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APPENDIX : THE LIFE OF ARTHUR MILLER AND HIS WORKS

S Y N O P S I S

Eddie Carbone is a family man who is merely lives with his wife, Beatrice, and his wife's niece, Catherine. They live together with their neighborhood as Sicilian society which is surrounded by poverty. Concerning Catherine, Eddie had sworn to her mother on her deathbed that he would always take care of her affectionately.

As the time goes by, Catherine has been growing up as a beautiful girl. But, Eddie takes care of her by using such a protective way so that Catherine is always enforced to follow Eddie's instruction how to behave in that harsh society. In this case, Beatrice has always reminded her husband for many times that Catherine is now a growing-up woman. So, it is no longer suitable to nurse her in such a way. Therefore, Eddie does not ignore it.

Then, there are two illegal immigrants who has come to America from Sicily. They are Beatrice's cousins. At first, Eddie wants to help them candidly until they can afford an apartment for their own life. Eddie intends to help them due to the thoughts that it is a part of his self dignity to help his relatives. In this case,

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Eddie warns his family not to say even a word to everybody else due to the existence of the conspiracy of silence as the most important rules in their Sicilian society. He warns them by telling the story of Vinny Bolzano who had ever broken the rules many years before, and therefore, was pulled outside the society because of it.

Unfortunately, Eddie does not absolutely like Rodolpho, the younger brother, since the first time both Marco and Rodolpho has come to their house. Eddie's hatred to Rodolpho is getting deeper and deeper when he discovers that both Rodolpho and Catherine are falling in love each other. So, he has tried to separate both of them by using many ways. Eddie convinces Catherine and his wife that Rodolpho is merely using Catherine to obtain his American Citizenship due to the fact that Rodolpho wants to live in America forever and be an American.

However, his wife does not believe in him. Beatrice understands that Eddie is just jealous of Rodolpho. So, she tries to convince Catherine that Rodolpho is really a nice and responsible man. Eventually, Eddie evicts the two brothers out of his house because he can not face the fact that both Rodolpho and Catherine intend

to get marry as soon as possible. Then, both of them rent an apartment above Eddie's apartment, which belongs to Lipari, one of Eddie's friends.

Having realized that there is nothing he can do anymore to prevent their marriage, then, Eddie decides to report the existence of both of them as illegal immigrants to The Immigration Authorities. Unfortunately, there are two other illegal immigrants in Lipari's apartment who had come to the country the day before. Apart from the fact that, according to him, he just wants to save Catherine's life, Eddie eventually betrays his own relatives by breaking the conspiracy of silence.

However, Eddie can not accept the reality as the effect of the violation when Marco spits into his face and accuses him of killing his children and violating the code of honor by breaking the conspiracy of silence. The misery of Eddie's life is completely getting deeper as Catherine is hate him because of the action. Therefore, for Eddie, his self-dignity is more important than Catherine's affection for him. He insists that Marco must apologize for what he has already done in front of all the neighborhood. He says that it is the only way to allow Catherine to be married by Rodolpho.

Due to the fact that Eddie is really in love with Catherine. Beatrice tries to remind her husband that it is not something Eddie really wants. Eddie is really angry to know that his own wife does not really believe in him. Therefore, no matter what he has already done. Eddie still insists that he must get his lost self-dignity back. So, he challenges Marco in the manhood ritual of the duel to prove that Marco was lying to all of them when Marco accused him of breaking the conspiracy of silence the day before. Unfortunately, Eddie is stabbed by his own hand which gripped a knife which is intended to kill Marco. At the end of his life, Eddie still does not want to admit his own mistakes.