

APPENDIX

SYNOPSIS OF *THE FATHER*

This play was located in a house of a Captain of a cavalry. He lived with his wife, Laura; his daughter, Bertha; his mother-in-law; his old nurse, Margret; Bertha's governess and some servants. There were other characters: Pastor, his brother-in-law; and Doctor Ostermark, who would stay in his house later and change his destiny.

The play began with the conversation between Captain and pastor about the problem of one of Captain's servant, Nojd. He had made one of a servant-girl pregnant and did not want to admit that it was his baby. Both of them, Captain and Pastor could not solve the problem since there was no way to prove who was the father of the child. Nojd did not want to admit he was the father of the baby for he was not sure about that. There were more than one man in her life and he did not want to be the one who took the responsibility for the baby. He thought it would be his disadvantage to feed other man's baby.

Here, the readers or the audiences can see Captain's point of view about women. He was on the same side with Nojd about women. He thought that the girl should be the guilty one for seducing him, and the man was probably not guilty at all. He put the blame on women.

In every circumstance he always underestimated women. The main problem here was that he made decision for his daughter without regarding his wife's and other women's opinions. This problem then developed. He got great

resistance from his wife, Laura. She did not want their daughter to be put far away from her. She even wanted to possess her totally. In order to gain her goal, she started instilling her husband's mind that Bertha was not his offspring. Not only that, she also influenced other members of the household that her husband was out of his mind by thinking that Bertha was not his own daughter. To make her husband's insanity was more convincing, she even called the new family doctor. The doctor's task was to make sure to other people that her husband was really insane.

Laura convinced doctor Ostermark before he met her husband himself about his mental condition. She told him about how unlucky she was, knowing that her husband had spent money to buy books he did not read, and hearing him saying that he could see activities on another planet through a microscope. She could make doctor Ostermark stayed in her house for a few days to prove her words. She created a situation that could support her opinion about her husband's mental condition. She kept her main weapon, that her husband was uncertain about Bertha's origin, for the last. Finally she could make her husband totally insane, and she was supported by the certificate of lunacy from the doctor who got proves from the conversations he had made with Captain and from direct observation toward Captain's attitudes during his staying. Captain died of stroke since he could not stand the pain any longer of being defeated by the creatures he used to despise.

