

In the play write “The Taming Of The Shrew” a woman named Katherine marries a man named Petruchio who tends to have a possessive attitude towards her. “I Love You Beth Cooper” is a movie that shows male possession over an “ex girlfriend” but because another guy is interested he goes on a jealous rage. In relationships there’s always some type of male possession over the women. Sometimes it won’t be shown but it can be very obvious. Society does not think anything of it simply because it has been fixated that those who have possessive behaviors are able to get away with what they want since they are in a relationship that is viewed to be healthy.

“ I Love You Beth Cooper” is a movie written by Chris Columbus about a young man who confesses his love to a young woman during his graduation speech in front of everyone. Beth, the girl that he confessed his love to had a ex boyfriend that still thinks that they are together that he is able to control her. The ex boyfriend goes on a rage to show that he is still in control of her simply because he thinks that she is still his. This relates to the “Taming Of The Shrew.” Beth’s ex-boyfriend and Beth relate to Petruchio and Katherine in similar ways.

The William Shakespeare play is about a young wealthy man named Petruchio from Verona that comes to Padua with the mindset to marry a wealthy woman. The young woman Katherine who he ends up settling for father wouldn’t allow his youngest daughter to get married until his older daughter did first. Two of the young men that are friends with Petruchio came up with an idea to get Petruchio to marry the eldest daughter in exchange for one of them marrying the youngest one. Once the plan falls through Petruchio comes up with a plan of his own to tame his wife to obey him by being possessive and aggressive.

Petruchio: “I will be Master of what is mine own. She is my goods, my chattels; she is my house, my household stuff, my field, my barn, My house, my ox, my ass, my anything. And here she stands, touch her whoever dare.”

(Act 3, Scene 2, line numbers 235-239)

In this scene Petruchio is expressing his feeling towards his new wife Katherine. In this it shows how Petruchio thinks of Kathrine not only as his but as some type of object as well. He compares her to a house, chattels, and even a barn. Petruchio feels as though now that he’s married to her that she has no more control over herself. She can no longer do anything for herself simply because she is now married. No one thought anything bad about this because they are now married and it seemed as though that was the normal way to think about your significant other.



In this scene of the movie Beth's ex boyfriend is trying to show off to Beth after Dennis confesses his love to her on stage.

Dennis decides to show Beth just how much he loves her by going on stage at his graduation and confessing his love to her. After the graduation he ends up getting into an encounter with Beth's ex-Boyfriend. The ex-boyfriend (Kevin) tries to show his dominance to Beth but also show his possessiveness to Dennis. Kevin then tells Beth that she's his and that he'll see her later.

Petruchio: "but for my bonny kate, she must be with me."

(Act 3 Scene 2 pg 133)

Petruchio and Kate just got married and it was their reception. Kate wanted to stay and Petruchio didn't want to stay. Kate kept saying "if you love me, you'd stay" but he ends up still trying to leave even though she asked him to stay. After gathering his things he then tells everyone that Kate has to go with him because that's his wife. She wasn't able to even enjoy her own reception because of how controlling he was. He showed her that he doesn't love her by leaving and she had to leave with him as well because he said so.



In this scene Kevin sees that Beth is at a party with Dennis and tells her to get in his car so he could beat Dennis up.

Beth and Dennis goes to a graduation party and Kevin sees them there and goes crazy. He told Beth to go wait in his car so that he could handle business and that he would be out there

after he was done. She told him no and he repeated himself in a stricter voice and went to try and beat up Dennis. Kevin thinks that just because he used a stricter voice and made his chest buff up a little he could tel Beth what to do. Although Kevin was at the party with another girl and Beth saw that he didn't care. He only cared about showing her that he still has control over her.

PETRUCHIO

**“Thus in plain terms: your father hath consented
That you shall be my wife, your dowry 'greed on,
And, will you, nill you, I will marry you”**

(act 2 scene 1 pg 95)

Katherine told Petruchio that she wasn't going to marry him. Petruchio's response was that because he father told him that he could marry her she would. Katherine was persistently saying that she refuses to marry him and he told her that she no longer has a say so in her marriage. Petruchio was already claiming her as his property even before they got married

because he knew that she had no choice but to marry him if he got her father's permission.



In this scene Kevin and Beth are talking about how he was with someone else but still insisting that she's his.

Despite Kevin hooking up with other girls he still thinks that Beth is his. Beth continuously tells him throughout the movie that she isn't his girlfriend. When Dennis had his party Kevin showed up because he tracked Beth's phone to see where she was. He got even more upset because she was at another guy's house not only that it was the same guy that confessed his love to her and Kevin told him that he would kill him if he seen him around Beth ever again.

Both the "Taming Of The Shrew" and "I Love You Beth Cooper" shows that male dominance in a relationship isn't an uncommon thing to see. No one ever corrected Petruchio nor

Kevin about their obnoxious behaviors because that can be considered a norm. Sometimes that possessiveness may not show because the standards of societal relationships. People “awe” when a guy says “she’s mine” or “no one else can have her” but they don’t really see the underlying possessiveness and how territorial that can be. Just because things seem sweet it doesn’t get questioned and that’s what allowing male dominance to continue.

Work cited

“The Taming Of The Shrew”

“I Love You Beth Cooper”