

is significant because everything that happened during his life prepared him to live life on his own in the wild.

When Buck is kidnapped and taken to the Klondike, he learns that loyalty is a characteristic that differs under the law of Club and Fang. The law consists of when a dog is put with a bunch of other dogs and they fight to see who is the true leader. Buck finds out about the law of the fang -- whoever can fight will be able to enforce their will. This shows the dogs the idea that the strong will control the weak. The strong control the weak and the weak must obey or will die. When Buck lived in California with his original owner Judge Miller, loyalty was a gentle idea. His loyalty was very easy and never really tested. Buck loyalty was something he knew he could do with ease. Buck certainly felt loyal to the Judge when he protected his grandchildren or walked steadfastly by his sons. "Love, genuine passionate love, was his for the first time...With the Judge's sons, hunting and tramping, it had been a working partnership; with the Judge's grandsons, a sort of pompous guardianship; and with the Judge himself, a stately and dignified friendship. But love that was feverish and burning, that was adoration, that was madness, it had taken John Thornton to arouse." Chapter 6, pg. 92-93

Buck's loyalty was never really tested till later in his life. In the Klondike, Buck finds that loyalty is not so gentle, because it's all about him surviving and taking care of his owner in a whole lot more challenging way. Buck is finally tested to see how hard loyalty is unlike the easiness with Judge Miller. Buck comes dependent on the behavior of each member of the group both dogs and humans. Buck then comes across the leader of the crew. Spitz thinks he is all and mighty and can do it all. The crew looks up to Spitz since he is the leader and that's the only choice they have. The thing is Spitz goes