



Foreshadowing and Its Results to Plot Twist in Lloyd F. Loux's *A Clever Catch*

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Abstract

*This article investigates how the plot twist in Lloyd F. Loux's *A Clever Catch* is done through foreshadowing. The action of foreshadowing is to introduce subconscious clues to the audience without spoiling the result. Loux's story is about a man who has an obsession with a thief woman and intends to catch her. At last, he succeeds in catching the thief and brings her before the magistrate, but then the magistrate does not punish her but gives best wishes to both of them. Through qualitative method and explorative approach, this paper underlines that the plot twist is preceded by the senses of law, starting from the thief, the accusation, the man as the detective, and the magistrate. At last, the punishment is not severe, but happy since all of the symbols eventually indicate a man who goes after a woman he loves. In conclusion, the foreshadowing in Loux's story brings suspense and anxiety to the audience which then later presents a grateful happy ending as the plot twist.*

Abstrak

*Artikel ini menyelidiki bagaimana plot twist dalam *A Clever Catch* karya Lloyd F. Loux dilakukan melalui foreshadowing. Tindakan foreshadowing adalah memperkenalkan petunjuk bawah sadar kepada penonton tanpa merusak hasilnya. Cerita Loux berkisah tentang seorang pria yang terobsesi dengan seorang wanita pencuri dan berniat menangkapnya. Akhirnya, ia berhasil menangkap pencuri itu dan membawanya ke hadapan hakim, tetapi hakim tidak menghukumnya tetapi memberikan harapan terbaik bagi mereka berdua. Melalui metode kualitatif dan pendekatan eksploratif, makalah ini menggarisbawahi bahwa plot twist didahului oleh makna hukum, mulai dari pencuri, terdakwa, pria sebagai detektif, dan hakim. Akhirnya, hukumannya tidak berat, tetapi menyenangkan karena semua simbol akhirnya menunjukkan seorang pria yang mengejar wanita yang dicintainya. Sebagai kesimpulan, foreshadowing dalam cerita Loux membawa ketegangan dan kecemasan bagi penonton yang kemudian menghadirkan akhir yang bahagia sebagai plot twist.*

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Introduction

In the short story entitled *A Clever Catch* written by Lloyd F. Loux in 1916, there is a clever detective who is determined to catch a woman whom he believes is a thief (Loux, 1916).

The story is short, and even be categorized as a flash fiction, yet still contains great plot twists at the end. The full story is listed below;

She was a thief, and he knew it. He had followed her in her travels, where she posed as a saleswoman. At various times he had thought to capture her, but she evaded him. He feared he had too little evidence, and she was so wily and so clever. When he saw her sun-kissed hair and inviting lips, he felt abashed to think of associating crime with her, and so he waited for more conclusive evidence. He wished to be sure. How embarrassing it would be to accuse her and then find her innocent! And yet—he knew she was dangerous. Then one day he realized something odd. He had been robbed! He, the cleverest detective on the force, had been robbed! Yes, it was hard to realize. And by the very woman he was seeking to capture. Yes, he knew she must have done it. Now he would bring her to justice! But how? He had no actual evidence more than his own conviction. Ah, yes! He would put on a bold front and bluff her. Yes, bluff her! How happy he felt. Why, after he had made this capture he would be the proudest man on the force. And he could have the satisfaction of saying he had wrung the confession from her. So, he togged up and put on a bold front and a wise air and started out. But suppose she suspected his bluff? Oh, horrors! Imagine his chagrin. The wisest man on the force, and made a plaything of by a baby of a woman! But he was started, and only cowards turn back. Suffice it for us to know that he succeeded and escorted her to the nearest magistrate's office, and she confessed! Yes, and he had the satisfaction of hearing her take oath to the confession. Then the magistrate appointed him to be her keeper for life. The case was closed with the best wishes of the magistrate. (Loux, 1916)

The story above indicates that the man has been watching her closely, but she is tricky and always manages to stay one step ahead of him. Though he suspects her, he hesitates to act because he does not really have solid proof, and her beauty makes him question his own instincts (Loux, 1916). Eventually, when he realizes she has stolen from him, he decides to trick her into confessing. To his surprise, she admits to the crime, and the story takes an unexpected turn when the judge appoints him as her guardian for life. This playful story explores themes of trust, trickery, and how things are not always what they seem. The story also tells people about how they should not rely only on appearances. Furthermore, the story elucidates the imperative of not solely depending on superficial assessments (Loux, 1916). Additionally, genuine ingenuity is characterized by anticipatory thinking rather than merely relying on empirical observations or emotional responses. It further illustrates that the manifestation of justice may unfold in an unpredictable manner.

One useful literary device a writer may employ to generate and intensify tension that will keep readers turning the page is foreshadowing (Gottlieb, 2019; MasterClass, 2021; Yamasaki, 2022). It is a literary device that foreshadows or indicates what will happen later in the text. Suspense, a sense of discomfort, curiosity, or a hint that things might not be as they appear can all be achieved using this technique. That being said, foreshadowing does not always entail giving away what will occur later in a workpiece of literature. When an author uses foreshadowing well, readers might not even understand its relevance until the story's conclusion (Hack, 2024; Kadhim & Ibrahim, 2022; Sugiharti, 2020). Then, foreshadowing is actually indicated through the word “fore” meaning at the front and “shadow” meaning similar shape shown under a real object. It is how meanings are kept intact so that the suspense and interests of the readers may go on to get involved in the following plot twist at the end.

This article would like to investigate more into how Loux’s story is full of foreshadowing that may result in such plot twists. In this case, the plot twist gives different perspectives to the audience as it really deconstructs the imagination of the readers. They think that it is about a detective and thief story, but then the different ending shows that the story is actually about a man who loves a girl and succeeded to marry her at the end.

The analysis from Loux’s flash fiction has never been researched at all. Moreover, literary analysis regarding foreshadowing is also rarely found. Those two aspects support the research gap and novelty of this article. This writing is indeed to dig further understandings of such literary work published in a magazine and to analyze its content by taking perspective in its internal structure through matter of foreshadowing.

Results and Discussions

The Man, the Woman, and Their Existence among the Law

The theme of Loux's story is the notion of the law. It makes it clear that the flash fiction is about someone apprehending a person for committing such a crime. The information below is compiled by highlighting its components, revealing the specifics of the man-woman interactions. The list also highlights the man's perseverance in opposing the woman. The following highlights the data from Data 1-8 directly taken from Loux’s flash fiction:

DATA 1

“She was a thief, and he knew it.” (Loux, 1916)

The investigator, having conducted a thorough evaluation of the circumstances, was acutely aware that the female subject in question was actively engaged in the illicit activity of

thievery; however, despite his keen observations and suspicions, he found himself lacking any substantial or concrete evidence that would facilitate her apprehension in a legal context (Loux, 1916). Should this cunning investigator be successfully evaded by her adept maneuvers, he would consequently find himself unable to acquire any pertinent information from her that could potentially lead to the resolution of the case at hand. The individual who has been identified as the perpetrator of these thefts, namely the female subject, is notably recognized for having appropriated not only the material possessions of others but also the full attention and focus of the investigator himself, who is determined to uncover the truth.

He is fully cognizant of the reality concerning the female subject and her questionable activities, which have raised a number of red flags in his professional judgment. Consequently, he feels compelled to persist in his relentless efforts to pursue her, despite the numerous challenges and obstacles that may lie in his path (Loux, 1916). The investigator's determination to bring her actions to light serves as a testament to his commitment to justice and the rule of law, even in the face of adversity. Ultimately, it is this unwavering resolve that propels him forward in his quest to unveil the full extent of her wrongdoing and to seek appropriate redress for the transgressions she has committed.

DATA 2

“He had been robbed! He, the cleverest detective on the force had been robbed.” (Loux, 1916)

The detective, who had previously fallen victim to the cunning thievery perpetrated by a particularly elusive woman, was now completely committed to the pursuit of capturing her, fully aware of the fact that her nefarious tendencies made her a formidable and potentially perilous adversary. Although he had initially been outwitted by her clever maneuvers that allowed her to escape his grasp, he nevertheless demonstrated his resourcefulness and tenacity by devising an elaborate trap aimed specifically at ensnaring her and ultimately ensuring that she would face the consequences of her actions in a court of law (Loux, 1916). In spite of her numerous attempts to slip away from the clutches of justice and evade his relentless pursuit, he showcased a remarkable display of courage and strategic thinking, managing to bluff her into a state of vulnerability that led to her eventual confession and subsequent arrest.

The detective's extraordinary capacity to turn what appeared to be a dire situation into a resounding victory not only solidified his reputation as a masterful investigator but also highlighted the intellectual prowess that distinguishes him as the most astute detective in the field. Furthermore, this incident serves to illuminate the intense competitive atmosphere in

which he operates, revealing that his ongoing endeavor to apprehend the woman responsible for the theft has become a personal challenge that he is wholly engaged in, driven by both a sense of duty and a desire for retribution (Loux, 1916).

Ultimately, the interplay between the detective and the thief accentuates the complexities of crime and justice, where intellect, cunning, and strategy are constantly at odds, each side vying for dominance in a high-stakes game of cat and mouse (Loux, 1916). It is understood that this relentless pursuit not only reinforces his status as a clever detective but also underscores the ongoing struggle within the realm of law enforcement to uphold justice against those who seek to undermine it through deceitful means.

DATA 3

"Now he would bring her to justice!" (Loux, 1916)

This particular declaration serves to underscore the detective's unwavering commitment to uphold the law and pursue justice, which is a cornerstone of the legal framework that governs society. In this specific context, the concept of justice refers to the detective's intention to escort her to the magistrate, thereby facilitating her accountability and punishment for her illicit actions, which have transgressed the boundaries of acceptable behavior (Loux, 1916). It is imperative for him to secure such lawful convictions to substantiate his authenticity as a law enforcement officer, as well as to validate the legitimacy of his pursuit of her, which is grounded in the principles of justice and order. The narrative style employed by Loux is particularly compelling, as he incorporates the use of exclamation marks, which serve a dual purpose of emphasizing key moments and enhancing the overall tension within the storyline.

This stylistic choice is not merely decorative but is strategically designed to escalate the suspense and engage the reader's emotions, thereby drawing them deeper into the unfolding drama. By intertwining these elements, Loux effectively captivates his audience, leaving them on the edge of their seats as they anticipate the subsequent developments in the plot (Loux, 1916). Ultimately, the combination of a determined detective, a focus on legal repercussions, and a suspenseful narrative style creates a rich tapestry of intrigue that invites further exploration and analysis.

DATA 4

"But how? He had no actual evidence more than his own conviction." (Loux, 1916)

The discussion at hand brings to light the critical significance of substantiating evidence within the realm of legal proceedings, while simultaneously underscoring the formidable

challenges associated with establishing an individual's guilt within a complex legal framework that demands rigorous proof. In this particular context, the phrase "his own conviction" pertains to the detective's profound and unwavering belief or certainty regarding the culpability of the woman in question. It is despite the glaring absence of tangible or concrete evidence that could effectively validate his assertions in a court of law (Loux, 1916).

This conviction serves as a manifestation of his personal certainty or intuitive sense regarding the intricacies of the case at hand, which starkly contrasts with the requisite legal proof that must be provided in order to secure a conviction in a judicial setting (Loux, 1916). Ultimately, his deep-seated conviction, while compelling on a personal level, remains devoid of the empirical evidence that is essential for substantiating claims of guilt in a court of law, thereby illustrating the complex interplay between intuition and evidential requirements in the pursuit of justice.

DATA 5

"He toggled up and put on a bold front and a wise air and started out." (Loux, 1916)

This notion signifies the adoption of a meticulously calculated and strategic methodology with respect to the enforcement of legal statutes, thereby highlighting the inherent political dimensions associated with his responsibilities and obligations as a detective within the broader context of societal governance. The expression "toggled up" conveys the act of adorning oneself in attire that is specifically designed or designated for a particular event or undertaking, thereby underscoring the significance of appropriate presentation in various social interactions (Loux, 1916). Furthermore, it becomes evident that he is consciously curating an image of self-assurance, which may be an intentional effort to project an aura of assertiveness coupled with a sense of boldness that is often requisite in his line of work.

In addition, the phrase "wise air" connotes an endeavor on his part to embody an impression of intellectual acumen and professional competence, which is crucial in establishing credibility and authority in his investigative pursuits. This multifaceted presentation not only serves to enhance his personal brand as a detective but also facilitates his interactions with both colleagues and the community at large, where perceptions of capability and confidence can significantly influence outcomes (Loux, 1916). Ultimately, the amalgamation of these elements reflects a sophisticated understanding of the interplay between appearance, perception, and the operational demands of law enforcement within the societal framework.

DATA 6

"Suffice it for us to know that he succeeded and escorted her to the nearest magistrate's office." (Loux, 1916)

This particular action denotes the procedural undertaking of formally presenting the individual who has been accused of wrongdoing before a magistrate, which undeniably represents a vital and fundamental element within the overarching judicial system that governs legal proceedings. He effectively managed to bring her before the magistrate in order for her case to be thoroughly examined and adjudicated, thereby ensuring that the principles of justice are upheld in a fair manner (Loux, 1916).

The stylistic choices and narrative techniques employed by Loux in his composition are particularly illuminating, as they appear to be meticulously crafted with the intention of showcasing the eventual victory of the male protagonist over adversity (Loux, 1916). Moreover, this narrative development serves as a compelling indication that the protagonist is on the brink of receiving a significant reward for his skillful adept efforts in successfully apprehending the individual who is widely believed to be engaged in thievery.

DATA 7

"Then the magistrate appointed him to be her keeper for life." (Loux, 1916)

This analysis serves to illuminate the complex legal consequences that arise from her confession and simultaneously delineates the scope of the magistrate's authority, which empowers him to enforce decisions, thereby highlighting the intricate relationship between political power and the established legal systems that govern social interactions. The expression "keeper for life" seemingly implies that the magistrate has conferred upon the individual designated as the detective the lifelong obligation to assume guardianship over the woman, extending far beyond mere oversight (Loux, 1916). The designation of "keeper" in this particular context may initially suggest the assignment of a duty focused on her welfare and protection.

Later on, it simultaneously carries a deeper, more nuanced implication that the magistrate has compelled the detective to maintain a level of supervision that includes romantic responsibilities. It is thereby positioning him in a role akin to that of a partner in a personal relationship (Loux, 1916). Thus, the implications of such terminology and the roles assigned are not only significant in understanding legal authority but also in recognizing the social and romantic dimensions that can intertwine with legal obligations, further complicating the

interpretation of the magistrate's intentions and the detective's responsibilities in this intricate scenario.

DATA 8

"The case was closed with the best wishes of the magistrate." (Loux, 1916)

This statement underscores the definitive and conclusive nature of the legal proceedings, while simultaneously illuminating the pivotal function that the magistrate fulfills in bringing closure to the case at hand, thereby shedding light on the intricate interplay between the domains of law and governance. The phrase "best wishes" serves to convey that the magistrate perceives this particular arrangement in a positive light, almost akin to extending a benediction or a form of approval regarding the notion of the detective and the thief being inexorably connected in a manner that is both significant and enduring (Loux, 1916). The individual in question is afforded such rights, which may manifest in various capacities, whether as a guardian, protector, or even in a more intimate or affectionate relationship towards the woman involved.

Foreshadowing and Its Widened Usage

Foreshadowing can be understood as a form of narrative shadow, where elements introduced early in the text cast implications that resonate throughout the story. This concept is akin to a shadow preceding an object, allowing readers to sense the potential outcomes without fully revealing them (Gottlieb, 2019; MasterClass, 2021; Yamasaki, 2022). As an object casts a shadow backward, foreshadowing allows readers to glimpse future events before they occur. Foreshadowing has several purposes in a story. It creates suspense by hinting at future events and keeping readers engaged and eager to see what happens next. It also enhances the story's dynamic by connecting early details to later developments.

As a literary device, foreshadowing is where the author lightly shows the future plot developments. It often appears early in the narrative and can manifest through many meanings such as dialogue, setting, or symbolic elements (Beigi et al., 2019; Deguzman, 2024; Pasopati et al., 2024). The primary aim is to engage readers' curiosity about how the hints of the events will unfold. Foreshadowing is typically categorized into two main forms: Direct Foreshadowing and Indirect Foreshadowing. Direct foreshadowing includes clear hints like revelatory statements in dialogue or prologues, and prophecies that predict future events. It is also when a story gives a couple clear hints of warning about something that will happen later

in the story, often through obvious dialogue or events (Beigi et al., 2019; Deguzman, 2024; Wijaya et al., 2024). Indirect foreshadowing is more subtle, using symbolism or metaphors, natural elements and various seemingly unimportant details that only reveal their significance later in the story. The indirect one is more subtle and less obvious. It might involve symbolic clues such as small details that only make sense after the event occurs (Beigi et al., 2019; Pasopati et al., 2024; Wijaya et al., 2024). This requires the readers to look for hidden hints in the story.

Reasons why foreshadowing is important is because it creates a suspense that makes the readers want to keep reading the story by hinting at future events. It also pushes the readers to understand the story deeply (Hack, 2024; Kadhim & Ibrahim, 2022; Sugiharti, 2020). It can also peak the reader's curiosity and build anticipation on the story about the hidden clues. Foreshadowing is also adding layers of complexity to the story, making the themes have more complexities and character arcs. It allows authors to introduce some hidden clues that may not be immediately apparent but gain impact as the story progresses (Hack, 2024; Kadhim & Ibrahim, 2022; Pasopati et al., 2024; Sugiharti, 2020). This goes to show that foreshadowing is a great way to peak people's excitement.

Additionally, foreshadowing can give two main senses. The first one is a sense of fatalism, suggesting that characters are destined to follow certain paths, which adds depth to their experiences and journeys. Foreshadowing in this idea gives hints as obvious signs that will bring satisfaction to the readers (Beigi et al., 2019; Deguzman, 2024; Pryke, 2023). The second sense is that foreshadowing is used to gain indication to the next plot twist being built. Foreshadowing can be used as the real signs or even aversions to the other meanings. At last, it could make sense of such plot twists as the hints are meant to give different points aforementioned (Hack, 2024; Kadhim & Ibrahim, 2022; Sugiharti, 2020).

Foreshadowing takes advantage of the difference between two additional literary terms that, in conversation, are often used synonymously, but actually mean quite different things. It is about plot – which is the order of events in a narrative as they would take place linearly – and narrative, which is how those events are told or related (Gottlieb, 2019; MasterClass, 2021; Walker & Harbus, 2023). When a piece of foreshadowing shows up early in the narrative, then, it hints at or gestures toward something that is going to take place later in the plot: usually not by giving away precisely what is really going to happen, but by dropping a hint or make an allusion to something that is going to occur down the road, so to speak. Audience is being told about it now in the narrative, then, foreshadowing is intended to heighten their anticipation and

make them want to find out what is going to happen in the next phase of the plot (Gottlieb, 2019; MasterClass, 2021; Walker & Harbus, 2023).

Foreshadowing in *A Clever Catch*

Overt story points or symbolic imagery are frequently used to produce foreshadowing, a literary method that alludes to future occurrences. However, a more subtle kind of foreshadowing uses subtle stylistic and tonal manipulation (Liveley, 2022; Loux, 1916; Yi, 2021). A story's general tone and ambiance are influenced by the narrator's voice, point of view, and information control. One way to hint at an unexpected outcome is to use a tone that conveys assurance and knowledge. The narrator's statement in Loux's story indicates "Suffice it for us to know that he succeeded..." that creates an expectation that extends beyond the thief's simple catch in Loux's short story, demonstrating this (Liveley, 2022; Loux, 1916; Yi, 2021). This storytelling technique manages the story's "pace" by withholding important elements and piquing the reader's interest.

Matter of foreshadowing is also intended to defy the reader's expectations and indicate a break from traditional narrative conventions. This interruption itself may serve as a kind of premonition, suggesting unforeseen turns or intricate themes. The sudden change from the detective's pursuit for "justice" to the woman's "keeper" in Loux's story is stylistically startling (Liveley, 2022; Loux, 1916; Yi, 2021). This interruption suggests that the story goes beyond the conventional criminal narrative and explores the intricacies of power, the law, and interpersonal connections. The flash fiction indeed focuses on the representation of reality and highlights how such stylistic shifts can create a sense of "foregrounding," drawing attention to specific elements and their potential significance (Beigi et al., 2019; Gottlieb, 2019; Loux, 1916).

Moreover, comprehension of how authorial decisions in tone and style contribute to foreshadowing requires a comprehension of various inferring factors. Those are showing purposes to underline voice and viewpoint directed towards the reader's perception. The term "wise air" and the exclamation points in "Now he would bring her to justice!" in Loux's short story creates a sarcastic tone that discreetly betrays the detective's seeming confidence and foreshadows the unexpected turn of events (Beigi et al., 2019; Gottlieb, 2019; Loux, 1916). As Booth says, this ironic distance enables the author to "show" rather than "tell," including the reader in an interpretive process.

It is indeed a fascinating and thought-provoking observation to consider how the concept of law, which is traditionally associated with justice and order, can ultimately serve as an unexpected yet positive conclusion to a romantic narrative, thereby transforming it into a compelling love story by the end of the tale (Beigi et al., 2019; Gottlieb, 2019; Loux, 1916). Initially, the narrative presents various subtleties and intricate details concerning the legal system, but as the plot evolves, it gradually transitions into the profound themes and ideas surrounding the institution of marriage, illustrating the complexities of interpersonal relationships. The moment when the magistrate extends his heartfelt best wishes to the protagonists serves as a remarkable and unforeseen plot twist that catches the readers off guard, creating a sense of surprise and delight in the unfolding storyline (Beigi et al., 2019; Gottlieb, 2019; Loux, 1916).

Throughout the narrative, the audience is continuously engaged with the representation of legal principles, including instances of theft, while simultaneously observing how the detective, who embodies the values of propriety and decorum, diligently pursues the perpetrator of the crime (Beigi et al., 2019; Loux, 1916; Walker & Harbus, 2023). In a deeper yet expanding turn of events, it is revealed that the true object of the theft is not merely a physical item, but rather the detective's own heart, which has been unwittingly captured by the very woman he seeks to protect. As the detective grapples with his emotions, he embarks on a quest to find compelling reasons to propose marriage, yearning for the opportunity for her to reciprocate his deep and abiding love (Beigi et al., 2019; Loux, 1916; Pryke, 2023).

Eventually, the narrative reaches a climactic moment when both he and she, united in their feelings, approach the magistrate to solidify their bond through marriage, thereby marking a significant turning point in their relationship. This advance in their commitment not only symbolizes the culmination of their individual journeys but also emphasizes the transformative power of love within the framework of societal norms and legal structures (Hack, 2024; Loux, 1916; Pryke, 2023). Through this intricate interplay between law and love, the story ultimately illustrates how these two seemingly disparate elements can intertwine and enrich one another, offering a profound commentary on the nature of human connection. Thus, the tale concludes with a harmonious resolution that underscores the importance of both legal and emotional commitments in the pursuit of happiness and fulfillment in one's personal life (Hack, 2024; Loux, 1916; Pryke, 2023).

From a legal perspective pertaining to the narrative presented in the story, one can discern that the male character is destined to ultimately apprehend the female character by the

conclusion of the tale, thereby creating a sense of resolution that aligns with the audience's inherent yearning for closure and satisfaction (Hack, 2024; Loux, 1916; Walker & Harbus, 2023). This anticipated outcome serves as a mechanism through which the audience experiences a profound sense of gratification, as it fulfills the narrative expectations that have been subtly established throughout the progression of the plot. Consequently, individuals engaging with the text are likely to derive a heightened appreciation for the story once the protagonist successfully attains his objective in the final moments of the narrative.

The main character, having navigated through a myriad of formidable obstacles and challenges that test his resolve and determination, is expected to emerge victorious in the end, thus eliciting a sense of hope and fulfillment among the readers. Intriguingly, the narrative incorporates a significant plot twist, which serves to further engage the audience and enhance the overall complexity of the story (Loux, 1916; Pryke, 2023; Walker & Harbus, 2023). This unexpected development not only adds layers to the narrative but also exemplifies the depth of emotional and intellectual gratification bestowed upon the audience at the most climactic moments of the tale. Furthermore, the interplay between the protagonist's journey and the ultimate resolution underscores the thematic significance of perseverance and the pursuit of one's goals in the face of adversity.

As such, the story encapsulates the essence of narrative satisfaction, whereby the culmination of the protagonist's efforts resonates profoundly with the readers. By skillfully navigating the intricacies of character development and plot dynamics, the author effectively crafts a narrative that not only entertains but also instills a sense of fulfillment and closure (Kadhim & Ibrahim, 2022; Loux, 1916; Pryke, 2023). Ultimately, the combination of these elements reveals the intricate relationship between storytelling and the human experience, serving to illuminate the profound impact that well-constructed narratives can have on an audience's emotional and intellectual engagement.

The general audience is experiencing a profound sense of joy and elation, not solely due to the fact that the protagonist has successfully managed to capture the affection of the woman in question, but also because their union culminates in a marriage by the narrative's conclusion, which serves to enhance the overall satisfaction of the audience. The unexpected turn of events, despite its elusive nature, possesses the potential to significantly augment the sense of relief that the audience feels for the main character, thereby deepening their emotional investment in his journey (Liveley, 2022; Loux, 1916; Pryke, 2023). Furthermore, this narrative development effectively alleviates any lingering anxieties or concerns that may have previously

plagued the protagonist, as he is now assuredly secure in his emotional and relational circumstances.

As stated indicatively, the main character's transformation is primarily attributed to the fact that he has discovered an unparalleled and boundless state of happiness in his relationship with the woman, which ultimately solidifies his contentment. The culmination of these elements not only provides a satisfying resolution but also invites the audience to reflect on the intricate dynamics of love and fulfillment (Deguzman, 2024; Loux, 1916; Pryke, 2023). In this way, the narrative encapsulates the essence of human experience, where the attainment of love not only brings joy to the individuals involved but also resonates deeply with the collective consciousness of those who bear witness to their story.

Conclusion

A Clever Catch by Lloyd F. Loux considers foreshadowing as the main storytelling technique. By indicating foreshadowing, Loux shows how the story is shaped from nuances of law and then underlines such plot twists at the end. It is not a matter of court at the end, but it is about a magistrate. In this story, the magistrate gives best wishes to the main character. It turns out that all this time the woman has stolen the man's heart, making him fall in love. He keeps finding ways to marry her. Loux shows the foreshadowing by giving nuances of law in which later it shapes best wishes for a happy marriage. When he has found various reasons, he has the intention to bring her to the magistrate, not to punish her, but to make them a husband and a wife. It is indeed giving gratification and relief to the audience where the man finally finds the best for him and her as he has done a clever catch.

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