**“Side Bet” Questions**

1. Where and when is this story set?
2. How does the setting of the story contribute to the plot?
3. Do you think this story could work with a different setting?
   1. There are several stories, films, television shows, and novels with a similar setting. Can you think of one or two? Which ones?
   2. Do you think that having an awareness of genre elements, like setting, can lead to a deeper understanding of a story you’re reading for the first time? Why or why not?
4. Describe the **conflict** in the story? What type of conflict is this? Explain your reasoning.
5. How would you describe the **mood** of the story? How does the setting create the mood?
6. What is **ironic** about the man’s fire?

**Paragraph Response**

Explain how setting, mood, and genre are interrelated in “Side Bet” in a well-crafted paragraph.