

Chapter IV

Conclusion

After analyzing Eddie Carbone, as the main character, in this play, the writer sees that Eddie Carbone's love to Catherine is considered as the illicit love. He loves his niece not as he loves a daughter, but as a lover. Eddie's love to her can be seen from his speeches and attitudes. Due to his love toward Catherine, Eddie becomes very possessive to her, and he will get jealous whenever she gets close to other men, especially Rodolpho.

However, since his love is the illicit one, some characters, such as Beatrice and Alfieri, give their deviate response toward Eddie. They try to advise him to let Catherine go because he will never have her. Nevertheless, Eddie's love toward Catherine is so deep. Eddie ignores those advices and keeps going with his feeling to get Catherine as his mine.

In order to keep Catherine from Rodolpho, Eddie does some efforts. Since he loves Catherine, he does not allow any man to get close to her. Rodolpho successfully attracts Catherine's attention, and that situation makes Eddie be put aside by Catherine. As a result, Eddie's love toward Catherine makes him do anything to get her back. By challenging Rodolpho boxing, Eddie tries to disempower him to get back Catherine's attention and to warn him to stay away from Catherine. He also tells some lies about Rodolpho, such as accuses him marrying Catherine in order to be an American citizen. Eddie tries to prove that Rodolpho is not good for Catherine. Evenmore, Eddie accuses him as a homosexual. To prove it, Eddie irrationally kisses Rodolpho on the mouth. He just wants to convince Catherine that Rodolpho is not right and she does not deserve to be with him. Eddie does this all purely because he wants to foil Rodolpho's plan to marry Catherine, but he cannot. In an act of despair because of his plans to eliminate Rodolpho is not going well, Eddie betrays him to the immigration office. He uses Rodolpho's illegal status against him. Eddie turns the trust, which the cousins give to him, into a horrible betrayal.

The efforts that Eddie makes to win Catherine from Rodolpho leads him to his downfall. When Eddie reports those two cousins, not only has he betrayed his family, but also his own beliefs, and lost the respect of the whole community and his honor. Due to this case, Marco takes revenge toward Eddie. As he challenges Marco by his knife, it stabbed himself, and he dies by his own weapon.

To conclude, Eddie loves Catherine as a lover, and he keeps loving her until he realizes that what he has done this far is wrong. In the end of the play Eddie realizes that only Beatrice whom he loved, but it is already too late and cannot be fixed because he is already dying.

Eddie Carbone is a very ordinary man. He makes mistakes just like people do in their everyday life. He has a flaw or weakness. This, in turn, causes him to act wrongly, which finally destroys him and result in his death. Eddie is a man who cannot control his love toward a woman that he should not love.