

Dissatisfaction Desires and Deterioration Loneliness in Ernest Hemingway's *Cat in the Rain*

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ABSTRACT

Like many great writers, Ernest Hemingway used short stories as a new genre of the 20th-century literature to comprehend human psychics in America after the first world war. Hemingway was worried about what could be called the effect of war on human desires. This research will study the dissatisfaction and isolation due to the consequences of war ghosts on Americans in a very short story, Cat in the Rain. The tactic could not be biographical but it depends on human dissatisfaction towards each other. This short story was written when the author was spending the holiday at a hotel in Italy with his lovely wife, gradually becoming alienated to Hadley (his wife). Oddly enough, the story displays a most insensitive spouse, on the other hand, the writer describes himself as extremely serious of masculine old-style satisfaction. The story can be understood as an essential notion in which a woman begins enquiring about her desires and wishes with no responses by the husband who prefers the material objects rather than spiritual ones. The dissatisfaction and alienation affected his lifestyle and way of living, through this story. The researcher is going to focus on the disharmony among spouses and the consequences of the deterioration of the war on Americans. This study reveals the crucial women's needs while her husband spent most of his time away of the wife desires indifferent.

KEYWORDS

dissatisfaction; loneliness; isolation; solitude; identity; disharmony

INTRODUCTION

The story was written in the 20th century by Hemingway, during that period many writers based their work on the outcome of the war and its penalties, describing the consequence of those tragic episodes on a human's life. For this reason, in this particular story, the reader might discover that there was a lack of communication and interaction among spouses in America. The wife and her husband, George, were so far away from each other that they had no idea or awake of their needs. One of them, George, was busy reading his books enthusiastically indifference while his wife yearned for someone to take care of or fulfilled her desire. Hemingway started portraying the characters, the couple of this story, with misery and depression.

Meanwhile, they decided to stay in a hotel so close to a war monument which meant something meaningful for George as a memorial statue of severe war, it is clear that he lives with his memories and the war visions. At the same time, in the hotel, the wife was looking out the window and saw a cat within the rain so damp and in need for shelter, she wanted to take it in, so she left the room. The following lines illustrate the wife's desire:

When I got downstairs, I met the housemaid. love it. When I got out, I understood that the cat didn't exist. (Hemingway 56).

She returned to the hotel to inform George, but he was not listening. This symbolizes the communication gap among married couples, on the other hand, the wife represents the cat itself. The natural behavior of the cats in common dislikes the rain and they look for warm places as well as wife cases in need of maintenance and attention by the husband or anyone to be close to her. she found out herself in this cat and felt sympathy toward it and decided to look after it. (Nastelu22, 2014)

RESEARCH METHODS

This work aims to carry out a psychological study of Hemingway's short story *Cat in the Rain*. It also aims to focus on woman's dissatisfaction and isolation in America after the first world war, the researcher portrays the women weakness and loneliness in from a male authors' perspective. Further, the study intends to manifest the cold relationship between man and woman and how they spent the vacation in Italy with no sense of harmony or any sign of comfort. This study states that there is always a male domination on female at the social level and also at the literary one.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Loneliness and Isolation

The events of *Cat in the Rain* take place on a rainy day in Italy with an environment of isolation and depression. The unidentified American spouse is unable to discover the company and delicate closeness she is seeking out for around her - including her spouse, indeed in spite of the fact that they live puzzled within the same lodging room. To calm her depression and separation, she accentuations on getting a cat sincerely. The writer's short tale implicitly defends the importance of connection through its examination of the despair of loneliness. (Abbas, 2018)

The area of the story itself reflects the segregation of its characters. George and his spouse are caught interior the lodging room due to the rain. The loft neglects the ocean and the open cultivate, but watching out the window does not propose a loose locate of others; No specialists portray within the stop, since there will be way better climate, and the street that the chamber faces is empty, no cars adjacent might be seen. The water image standing provides the landscape a sense of calm and desertion. The story suggests a sense of isolation even if there are others around, notably they stay at the hotel and do not encounter with anyone, George has no friends in Italy as well as his wife. This views of alienation for the couple from the people around them gives a sense of strangeness in a foreign country. George leaves his wife alone to look out of the window desperately in a gloomy atmosphere, deepening her feeling of isolation despite his exist in the same room but he spends the time by reading a book. The spouse is not isolated to the people around them but they are alienated to each other, the wife physical position near the window in relation to her spouse depicts the emotional distance between them. (Nastelu22, 2014)

Women Dissatisfaction

George, despite traveling for relaxation, does not sympathize with the constant complaints and recurring desires, her need about having a cat, a new desire to own silver, and her desire to be spring. He answers, "Gracious, closed up and bring something to perused." This endorses that George is incapable to comprehend or communicate the wife's enthusiastic wants. No ponder she feels estranged from him Be that as it may, the wife is clearly still longing to communicate with somebody politer than George, such a want is obvious within the writer's explanations almost the lodging attendant she meets when she

comes down to discover the damp cat. The author says that "the wife respected him a parcel " and "preferred the way he needed to serve her." The storyteller never passes on any sentiments of adoration on the portion of the wife for her husband. (Feng, 2019)

Man Indifference & Ignorance

Through the passage of this story, the American wife is disregarded constantly by her spouse. The first example ensues when the woman declares that she needs to go out and help the pussy. George does suggest to go fetch it for her, but he never makes any sort of sign to get up or even to leave his book. The lady says she needs to go and endeavors into the rain to discharge the pet. After long sighted the cat is now not there, she returns to her chamber, in the meantime, her companion is still perusing in his bed. He inquires amusingly on the off chance that she found it or not, but he keeps perusing lack of interest some time recently she reactions to him. (Thomières, 2013)

When she considers approximately letting her hair develop out and make a unused see, he simply articulates that he appreciates it the way it looks. The wife pitifully at that point goes on telling her George everything that she needs:

“And I need to eat at a table with my silver and I need candles. And I need it to be spring and I need to brush my hair out before a reflect and I need a kitty and I need a few unused clothes” George's reaction is essentially, “Oh, closed up and get something to examined” (Hemingway 96).

The woman continues maintaining that she needs a cat, but the writer makes it clear in the story that the man is not listening to her considerations. It is obvious that marriage is missing something and the wife too is not managing with it in a appropriate and solid way. (Thomières, 2013)

Psychological Problems

In spite of being repetitively disregarded and insulter, the wife by no implies appears to specifically counter the husbands manhandle. Mentally, typically endorsed as depression which is tolerating that somewhat ought to be hostile but breaking down to reply to it . The point that the wife fails to deal with the impoliteness of George suggests that she is possibly invulnerable to this manner, which means it is a daily normal incidence. The wife must protest upon her husband's performance, show some corporal sign off anger. Ironically, she never responds at all. Though, her lack of prejudice is sufficient indication to prove that she is using separation as a mechanism. She is unfortunate in her marriage and seems to be familiar to his behavior. (Sampler, 2019)

Ernest Hemingway's *Cat in the Rain* is a tragic short story of an American retired officer and his wife who went to Italy to spend the vacation in which the writer depicts the effect of the first world war on the relationship between the couple and its consequences on Americans had continued facing the problems of misunderstanding and loneliness in marriage. Hemingway focuses on carelessness and indifference for the husband neglecting his wife and keeps her in loneliness and ironically, he confirms that many American men go to Italy to see the monument to the Bronze War. It seems that Hemingway himself visited the monument as an authentic place for his story. So, the author reveals in such a way how this statue looks like, but in reality, he might have described the memorial to draw the reader's consideration to the reality that there was a serious war and individuals proceed to live but they did not get freed of the awful recollection. (Raj, 2017)

Women's desires

The author may emphasize the faintness of this cat to overcome the circumstance, the rain. It is dicey why the creator chosen the cat. His want would conceivably be commented that maybe he got to look at the cat with the child for whom the life partner may furthermore favor committing her time and consideration.

Secondly, the “cat” may have been the image of the wife’s loneliness prompted via the fact that her husband was once incapable to apprehend her feelings. In different words, she in all likelihood wished greater interest and compassion from the phase of her husband. It appears that there is no clear theme in this story, simply about trivial affairs between one couple in everyday life. But if we take into consideration the history of the events after the World War first and Hemingway’s thoughts and feelings at that time. We can comprehend that it is no longer as superficial as it appears, however to specific the indifference of humans after the war even between the couple: one stays dominant and repressive at the same time as the different is attempting to exchange and enhance the situation; worse still, they do no longer apprehend the problem, accordingly making it emerge as extra like the depressive climate in this brief story, till their tactics the iciness when their love dies. (Thomières, 2013)

However, the lady in this short story is suffering due to the fact this unsatisfied marriage cannot come across her desire. American women at that time needed a secure domestic life but unfortunately, a man such as George does not listen to her thoughts and feeling and he is satisfied with her way of living and current lifestyle no more. When she begins telling him all the matters she desires, he treats her with a need of warmth, unresponsiveness, and lack of concern and basically inquires her to closed up when She isn't inquiring as well much, basically a cat, and diverse simple things; and most of the time small things are what be tallied most. Though, the spouse considers she's showing up like a ruined child, showing no get a handle on of her, and he makes no endeavors to create her sense cherished, craved, and to form her involvement like an real lady. In differentiate, the lodge-keeper who sends her the cat inevitably makes her involvement critical. It is he who offers her the intrigued she needed and what she cannot get from her husband. Totally different words, it is he who makes her sense like an bona fide lady. (Thomières, 2013)

Inner Struggle and Conflict

The author successfully narrates an enchanting story through the husband and his wife who are trying to escape from their harsh realities of daily life in America, the characters speak their mind revealing their inner struggles, conflicts, and emotional turmoil with the life complexities. The spouse looks like strangers while they spent most of their time together, being in a hotel nearby the seashore in a town of Italy that means they in need for relaxation but their perspective and thoughts shed the light on their cold feelings and lack of emotions, through the conversation between them, the wife asked her husband to fetch the cat and his response when he said “ shut up ” indifference for her feelings. Hemingway highlights the women struggling human rights by using the symbol of the cat, the rights of women is clear and visible in the constitution but when the wife was asking about a small need in her life and went to find the cat, the cat was not there. (Eamvijit, 2012)

Identity Lost

The husband even has the name ‘George’ whereas the wife is nameless and unknown which means women at that time have no identity and she is only a tool of entertainment in a male-dominated world and the patriarchal system. American woman struggles and

faces many difficulties to find her right path, freedom, and independence by chasing the cat, but the cat has already gone and she fails to fulfill her desire. “Besides I need a cat, I need a cat. I need a cat presently. In case I can't have long hair or any fun, I can have a cat” George remains silent and calm with carelessness. (Eamvijit, 2012)

CONCLUSION

To conclude, Hemingway's effective story, it deals with the most vital psychological problems of Americans after the first world war throughout the relationship between George and his wife to represent the American spouses who are suffering the isolation and dissatisfaction in common. It is a story in which the writer sheds the light on the up normal relationship among spouses, there is no mutual contract within one home where solitude, confusion, dissatisfaction, and loneliness exist. This literary text is suggestive and figurative even nowadays, it can function as an instance of how individuals shouldn't act with the somebody, they love *Cat in the Rain*, is based on portraying the association of the American couple and the effect of war on their daily life. It is so motivating that the wife had no genuine title, but the author given to her life partner a name: George. This recommends that he was predominant within the family. At to begin with, through the story, he was lovely neighborly and humble. Afterward on, he camouflaged to gotten to be more uninterested and hostile to his spouse “Oh, closed up and get something to perused .” He said when she asked him about her desires. However, he was nonchalant, the wife had many requests for their prospect future looking for some changes to have their own home with all the essential things.

On another hand, perusers can watch house-keeper's earnestness, benevolence, and self-respect (The spouse preferred him). She preferred the dangerous genuine way he gotten any complaints; it is clear that she needed someone to talk to. The house-keeper was an Italian gentleman who countered her needs and wishes and sent her a cat in accordance, which means the American lifestyle differs from other European ones. Consequently, the reader could assume that the writer had a concern and worry because of the lack of contact among Americans. So, the couple misjudged each other no harmony emotionally were not closed as a couple should be. It is an outcome of the war which affected human communication.

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