

Discussion Director

Q: Can addiction lead to drastic change?

A: It is certainly evident that any bad habit has the potential of manipulating an individual's mind and causes them to make unnatural changes in their behaviour and their way of thinking. Ultimately, addiction leads to uncontrollable emotions as well, and the addict eventually loses their mind completely.

Q: Why would a shy, quiet, and paranoid character like Joe be so attracted to a girl like Candy with plenty of life problems when he knows that her pimp will kill him if he catches him with her?

A: Again, with the issue of obsession, it is basically leading Joe to another world that he's never experienced before, and he is unable to decipher ^{what} his emotions or judge what choices are right and what choices are wrong in his life. ✓

Q: How does Joe develop such an infatuation with Candy that he'd literally jump off a bridge for her after getting together with her only once? He barely even knows her.

A: Sometimes love can act as a kind of drug, and it can pull any unsuspecting person into its grasp for the wrong cause. As like any other drug, it can make anyone do things they know are wrong, but they really can't help it. If you give it some thought, you may realize that humans can't control their feelings everyday, even if they think they have control. ✓

Q: Could Joe's father's strict attitude towards Joe have a factor that impacts his craving for Candy?

A: It's possible that Joe's father's sternness towards Joe is causing him to want Candy even more, since parents are well known to affect how their kids act based on how they treat them. Joe may find Candy as an opportunity to get back at his father for grounding him unfairly, which basically drives his feelings for her even further since Joe now has another purpose to get with Candy.

Q: Is it possible that Togy getting knocked unconscious by Candy before he kills Joe could symbolize a message from the author telling the reader to never lose hope, even when the odds are against you?

A: The cliché of never giving up has been around for quite awhile and is constantly seen in various movies and books, but it still holds true today. The only thing that comes from giving up is not knowing what could've been in whatever situation the quitter is in, and no one wants an annoying mystery like that dwelling on their mind for a long period of time. Everyone should just learn to stick to something until the bitter end because you never know what the turnout of something may be. ✓