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### Deconstruction Sandbox Essay

Our western society believes that it is the man's role to save a woman from distress. A woman's purity, self-worth, and social status depend on her mothering/wife abilities. The idea of the perfect woman is a social construct. In both stories, the women going against the social norms would actually benefit each of them. In the story "Eveline", the protagonist felt obliged to stay and care for her family despite the bleakness of her situation. In actuality, it would be more beneficial for her emotional/mental/physical health if she were to leave her comfortability.

Eveline is confined to role that she plays in her family and familiarity. False constructs create a reality that is built to fail. In the story "The Storm", the protagonist was fulfilling her obligation of being a homemaker and mother. Crumbling under the pressures of perfection, it is implied that Calixta was exploding on her son and husband due to pent up tension. After having her rendezvous with her lover, her emotions seemed to be tempered down. Calixta's cheating could be counted as a type of self care. Calixta has been fulfilling her marriage duties by keeping the home and having a child but she got nothing in return.