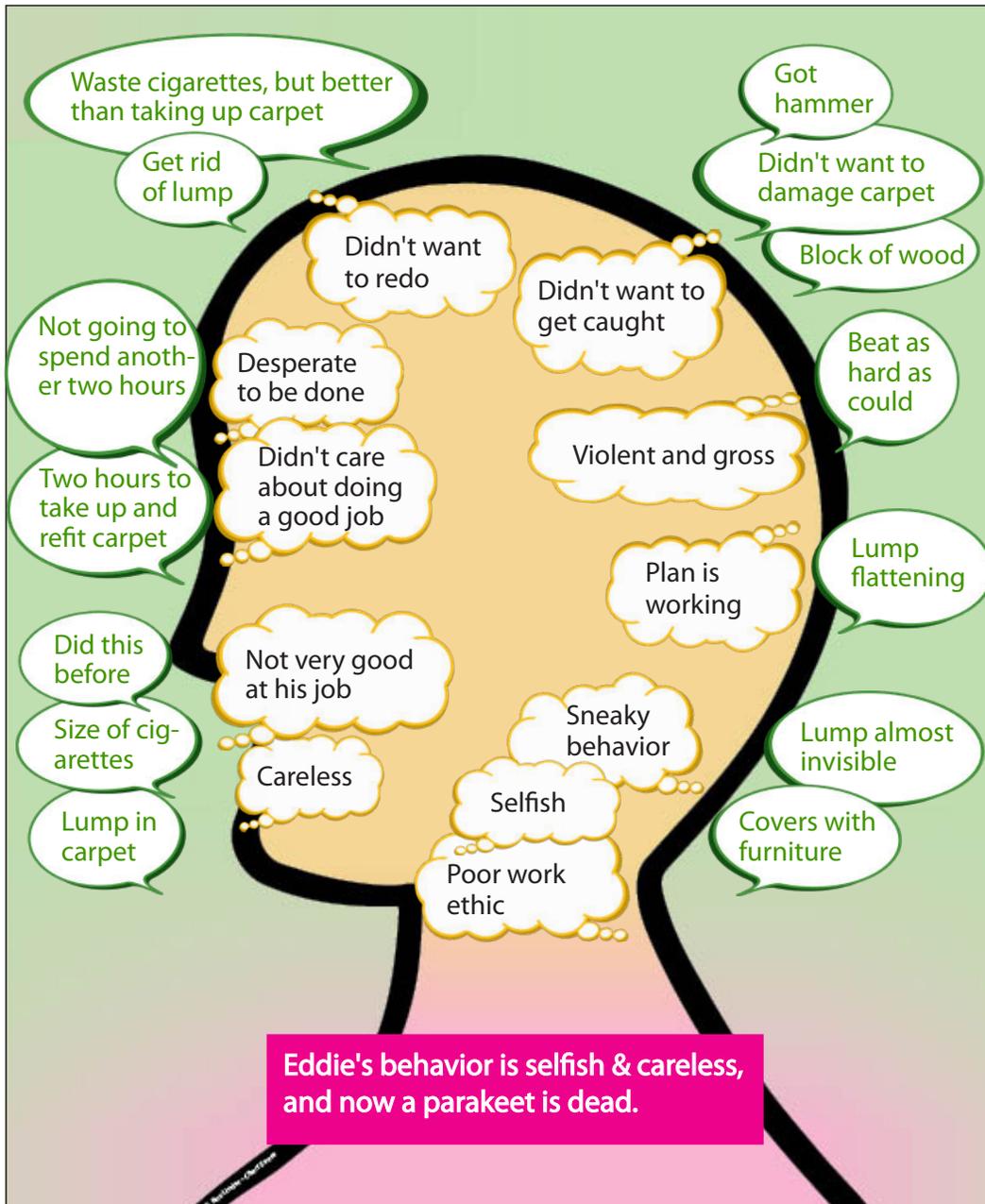


PROMPT #1 | Explain how Eddie's behavior in paragraphs 3-7 affects the ending. Support your answer with evidence from the story.



INFERENCE ANSWER

Eddie's careless and selfish work ethic likely killed Mrs. Vanbrugh's parakeet.

EVIDENCE

In paragraph 4, Eddie confesses he had previously "left the cigarettes under the... carpet."

EVIDENCE

After remembering it took two hours to refit the carpet last time, paragraph 5 states that Eddie "decided to get rid of the lump another way."

EXPLANATION

At the end of the story, Eddie finds his cigarettes on the dashboard and feels sick knowing that his rash decision cost Armand his life.