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Lifeless Society

The Lost Thing is a simple tale of a boy that finds a strange thing on the beach and tries to find where it belongs. Diving deeper into the story you'll find that the tale, The Lost Thing, is a complex masterpiece symbolic of multiple things. To me, the tale represents a warning of futuristic society that misses important aspects of life.

The story tells a tale of how the creature is very different than society. In the tale, the creature is out of place on the beach and surrounded by scattered trash. The creature is very different than anything in society due to its large stature, colorful body, and its curvy physique. This contrasts society because everything in The Boy's society is a brownish/greyish color with very rigid structures. The color and structure of the creature could represent the liveliness in the creature compared to The Boy's lifeless bland world.

Near the end of the animated film, the narrator talks about how as people get older they don't notice the strange creatures. While this is being said, The Boy notices a creature in the middle of a busy area and everyone just walks around it. To me this is symbolic of society getting older and the people losing a sense of life. People are missing the important things in life because they aren't paying attention to the things right in front of them. In this future city, society is moving fast and everyone misses the creatures which represent life. This tale acts as a

warning to what could happen to a society if we keep missing the important aspects of life and in this case the lost creatures in society.