

IMPACT OF CLARISSE ON MONTAG

FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH CLARISSE

He laughed.

She glanced quickly over. "Why are you laughing?"

"I don't know." He started to laugh again and stopped "Why?"

"You laugh when I haven't been funny and you answer right off.

You never stop to think what I've asked you."

AFTER ENCOUNTER

"Happy! Of all the nonsense."

He stopped laughing.

Of course I'm happy. What does she think? I'm not? He asked for quiet rooms. He stood looking up at the ventilator grille in the hall and suddenly remembered that something lay hidden behind the grille, something that seemed to peer down at him now. He moved his eyes quickly away.

anticipating each flicker of an eyelid, each gesture of his hand, each flick of a finger, the moment before it began

He was not happy.

He was not happy. He said the words to himself. He recognized this as the true state of affairs. He wore his happiness like a mask and the girl had run off across the lawn with the mask

The room was not empty

His wife stretched on the bed, uncovered and cold, like a body displayed on the lid of a tomb, her eyes fixed to the ceiling

his open, separate, and therefore cold bed

The room was indeed empty

AFTER MILDRED'S OPERATION

"I don't know anything any more," he said,

Only an hour, but the world had melted down and sprung up in a new and colourless form.

SECOND ENCOUNTER WITH CLARISSE

And then, very slowly, as he walked, he tilted his head back in the rain, for just a few moments, and opened his mouth....

- The meeting with Clarisse had helped Montag realised the emptiness in his life and how he is not genuinely happy
- It had probed Montag to start thinking - of his own emotions + world around him
- Made Montag confused because within a short but impactful span of time, Clarisse had made Montag realise the shallowness/emptiness in his life that he has never stopped to think about

HOPE IN SOCIETY

- For Montag (meeting Faber)
- For society (conversation with Granger)

THE MINDLESS POPULACE/ Extent of control on people

- Beatty saying "Off the parlour"
- Gov telling people to look out their windows for Montag
- Subway train

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