in cities, the chances of being assaulted by a stranger are increased. This is what happened to Shi Won as she walked home late at night after working her shift at the store; a man started following her as she walked alone. The urban setting also impacted Yoon Jae as he raced to save Shi Won. On the way to meeting her, he was hit by a bicyclist coming from a different direction, causing him to get injured and delaying his rescue. In the city, there are always people walking around, and to run into a bicyclist added more conflict to the story.

The urban setting contributed to "Answer Me 1997" by impacting characters, providing the backdrop for a tension-filled scene, and adding complications to the conflict.