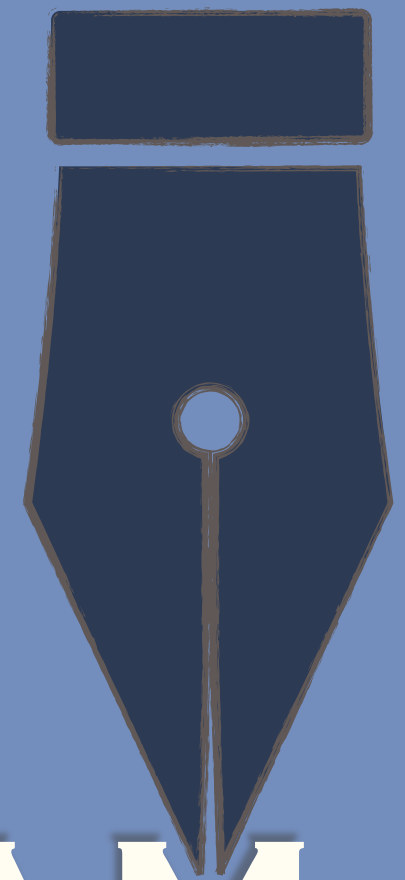


“THE FALL OF EDWARD BARNARD”

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A stylized, dark blue graphic of an open book is positioned on the left side of the image. The book is shown from a three-quarter perspective, with its pages fanning out. The spine of the book is visible in the center. The background is a solid, lighter blue color.

STARTING QUOTE

‘I HAVEN’T FAILED. I’VE SUCCEEDED.’

THE WRITER AND BACKGROUND

"The Fall of Edward Barnard" is a short story by Somerset Maugham, a renowned English novelist, that was published in his collection "The Thrill of the Leaf: Little Stories about the South Sea Islands" in the USA and England in 1921. He drew inspiration and ideas for this collection from his trip in the Pacific Ocean in 1916-1917.



VOCABULARY

complacent - самодовольный

imperishable - нетленный

effete - изнеженный

Flippant - легкомысленный

repentance - покаяние

to inflict a mortification on - причинять кому-либо обиду

to repress the exclamation of delight - подавить восторженный возглас

to cast bread upon the waters - делать добрые дела без корыстных устремлений, не ожидая вознаграждения

all and sundry = everyone

to keep body and soul together - сводить концы с концами

SETTING AND PLOT



Tahiti, San Francisco and Chicago in the early 20th century.

The narration is from the third-person point of view with the primary perspective being that of Bateman Hunter.

In Chicago, Bateman Hunter and Edward Barnard both love Isabel Longstaffe, a cultured, intelligent girl. She gets engaged to Edward. After his father's financial ruin and suicide, Edward enters the business of a Chicago merchant with an agency in Tahiti; he will come back to Isabel in a year or two. Bateman, visits Tahiti during a business trip. He finds that Edward, sacked from the merchant's business, is working in a trader's store, and is the adopted nephew of the notorious fraudster Arnold Jackson. Edward is happy, saying "I never knew I had a soul until I found it here". He intends to marry Jackson's half-caste daughter. When Isabel learns all this from Bateman, she removes her engagement ring, and happily accepts his proposal of marriage. Bateman looks forward to a successful business career in Chicago.

QUOTES

‘You will never persuade me that white is black and that black is white.’

‘San Francisco was provincial, New York was effete; the future of America lay in the development of its economic possibilities, and Chicago, by its position and by the energy of its citizens, was destined to become the real capital of the country.’

‘We know that it will profit a man little if he gain the whole world and lose his soul. I think I have won mine.’

‘I wanted to be an inspiration to him. I thought if anything could enable him to achieve success it was the thought that I loved him.’

‘One would almost think that the things that matter — well, don’t matter’

QUESTIONS

‘Is Arnold Jackson a bad man who does good things or a good man who does bad things?’

How can the person who committed a crime make up for it and return their reputation in the eyes of the fans?

Did Edward Barnard love Isabel sincerely?

What do we love for?

Why was Isabel wondering what Arnold's daughter looked like?

What has become the main value for Edward?

What makes a man successful and appealing to women?

What are the differences between the Western and the Eastern mentality?

What is your attitude to Edward's decision?

MESSAGE

The author doubts the fundamental values of western civilization, its materialism, individualism, people's aspiration for their own success and determination for self-realization. In contrast, the Eastern culture is collectivistic where people prioritize the growth of society over personal growth and have the orientation to the inner world of each person.

Everyone should find happiness in their own way. Since we are all unique, the path to happiness is also exclusive for every individual. Therefore, following the heart and identifying your own values should be the main landmark in life.

STYLE AND LANGUAGE

Personification

“San Francisco was provincial, New York was effete”

Metonymy and Synecdoche

“in her veins flowed the best blood in Chicago.”

Parallelism

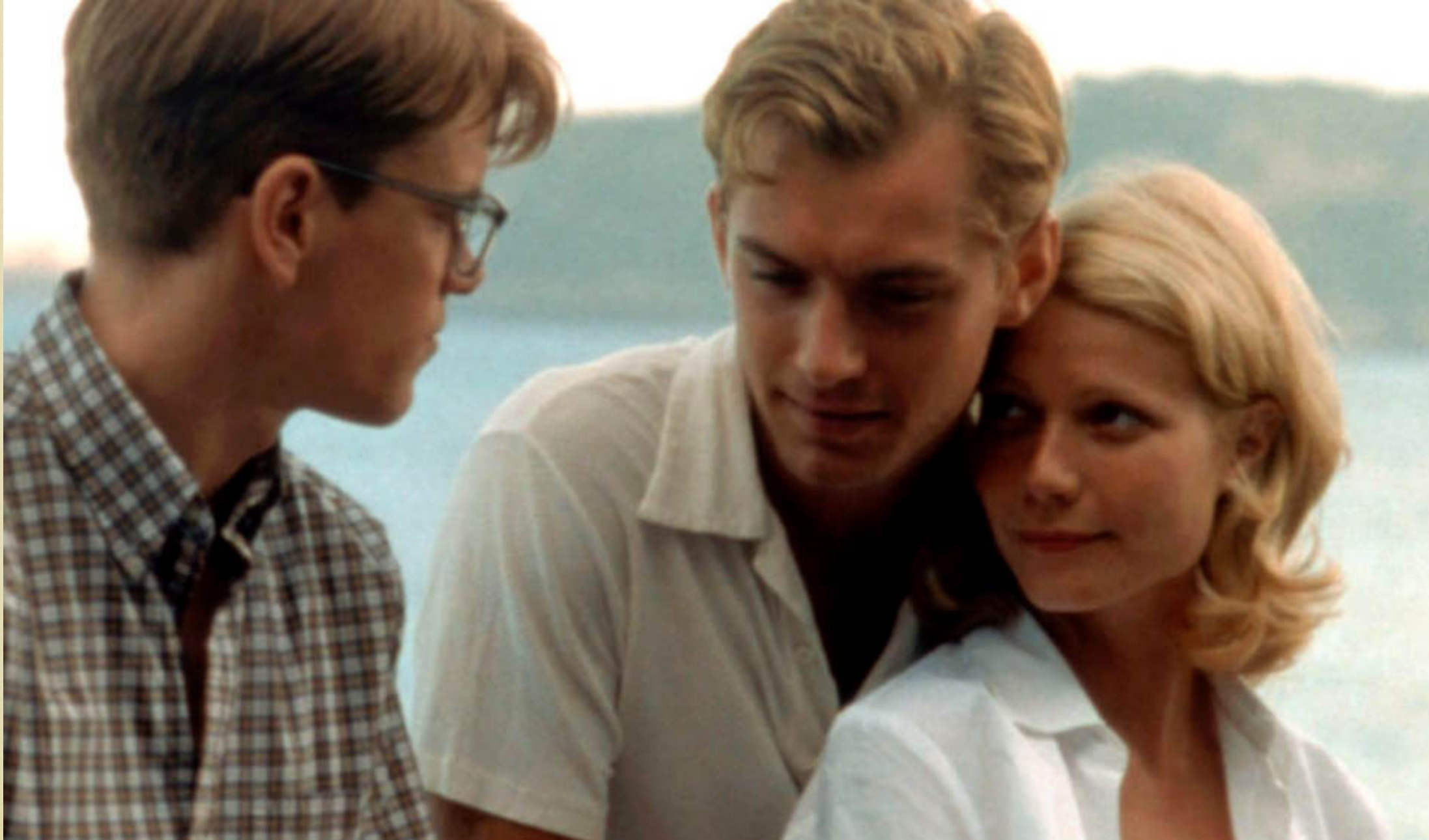
"I read for examinations. I read in order to be able to hold my own in conversation. I read for instruction.”





ASSOCIATION MAP

The Talented Mr. Ripley





FINAL QUOTE

‘POOR EDWARD, SHE SIGHED.’