Zenobia Frome

In the novel “Ethan Frome” you are going to find the character of Zeena, she’s Ethan’s wife.

She’s older than him, she have some healthy problems, in fact she stays at bed all day and when her problems became heavier for the couple they had to call a girl to help Zeena with housework, who is her cousin. The novelist talks about Zeena as a depressed woman, but the intelligent reader has to understand the situation in which this women is. Indeed her husband is in love with the girl who help them: Mattie.

In my opinion the health situation of Zeena is a result of what is happening to her; his husband wants to commit adultery and do not love her, Ethan wants Mattie and Mattie wants him, Zeena will understand it and she will feel extremely alone and unlovable.

She is in a frustrating and sad situation so I think that her ways to behave, that are not always so kind, are understandable. Zeena also behave like this maybe to hide her sadness.

Etymology of this name: from Greek *Zenobia*, literally "the force of Zeus" from *Zen*, collateral form of [Zeus](https://www.etymonline.com/word/Zeus?ref=etymonline_crossreference) and  *bia* "strength, force".