

## Module 3: Exploring Good, Evil, and Noble Sacrifice

### Topic 2 Content: Character Archetypes

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The image shows a woman in a pink bathrobe standing and scolding a man in a white shirt who is sitting in a chair, looking dejected. This visualizes the 'shrew' archetype as a nagging, domineering woman.

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