

LECTURE 5

" I have never seen or heard of such a fish .But I must kill him .I am glad we do not have to try to kill the stars."

Santiago struggles with the marlin ,he reflects upon the nature of the universe and his place in it. He displays both pity for the fish and an unflagging determination to kill it ,because the marlin 's death helps to reinvigorate the fisher man 's life . The predatory nature of this exchange is inevitable ,for just as hawks will continue to hunt warblers, men will continue to kill marlin ,and sharks will continue to rob them of their catches .The cruelty of this natural order is subverted ,however ,because of the kinship Santiago feels for his prey .His opponent is worthy – so worthy , in fact , that he later goes on to say that it doesn't matter who kills whom . There is , in the old man's estimation ,some sense to this order .Man can achieve greatness only when placed in a well- matched contest against his earthly brothers .To find glory ,Santiago does not need to extend himself beyond his animal nature by looking to the sun or the stars.

"You did not kill the fish only to keep alive and to sell for food ,he thought ,you killed him for pride and because you are a fisherman .You loved him when he was alive and you loved him after .If you love him ,it is not a sin to kill him."

As Santiago attempts to explain to himself his reasons for killing the fish ,and admits that his desire to hunt the fish stemmed from the very same quality that led to its eventual destruction : his pride .He then justifies his behavior by claiming that his slaying of the marlin was necessitated by his love and respect for it.

"What a man can do and what a man endure "

It's a reference to the old man's difficult situation. Hemingway here emphasizes Man hood ,How man could be a man ,Although ,the difficult situation that the old man pass through ,first of all , he must remain alert all the time .

Some of the flesh of his hand had been cut when the fish had suddenly pulled the line ,so the old man dipped his hand in the salt-water of ocean ,then he cuts the tuna into small pieces and began to eat ,he wished he had some salt to be able to relish the raw tuna. He chewed the

pieces of the tuna slowly but effectively in order to get all the juices .he feels a cramp on his left hand ,he prayed to God to

take away the cramp in order that he may be able to deal with this huge marlin ,he wants to prove that a man can endure all the difficult circumstances that each man may face or meet throughout his life .,man should go on in clear –direct way to continue his life ,although life may contain obstacles as well as difficult situations .

"No one should be alone in their old age ,he thought ,but it is unavoidable "

This is a reference to the theme of loneliness ,because because Santiago is a man who is full of suffering , he lost his youth ,that means he lost his strength ,he felt that he is alone in this world ,alone in this difficult ,cruel life. Out of his society ,separated from his friends and neighbors,but this is an emphasis on the idea of fate which is typical in the heroic story, the old man wants to say that this is our fate to live alone in this society .

" I wish I had the boy ."

The boy is a symbol of the old man's past youth , the boy is also an important symbol in the story ,he symbolizes Santiago's youthful strength ,the boy is a constant reminder to Santiago's of his own youthful days ,of his courage and bravery in those days .

That is the reason why thoughts of the boy occur to him again and again. Santiago looks upon the boy as a source of inspiration to him , Santiago says in so many times that the boy keeps him alive." The boy keeps me alive."