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The story of Lamb to the Slaughter has a long and historical relationship with the English and biblical literature. This story is by Roald Dahl, which portrays different meanings about the topic "Lamb to the Slaughter." Marry is the wife of Patrick Maloney who, is a housewife, and she would always wait for her husband eagerly. This essay discusses the different aspects of the story of the Lamb to the Slaughter.

This story is about Mary Maloney, who used to wait for her husband excitedly, and when he entered the room, he takes the glass and takes a second glass of dink. For the second time, he made his drink stronger than before. She used to love him the most, and she did every task to please him, but her husband's silences always disappointed her. She considered him as a Godfather, and she always loved his presence. The masculinity of her husband is compared with the sun that is only sustained with Mary and no one else (Dahl, 1995). One day on his return home, she prepared the meal and took it to room, but unfortunately, her husband turns his back for unknown reasons. However, for him, there was a reason, and he wanted to leave Mary. He confesses after a moment that he is going to leave her; at the same moment, she got shocked by his words. On the other hand, she killed a limb and prepared food for him. Mary after a few moments of realizing that she has committed a crime, therefore, she puts it to the oven, and then she goes to a shop to buy vegetables for him (*“Lamb to the Slaughter”* ).

On her return home from the grocery shop, she found that he was dead; confused, Mary immediately calls the police to investigate the sudden death of her husband. The investigators in sympathy consoles Mary for the death of her husband. The police investigators started to search for the weapon with which Patrick was killed. They did not realize that the killer is right in front of them, and that is no other than Mary herself. She acts very sharply in front of the investigators by making them feel that she is a broken widow now, and she successfully destroys the weapon without making the realized. Investigators did not know that the weapon was the same leg of Lamb, which was served to them just a few minutes ago.

In this story, she does not only killed her husband but also did not make the investigators realize that she is the reason for the death of Patrick and her at the same time as the investigation destroyed the evidence. Her actions defeated the butchers too, and she took control over her life again after killing her husband. She also started to manage things according to her planning for her survival. Mary only adored her husband, and that was not considered; rather, her husband was going to divorce her very soon, and he was going to destroy her life for loving him and for being loyal to him for the lifetime (Dahl, 2012).

This story reflects the story of a woman who went through major turning points in her life. She considered her husband as godfather, who later was going to divorce her. Her love and loyalty were not valued by her husband. For that reason, she kills her husband with the help of “Limb” and destroys the evidence in front of police. This story reflects that it can be dangerous for some individuals if they start underestimating them no matter if they perceive that the other person is a weak "Lamb."

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