

## Lecture (4)

The climax: is a part of the play which confliction elements are brought together in a decisive confrontation, which reaches a maxim. It ends the rising action and begins the falling action.

The beginning of the climax:

The climax began when Mrs. X said to Miss Y "I hate you" and exposed everything about the close relationship between her husband and Miss. Y.

Q\Why did the characters without full names?

Strindberg represents a common problem that happens everyday to a lot of women. So Miss Y and Mrs. X are universal figures in all societies. In order to give the readers more suspense and curiosity to read.

Q\ Where is ironic element in the play?

When Mrs. X said to Miss Y "Do you see what small feet Bob has, and you should see how elegantly he walks "This is a verbal irony between what Mrs. X and what she means.

Q\The technique used in play that revealed the past information?

The flash back is used by the playwright to present past information so as to fill the picture in the mind of the audience. It is used in many situations like:

1-when Mrs. X describes the first meeting and feelings with Miss. Y and how she was afraid of her.

2-When Mrs. X gave an examples of her husband's faithfulness (when Nasty Frederique tried to seduce him).

Q\Make a comparison between Mrs. X and Miss. Y?

Q\August Strindberg is generally recognized as a first expressionist a playwright in the stronger. Elaborate?

Expressionism is a movement appeared in art and literature. It appeared at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup>.c., in Germany. It depicted the psychological movement flourished in Germany between (1905-1925) after the absurd

theatre. Expressionism tends to represent the external reality and the mood and feelings of the figures via using stylized and subjective realities to convey psychological and spiritual events.

Q\What are the influence of Miss. Y on the life of Mrs. X?

Q\What is the moral lesson behind this Play?

1-Any one must sacrifice with everything, even his feelings, passions to protect and keep is important like family.

2-To protect your own family, property, everything that you love, you must do everything right depending on the benefits not what you will lose.

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