

## CHAPTER IV

### ANALYSIS

This chapter contains the data that analyzes directly based on the theory on chapter two. The analysis starts from characterization analysis. It analyzes the behavior and the action of the main character, Esther Greenwood. Then continue to analyze the action and the behavior from feminism side especially liberal feminism side of the main character.

#### 4.1 Esther Greenwood's Characterization

Bacon adds characterization is a name for the methods a writer uses to reveal a character's values, feelings, goals, etc. to readers (March, 12 2014). Bacon in his article *Literary Elements Characterization* adds characterization is a name for the methods a writer uses to reveal a character's values, feelings, goals, etc. to readers (March, 12th 2014). Through what the character saying, thinking and doing, the reader can read the description of the character. Characterization leads the reader to knows about the character' values, feelings, and goals..

As it has explained above, there are two ways to characterizing the characters of the story. First is direct characterization is when a writer conveys information about a character by telling the information directly to the reader. This is done through narration when the author comes right out and tells the reader things about the character. Second is indirect characterization occurs when

the author shows the character in action, and lets the reader interpret what these actions reveal about the character (Bacon, March, 12 2014).

In this novel, Esther was described as a smart girl by the author based on her character which is clarified in her characterization. She was an ambitious girl, it based on her action to make her dreams come true. If she wanted something in her life, she would make great efforts to make it come true and she believes it. She also described as a girl who had different opinion about marriage by the author. It is based on her strong principle about marriage, and having a baby. She did not want to marry.

#### **4.1.1 She is Different from Other Girls**

There is a moment when she was taken picture for her magazine. She felt like this is not herself. She seemed uncomfortable. She thought that she was only a nineteen years old girl who got scholarship to college and won many prize who did no have that cars. Then, in one day she tried to follow some parties with her friends. But, she didn't seem excited like other girls.

Look what can happen in this country, they'd say. A girl lives in some out-of-the way town for nineteen years, so poor she can't afford a magazine, and then she gets a scholarship to college and wins a prize here and a prize there and ends up steering New York like her own private car.

Only I wasn't steering anything, not even myself. I just bumped from my hotel to work and to parties and from parties to my hotel and back to work like a numb trolleybus. I guess I should have been excited the way most of the other girls were, but I couldn't get myself to react. I felt very still and very empty, the way the eye of a tornado must feel, moving dully along in the middle of the surrounding hullabaloo. (Chap 1,p.3)

From this explanation above the author tried to describe Esther's character using direct characterization because from that statement the reader can conclude that she was a girl who had different thoughts with others. It indicates that she was different girls with others whose like follow some parties. She seemed didn't enjoy it even she had tried in many times. She said she just like surrounding hullabaloo. She didn't explain why she didn't like it. She felt like it is not herself who has got a scholarship won many prizes. Then, it is just ended like that like other girls.

Through direct characterization Esther also describes her opinion about mostly common girls at that time. She told that a girl with wealthy parents seemed tried to follow what her parents want. Mostly of those girls are sent in posh secretarial school where she had to wear hats, stockings and gloves to study to be an executives or secretary. Then she asked to marry with a career man whose can deceive them. For her those girls looked awfully bored to her. It seemed that she had seen many girls like that who's their future were determined by her parents.

This hotel -- the Amazon -- was for women only, and they were mostly girls my age with wealthy parents who wanted to be sure their daughters would be living where men couldn't get at them and deceive them; and they were all going to posh secretarial schools like Katy Gibbs, where they had to wear hats and stockings and gloves to class, or they had just graduated from places like Katy Gibbs and were secretaries to executives and simply hanging around in New York waiting to get married to some career man or other. (Chapt1, p.4)

This is the other evident that Esther didn't like other girls. She said she hates with mostly girl like Katy Gibbs that always pay attention to their physical appearance. A girl likes yawning, painting their nails, flying around in airplanes

or skiing in Switzerland. All the explanations about Esther whose different from other girls was explained in direct characterization.

These girls looked awfully bored to me. I saw them on the sunroof, yawning and painting their nails and trying to keep up their Bermuda tans, and they seemed bored as hell. I talked with one of them, and she was bored with yachts and bored with flying around in airplanes and bored with skiing in Switzerland at Christmas and bored with the men in Brazil. (Chapt1, p.4)

In this statement the author wants to describe Esther character thought direct characterization. From that statement the reader will find out the Esther's reasons that made her different from other girls. She hates those girl with determining future and got race to look beauty. She prefer to throughout her life alone without nobody could determined them. Then, she never really cares about her physical appearance. It is because the narration above tells how she hates their kind of attitude about to make her always keeping pay attention to their physical appearance.

It is clearer shows in this Esther's statement about her makeup kit. She seemed uninterested with several make up kit like mascara with a tiny brush, eye shadow, or white plastic sunglasses. It is because she didn't like make up at all. She tried to throw out those things. But, she still kept one make up kit, lipstick.

I still have the make-up kit they gave me, fitted out for a person with brown eyes and brown hair: an oblong of brown mascara with a tiny brush, and a round basin of blue eye shadow just big enough to dab the tip of your finger in, and three lipsticks ranging from red to pink, all cased in the same little gilt box with a mirror on one side. I also have a white plastic sunglasses case with colored shells and sequins and a green plastic starfish sewed onto it.

I realized we kept piling up these presents because it was as good as free advertising for the firms involved, but I couldn't be cynical. I got such a kick out of all those free gifts showering on to us. For a long time afterward I hid them away, but later, when I was all right

again, I brought them out, and I still have them around the house. I use the lipsticks now and then, and last week I cut the plastic starfish off the sunglasses case for the baby to play with. (Chapt 1, p.4).

It is the same like the first explanation above, that shows that Esther doesn't like make up and acting like other college girl who like fashionable cloth and shoes. She feels confident to be herself without make up. It can be seen through direct characterization method that used by the author to explain Esther's behavior.

#### **4.1.2 She is a Smart Girl**

Esther is a smart girl with all the things that she accepted now in her life. It proved when she was called by Jay Cee her chief editor to come to her room. She saw a beautiful room with good decoration. She sat and paid attention to the potted plants in front of the window. It seemed interested for her but actually it wasn't. She was just pretending that she interest it. Then, she told in herself about her all efforts to get good score in school and become a college correspondent.

All my life I'd told myself studying and reading and writing and working like mad was what I wanted to do, and it actually seemed to be true, I did everything well enough and got all A's, and by the time I made it to college nobody could stop me. (Chapt 3, p.18)

From direct characterization method, the author wanted to tell that Esther is a smart girl. It can be seen in the last statement, about Esther Greenwood's effort; reading, writing, studying and working to get great score in college and nobody could stop her. It indicates that Esther Greenwood's character is hardworking and ambitious girl. She did everything to get good score in her college until she became a college correspondent. And she was very perfectionist to get all A score in every lesson.

Esther not only smart in education, she is also smart to make a good prediction to her life. It can be seen from her prediction to what will happen to her life if she drinks each pill every day to keep her condition back to normal again. There is a moment when Esther felt bad with her condition. She ever tried to kill herself by drinking many pills into the cellar. Before she did that, she thought that she had fifty pills. Every pill had to drunk by her every night. If she had waited her mother asked her to drink every night, it would be too late, because she had to go to school and her brother will came back from Germany. She thought there was no time to do that. And the appropriate time to do that is now.

If I had waited until my mother doled them out to me, night by night, it would have taken me fifty nights to save up enough. And in fifty nights, college would have opened, and my brother would have come back from Germany, and it would be too late. (Chap 13, p.89)

It indicates that she was so smart by thinking of the sum of the pills that she had to drink every day. At that time she had desire to kill herself after her two trains are failed. She made a calculation form the sum of the pills. She counted that all the pills throughly. Then, she had made prediction from the sum of the pills with what will happen to her life if she drunk each pill every day. It shows that the author wanted to tell Esther's action toward her doctor using indirect characterization.

Esther also described by the author as a smart girl in making excuse by the author Sylvia Plath in the moment when she was visiting her doctor, Doctor Nolan. It starts when Doctor Nolan came to Esther's room to ask Esther what is her opinion about her last hospital doctor. Esther said he such a cruel person who always cures her with jolting that made her feel pain every time she do that. After

that, Doctor Nolan left her with her lovely things a box of matches on the windowsill. From those things, Esther began to make decision that she was left her lovely to make her come to Doctor Nolan again to tell her condition again.

After Doctor Nolan had gone I found a box of matches on the windowsill. It wasn't an ordinary-size box, but an extremely tiny box. I opened it and exposed a row of little white sticks with pink tips. I tried to light one, and it crumpled in my hand. I couldn't think why Doctor Nolan would have left me such a stupid thing.

Perhaps she wanted to see if I would give it back. Carefully I stored the toy matches in the hem of my new wool bathrobe. If Doctor Nolan asked me for the matches, I would say I'd thought they were made of candy and had eaten them. ( Chapt 15, p.100)

Esther describes as a smart girl not only in academics but in her way to make excuse not to do the thing that she didn't like it through indirect characterization. It shows when she made her own decision why that people do that or do this. She guessed that maybe this is her way to make her wanted to come to Doctor Nolan again to share everything that she feel in hospital. But, she was not tricked by that way. She didn't want to do that. Finally she stored that matches in wool bathrobe. Then, when Doctor Nolan ask the matches, she will said that she had been eaten the matches, because she guessed that matches are candy

#### **4.1.3 A Girl That Has Many Dreams**

In this narration tells about Esther thought about her dreams to get big scholarship and to graduate in one of college in Europe. She also has a dream to become a professor and a poet whose writes many books. And she believed that

someday her dreams will come true. Through direct characterization the reader will understand directly about Esther's characterization from her statement below.

What I always thought I had in mind was getting some big scholarship to graduate school or a grant to study all over Europe, and then I thought I'd be a professor and write books of poems or write books of poems and be an editor of some sort. Usually I had these plans on the tip of my tongue.

"I don't really know," I heard myself say. I felt a deep shock, hearing myself say that, because the minute I said it, I knew it was true. It sounded true, and I recognized it, the way you recognize some nondescript person that's been hanging around your door for ages and then suddenly comes up and introduces himself as your real father and looks exactly like you, so you know he really is your father, and the person you thought all your life was your father is a sham. (Chapt 3, P 18)

It describes that Esther is a girl who has many dreams. And she was very optimist with her dreams because she believes that someday her dreams will come true. She has a deep shock when she said that because of her dreams was so many, but she still optimist that all her dreams will come true.

She also described her dreams in a fig tree which in every branch of it describe different dreams. She described that she wanted to have a family being house wife and a mother. It adversative with her principle that she said she never wanted to marry.

From the tip of every branch, like a fat purple fig, a wonderful future beckoned and winked. One fig was a husband and a happy home and children, and another fig was a famous poet and another fig was a brilliant professor, and another fig was Ee Gee, the amazing editor, and another fig was Europe and Africa and South America, and another fig was Constantin and Socrates and Attila and a pack of other lovers with queer names and offbeat professions, and another fig was an Olympic lady crew champion, and beyond and above these figs were many more figs I couldn't quite make out. (Chapt 7, p.40)



She believed that someday she can reach out all her dreams. She wanted to reach out all. She was very ambitious with. She also described the person who had met her and had a story to her life. She wanted to create the branch again. But she couldn't make it out what was that.

She had a principle that she never wanted to marry because of her boyfriend's betrayer. She doesn't want to live with a husband who always served him and did all the house works all the time. For her it is just wasted all her times in her life. This narration also indicates that she is a smart girl whose always get good score in the last fifteen years.

That's one of the reasons I never wanted to get married. The last thing I wanted was infinite security and to be the place an arrow shoots off from. I wanted change and excitement and to shoot off in all directions myself, like the colored arrows from a Fourth of July rocket. (Chapt 7, p.43)

From those narrations, it is clear that Esther never wanted to marry, because according to her marry is only limited her action in this life. It can be seen from indirect characterization that she is a girl who have many dreams and wanted to reach out someday. She always wanted to live freely too to make it out.

#### **4.1.4 Infamous Girl**

The other character of Esther is she was a infamous girl who felt uneasy to hang out with a boyfriend. It proved that all her blind dates in the first year in college never called her again. Not only in famous girl, had she also described as an unconfident girl by the author. Then, she was ever introduced by her aunt's best friend's son. But she doesn't enough confidence to make a date with him because she felt that she didn't deserve to him because she has bad appearance.

She also has never been go to the party at the weekend and just studies a lot in her room.

I was surprised to hear this, because of all the blind dates I'd had that year not one called me up again for a second date. I just didn't have any luck. I hated coming downstairs sweaty-handed and curious every Saturday night and having some senior introduce me to her aunt's best friend's son and finding some pale, mushroomy fellow with protruding ears or buck teeth or a bad leg. I didn't think I deserved it. After all, I wasn't crippled in any way, I just studied too hard, I didn't know when to stop.

I went cold with envy. I had never been to Yale, and Yale was the place all the seniors in my house liked to go best on weekends. I decided to expect nothing from Buddy Willard. If you expect nothing from somebody you are never disappointed. (Chapt 5, p.31-32).

She ever tried to go the party with her friends. It is because there was no boy who ever asked her to go to Yale party. From direct characterization from her statements about blind dates and her weekend she was quite girl and never hang out with boys. She was not famous in her college.

#### **4.1.5 A Girl That Hate Children**

This is one of the reasons of Esther why she never wanted to get marry. It is because she hates children. Children made her sick. It is shown in this narration when she explained about her neighbor's life Dodo Conway. All her neighbors loved Dodo Conway's life with her happy life with her husband and her four children.

Everybody loved Dodo, although the swelling size of her family was the talk of the neighborhood. The older people around, like my mother, had two children, and the younger, more prosperous ones had four, but nobody but Dodo was on the verge of a seventh. Even six was considered excessive, but then, everybody said, of course Dodo was a Catholic.

I watched Dodo wheel the youngest Conway up and down. She seemed to be doing it for my benefit. Children made me sick.(Chapt 10, p.62)

It accurately shows that Esther hates children. She didn't explain why she hated children. It is because Dodo's life of her nature attitude. But this reason becomes one of the basic reasons why she never wanted to get marry. It seemed that Esther felt disturb with children by watching Dodo and her big family and Dodo knew that, but she still tried to showed her children to Esther. It made Esther said that children made me sick.

#### **4.1.6 A Girl Who Hopeless with her Condition**

Esther ever thought about her condition now. She felt bad, couldn't read write or sleep. It made her down. Not only her condition, she also thought about the people around her like her mother and her brother who always support her now, no matter how worse her condition now. They seemed really care to her; they still believed that she could take care on her until she gets better. They will take her to the best hospital where her friends would visit her every day.

And I thought of how my mother and brother and friends would visit me, day after day, hoping I would be better. Then their visits would slacken off, and they would give up hope. They would grow old. They would forget me.

They would be poor, too.

They would want me to have the best of care at first, so they would sink all their money in a private hospital like Doctor Gordon's. Finally, when the money was used up, I would be moved to a state hospital, with hundreds of people like me, in a big cage in the basement. The more hopeless you were, the further away they hid you. (Chapt 13, p.84)

From indirect characterization, the author tried to tell that Esther was hopeless with her condition now. She was no get well. Her life seemed in normal

for her. even Esther always accompanied by her brother and her mother. But, Esther didn't believe with their effort. How many efforts that they will do for her they seemed just can not stand along with their effort? Esther thought that they would grow old, they would forget her and they would be poor too. Not only that, sooner or later they would be tired to take care of her. And when they had no spirit to take care her along, they would hide her. It means that they will forget her later. Esther has no hope with them; she was hopeless with what happens to her now. She didn't believe that they would be loyal to take care of her.

Because of her unstable condition, she felt hopeless. And she ever tried to kill herself by hang on the rope in her grandmother's house. But it wasn't success because her grandmother house wasn't high enough to hang on. She ever tried to kill herself again by drowning herself on the beach. But it wasn't success too because she popped out herself again and again.

That morning I had tried to hang myself.

I had taken the silk cord of my mother's yellow bathrobe as soon as she left for work, and, in the amber shade of the bedroom, fashioned it into a knot that slipped up and down on itself. It took me a long time to do this, because I was poor at knots and had no idea how to make a proper one.

Then I hunted around for a place to attach the rope. (Chap 13, p.83).

From that story above that Esther is a hopeless girl, who had never thought the positive way to solve her problem. She thought that kill herself was the best way for to solve her problem. Not only that, it can indicate that Esther's condition was bad because she always tried to kill herself. Besides that she didn't want to share her problems with the other. She did not care with the sisns if she kill herself.

This is her third times; she tried to kill herself by drinking many pills that she had into the cellar. She succeeds with this plan. She had been in the cellar with perfect condition when there is nobody in her house, so she could do this calmly. She never thought how her mother was reacting when her mother found her had died.

Cobwebs touched my face with the softness of moths. Wrapping my black coat round me like my own sweet shadow, I unscrewed the bottle of pills and started taking them swiftly, between gulps of water, one by one by one.

At first nothing happened, but as I approached the bottom of the bottle, red and blue lights began to flash before my eyes. The bottle slid from my fingers and I lay down. The silence drew off, baring the pebbles and shells and all the tatty wreckage of my life. Then, at the rim of vision, it gathered itself, and in one sweeping tide, rushed me to sleep. (Chapt 13, p.89)

By doing this it seemed she was uncared with herself. She tried to kill herself until she felt that she was dying. Fortunately her mother was coming and she shocked with what happen to her. Then her mother brought her to hospital and called her brother to come.

In this novel Esther is described as a smart but had bad condition with her life. It can be seen in her descending writing skill. It told when she was moved from hospital in her hometown to city hospital with Mrs. Guinea's help. Mrs. Guinea is a writer who paid her treatment because of her reason that she couldn't write. Her mother had told to Mrs. Guinea moved her to a city hospital to get the best treatment.

My mother told me I should be grateful. She said I had used up almost all her money, and if it weren't for Mrs. Guinea she didn't know where I'd be. I knew where I'd be though. I'd be in the big state hospital in the country, cheek by jowl to this private place.

I knew I should be grateful to Mrs. Guinea, only I couldn't feel a thing. If Mrs. Guinea had given me a ticket to Europe, or a round-the-world cruise, it wouldn't have made one scrap of difference to me, because wherever I sat -- on the deck of a ship or at a street café in Paris or Bangkok -- I would be sitting under the same glass bell jar, stewing in my own sour air. (Chapt 15, p. 98),

Esther has been told by her mother that Mrs. Guinea used all her money to move her from her last hospital to the new hospital that had much better facility. Her mother told her that she had to grateful to her because of her help. But, she began to think that even she had given a ticket to Europe or round the world with cruise, she couldn't feel better than before. It is because she had bad condition in her life, like she was mad. Through indirect characterization, it can conclude that she was hopeless with her condition. She felt like she was in the same bell jar, stewing on her own sour air, same condition.

#### **4.2 Esther Greenwood's Characterization in Feminism**

Feminism is thus a term that emerged long after women started questioning their inferior status and demanding an amelioration in their social position (Freedman, 2001:3). Freedman adds any attempt to provide a baseline definition of a common basis of all feminisms may start with the assertion that feminisms concern themselves with women's inferior position in society and with discrimination encountered by women because of their sex (2001:4).

According to Lewis in his blog based on the Jaggar's book *Feminist Politics and Human Nature*, liberal feminism is liberal feminism is theory and work that focuses more on issues like equality in the workplace, in education, in political rights. Where liberal feminism looks at issues in the private sphere, it tends to be in terms of equality: how does that private life impede or enhance

public equality (March, 12 2014). It means that liberal feminism not only happen in society but also in a private sphere. Woman has had their rights in education, politic and social.

In Sylvia Plath's novel contains some aspects of feminism especially liberal feminism through the main character Esther Greenwood. It shows in her action that she never wanted to marry because of his boyfriend and her thought about being housewife. Then, she also said that she never wanted to have a baby because of her character that she hated children. She also had double sex standard because of her boyfriend's betrayer.

#### **4.2.1 She Never Want to Marry**

Marriage is one point of liberal feminist movement try to focus on. Liberal feminist marriage is about how a woman can share all her duties with her husband. According to Lewis liberal feminists also tend to support marriage as an equal partnership, and more male involvement in child care (March, 12th 2014). They want to lose the effect of patriarchy culture when a husband had absolute power to dictate their wives. It is one of the goals that liberal feminists want to reach in a private sphere (marriage).

In this novel Esther Greenwood's told her opinion about marriage. She said that she never wanted to marry. She had many reasons why she never wanted to marry. One of her reason is that her boy friend Buddy had disappointed her. She knew it when she asked Buddy whether he had slept with somebody or not. Buddy said that he ever did it. And he did it in many times. It is a kind of woman's oppression in his sexual desire. His confession shows in this statement.

At first I thought he must have slept with the waitress only the once, but when I asked how many times, just to make sure, he said he

couldn't remember but a couple of times a week for the rest of the summer. I multiplied three by ten and got thirty, which seemed beyond all reason. (Chapt 6, p.37)

From Buddy's confession, it can indicate that this is one of a kind of woman's oppression. Even the waitress did with him with love. But, she just like was benefitted by Buddy to wreak his sexual desire. And for Esther it is one of kind infidelity. Buddy had betrayed her relationship. It shows that Buddy never thought about Esther's feeling. Then, from that moment Esther found out that Buddy was a hypocrite.

She did not believe that Buddy will do that. It is because Buddy always talked about her mother's quotation about the relationship between a man and a woman. Esther became object of Buddy's mother investigation to see whether Esther is still virgin or not. His mother was a woman who was fanatic about virginity for men and women. It is good things to do for Buddy's mother, because this kind of preventive action to aware Buddy did not do it to Esther.

Buddy was amazingly close to his mother. He was always quoting what she said about the relationship between a man and a woman, and I knew Mrs. Willard was a real fanatic about virginity for men and women both. When I first went to her house for supper she gave me a queer, shrewd, searching look, and I knew she was trying to tell whether I was a virgin or not.

Now I knew Buddy would never talk to his mother as rudely as that for my sake. He was always saying how his mother said, "What a man wants is a mate and what a woman wants is infinite security," and, "What a man is an arrow into the future and what a woman is the place the arrow shoots off from," until it made me tired. (p.38)

From that moment Esther realized that in relationship a woman and a man must save their body to keep virgin until they got married. It is one of preventive action for Esther. It is for protective woman from issue about woman's oppression



in sexual desire at that time. In the other hand Buddy's mother ever said that his mother always saying that what a man want was a mate and a woman want is infinite security and man is an arrow and the woman is the place the arrow shoot off from. It is the form of **liberal feminism in social** environment. It is happened because men have absolute control to their wives. The entire thing that their wives want to do is always depend on her husband's permission.

After Esther found out that Buddy Willard was hypocrite, she thought that it was difficult to find a man who still pure and it is difficult to marry with someone who staying poor. She began made a conclusion that the people in this world divided into two group's people; people who had slept with somebody and people who hadn't.

Finally I decided that if it was so difficult to find a red-blooded intelligent man who was still pure by the time he was twenty-one I might as well forget about staying pure myself and marry somebody who wasn't pure either. Then when he started to make my life miserable I could make his miserable as well.

When I was nineteen, pureness was the great issue. Instead of the world being divided up into Catholics and Protestants or Republicans and Democrats or white men and black men or even men and women, I saw the world divided into people who had slept with somebody and people who hadn't, and this seemed the only really significant difference between one person and another. (Chapt 7, p.43)

It is one of evidence that pureness is the great issue at that time. And it is shows that there was woman oppression in sexual desire in that time. It seemed no matter that people believed in one faith they seemed ever had slept with somebody else. It is the condition when a girl became a doll to wreak the man's sexual desire. The men never think about the woman feeling. Until she make her

own choice, that she never marry and to forced the man whose tried to make her life miserable.

Esther as it was explained before that she would never marry; it is because she wanted to live freely with all her dreams without a husband. This is become the other Esther's reason that she would not to marry. Besides that, Esther couldn't imagine that she became a housewife; she had to do all the duties such as cleaning, cooking, rearing her children from morning until night. It is one of the effects of patriarchy culture. For her, it seemed dreary and wasted time for a girl with fifteen years of straight A's.

This seemed a dreary and wasted life for a girl with fifteen years of straight A's, but I knew that's what marriage was like, because cook and clean and wash was just what Buddy Willard's mother did from morning till night, and she was the wife of a university professor and had been a private school teacher herself. (p.44)

From that statement she tried to explain that being a housewife and do all the housewife's works is seemed wasted things to do in her life. It is because she had many dreams that she wanted to make them out someday. Being a housewife is always indicates with all house works such as cook and clean from morning until night. She did not want her life ended just like that because she seemed had studied hard to everything what she want in her life. All those houseworks are seemed to be the nature of a woman that always a woman must do.

This condition is one of the effects of patriarchy culture in patriarchy society when a man has fully controlled to their wife. According Napikoski in her article *Patriarchal Society Feminism Definition* states that **patriarchal society** consists of a male-dominated power structure throughout organized society and in individual relationships (May, 14th 2014). Tong adds Patriarchal ideology

exaggerates biological differences between men and women, making certain that men always have the dominant, or masculine, roles and women always have the subordinate, or feminine, ones (2009:52).

Esther also told that she won't marry because she hated the idea of serving man. It describes in this narration when Esther was persuaded her mother to learn shorthand. Her mother tried to persuade her to learn shorthand because it can be her basic skill to get an appropriate job to marry a career man. This is evidence that man all the time always look on a girl with a feminine job. But, Esther seemed uninterested with it. She wanted to work with a job that she like it not depends on one's request. It is one of kind **liberal feminism in work**.

The trouble was, I hated the idea of serving men in any way. I wanted to dictate my own thrilling letters. Besides, those little shorthand symbols in the book my mother showed me seemed just as bad as let  $t$  equal time and let  $s$  equal the total distance. (Chapt7,p.40)

This is the fact that patriarchy ideology still exist at that time. The fact is Esther still believed that someday that she will marry someday, she will serve her husband. Esther could not stand in that idea, she also did not want to learn shorthand. It is because she had another dreams. It explains in her characterization above. She said that there were nobody dictated what she wanted to do in her life. It is one of barriers which limit woman's action in work to liberate herself. According to Friedan in her article *National Organization for Woman* states that liberal feminists believe that removing these barriers directly challenges the ideologies of patriarchy, as well as liberates women (Friedan, February, 4th 2014).

Esther remembered Buddy saying in sinister about being his wife. Buddy is good looking person and had bright future as doctor candidate. He said that Esther wouldn't to write a poem anymore. Because with Buddy's job, it can make do it their financial and Esther's day will so busy by rearing her children and doing all house works. He also said that she would feel happy with those duties like other housewife. It is because as her husband he had absolute control to her wives life about what she should and shouldn't do.

I also remembered Buddy Willard saying in a sinister, knowing way that after I had children I would feel differently, I wouldn't want to write poems any more. So I began to think maybe it was true that when you were married and had children it was like being brainwashed, and afterward you went about numb as a slave in some private, totalitarian state. (Chapt7, p.45)

Esther didn't like Buddy's opinion about being mother. It is because, she felt like a slave who always serves Buddy as her husband from morning until night. There is no chance for her to write poems. It means that he had to throw away all her dreams to get some scholarship in Europe. She did not want do that. She wanted to liberate herself in work and in education. It is one of the form action in **liberal feminism in work and in education**. Tong states married to relatively wealthy professional and entrepreneurial men, these women had no incentive to work outside the home or, if they had several servants, even inside it (2009:13). It is the other effect of the patriarchy culture effects, when placed a man as a leader of his family that can treat her wife arrogantly without care with her wife wants.

In the first time, men show their attention to her woman with all roses, kisses and dinner in a restaurant. Esther explained that things are sweet because

through all those things, the woman how their boyfriend really loved her. But, there was hidden meaning in those things. Until they were found out that they would be a server that always served her husband all the times.

And I knew that in spite of all the roses and kisses and restaurant dinners a man showered on a woman before he married her, what he secretly wanted when the wedding service ended was for her to flatten out underneath his feet like Mrs. Willard's kitchen mat. (p.45)

Esther thought how poor she was if she was a housewife who always served her husband all the times. As she explained above it was a dreary and wasting things to do. She felt that a man would make her became a doll that can be persuaded be loved from the first time, and he would make the role of housewife to fulfill what he wanted like a maid. Men do that it is because of patriarchy culture. This is another Esther's reason why she would never marry. It is in the form of **liberal feminism in social** which happens in private sphere (marriage).

Esther is a girl who had many dreams and she was very ambitious to her dreams. She believed in her dreams. When Esther said she never wanted to marry, she wanted to make her dreams come true someday. It supported by her statement is about what the Esther wants in her life. She wanted to live freely and to be the place an arrow shoots off from. She wanted to make her dreams came true. And she thought that marry can limited her action.

That's one of the reasons I never wanted to get married. The last thing I wanted was infinite security and to be the place an arrow shoots off from. I wanted change and excitement and to shoot off in all directions myself, like the colored arrows from a Fourth of July rocket.

By this statement it indicates that wanted to be a girl that can live freely and there were no other things that can limit her action. It is because; for her marriage means that she had to obey her husband's command. Her husband had absolute power to dictates her action. She described that she wanted to be the place an arrow shoots that can shoot from all directions of her. It is because as woman she wanted to be free from patriarchy ideology in patriarchy society which growth at that time.

Esther in this novel was described as a girl who has many dreams by the author in characterization that has explained before. In the beginning of the story she told that she wanted to be a professor who writes many poems and get a scholarship to study around Europe. But, she explained her complete dreams in the middle of the story. She described her dreams as a fig tree. She made branch of that tree that she will marry have husband and children. She was very ambitious that she can reach out her dreams someday.

From the tip of every branch, like a fat purple fig, a wonderful future beckoned and winked. One fig was a husband and a happy home and children, and another fig was a famous poet and another fig was a brilliant professor, and another fig was Ee Gee, the amazing editor, and another fig was Europe and Africa and South America, and another fig was Constantin and Socrates and Attila and a pack of other lovers with queer names and offbeat professions, and another fig was an Olympic lady crew champion, and beyond and above these figs were many more figs I couldn't quite make out. (Chapt7, p.40)

But all her dreams seem impossible to reach out all now. It is because she had betrayed by Buddy that made her had statement that she never wanted t marry. In the characterization above she was described by the author as a girl who was very ambitious with all her dreams. But, in contrast she had an opinion that

she could not reach out all her dreams, if she could not reach one dream of that. She seems hopeless with her dreams because of what her boyfriend done to her.

All Esther's reasons why she never wanted to marry shows that she will not be wanted her life dictates by a man. It is because of Buddy's confession and her thought about being a housewife and mother shows that Buddy will take control over to her life after married. It made Esther do the thing out of norm like sleep with somebody.

Contrast with her principle that she never wanted to marry. She had the different hope when she felt it is the low point of her life. She thought about moving to Chicago. She will changed her name become Elly Higginbottom. There she would forget about her scholarship and her boyfriend Buddy. She thought about marry, not to read or write a book anymore, and having big family like Dodo Conway, the woman that she hated because of the story of her life.

I thought if I ever did get to Chicago, I might change my name to Elly Higginbottom for good. Then nobody would know I had thrown up a scholarship at a big eastern women's college and mucked up a month in New York and refused a perfectly solid medical student for a husband who would one day be a member of the AMA and earn pots of money.

In Chicago, people would take me for what I was. I would be simple Elly Higginbottom, the orphan. People would love me for my sweet, quiet nature. They wouldn't be after me to read books and write long papers on the twins in James Joyce. And one day I might just marry a virile, but tender, garage mechanic and have a big Conway family, like Dodo Conway. (Chapt 11, p.70)

She can't stand along to her principal that she never wanted to get marry. Marriage is one of a girl dream in this world. But, it is not written in Esther's dream list. She would accept her nature as a woman get marry and have a big family. She would be a good housewife that does all her duty. Here, being a

housewife is a common dream that a girl want to be. She also can do all her favorite hobby such as read book and write long papers and having a job with. But it was seemed never done by Esther. It is because of the patriarchy culture that always placed a man as a leader in the family which always dictate what his wife want to do. It can conclude that as a woman, Esther still had her woman nature to marry and be a housewife and a mother.

#### **4.2.2 Having a Baby**

In this novel Esther also told that she did not want to have a baby. It is because she ever saw woman's pain when she was birth her baby and she also hated children. There is a moment when Esther saw a woman was birthing her baby. At first she saw the room; she saw there was a table for lifting the woman. For her, it is like some awful torture chamber with all the sort of instruments, wires and tubes. She couldn't imagine if someday if she was birthing she will placed in that room. She saw that the woman's stomach stuck up so high and she began making inhuman wooing noise. Buddy tried to tell Esther that woman would give a drug to make her forget about the pain when having a baby.

Later Buddy told me the woman was on a drug that would make her forget she'd had any pain and that when she swore and groaned she really didn't know what she was doing because she was in a kind of twilight sleep.

I thought it sounded just like the sort of drug a man would invent. Here was a woman in terrible pain, obviously feeling every bit of it or she wouldn't groan like that, and she would go straight home and start another baby, because the drug would make her forget how bad the pain had been, when all the time, in some secret part of her, that long, blind, doorless and windowless corridor of pain was waiting to open up and shut her in again. (p.35)



Esther saw this moment as a terrible moment in her life, when a woman was birthing a baby with such those terrible condition. Then the doctor will give her a drug to forget about her pain. Esther saw that the sort of drug a man would invent because Esther know how the terrible that woman's condition which make the woman groan like that. After that, she would come home and have another baby again as she forgot her condition now. Esther thought that woman is like a doll when there were nobody understands her feeling as a mother when she was having a baby. She thought that their husband never care about their wives condition when she was having a baby. They are just thinking to have a baby again and again. It made her never want to have a baby because of that condition. If it see from Esther's experience which make her have strong principle to do not want to have a baby. It is in the form **liberal feminism in social** because liberal feminism includes in social, legal and political.

Esther said in many times that she never wanted marry. It is because she thought that marry can limit her action to make her dreams come true and didn't want to be her husband slave toward all her duties as a housewife and a mother. Besides that, Esther didn't like children. For her children can make her sick.

Everybody loved Dodo, although the swelling size of her family was the talk of the neighborhood. The older people around, like my mother, had two children, and the younger, more prosperous ones had four, but nobody but Dodo was on the verge of a seventh. Even six was considered excessive, but then, everybody said, of course Dodo was a Catholic. I watched Dodo wheel the youngest Conway up and down. She seemed to be doing it for my benefit. Children made me sick. (Chapt 10, p.62)

Here, Esther not only didn't want to marry. It was described when she looked on Dodo's big family with many children. She thought that it would waste

all her time just to rear them. It is because all the obligation of the duty of rearing children is become mother's responsibility only. This is one of the effects of patriarchy culture. In marriage, rearing a child is a main duty for mother, but in liberal feminist sight all the housewife's works should be shared with their husband. Lewis states liberal feminists also tend to support marriage as an equal partnership, and more male involvement in child care (March, 12th 2014). So all the house works should not self impose only to wives but also their husband.

#### **4.2.3 Have Double Sexual Standard as the Effect of her Experiences**

Esther believed that it is so hard to find an ideal man who still pure at that time. From Buddy's confession, it made Esther felt confident to go date with another man and loose her virginity. Esther seemed want to pay what Buddy's had done to her. She felt that if a man can do that, then a woman can do that also. It is in the form of **liberal feminism in social** relationship between man and woman. She thought that it is impossible to marry with a man like Buddy. It is really was shown by her when she tried to flirt Constantine, Buddy's mother friend. She was introduced to Constantine by Buddy's mother.

First time she thought about the idea about sleeping with somebody. She wanted to try it. She wanted to pay all what Buddy has done to her. She made a plan to sleep with somebody. She began to ask all her seniors about a boy who had slept with somebody.

Back at college I started asking a senior here and a senior there what they would do if a boy they knew suddenly told them he'd slept thirty times with some slutty waitress one summer, smack in the middle of knowing them. But these seniors said most boys were like that and you couldn't honestly accuse them of anything until you were at least pinned or engaged to be married.

Actually, it wasn't the idea of Buddy sleeping with somebody that bothered me. I mean I'd read about all sorts of people sleeping with each other, and if it had been any other boy I would merely have asked him the most interesting details, and maybe gone out and slept with somebody myself just to even things up, and then thought no more about it. (Chap 6, p37-38).

They answered that most boys were like that ever do that, but they won't confess until they are married. It is one of a kind of woman's oppression in sexual desire. The man at that time saw a woman as a doll whose can fulfill her sexual desire without marry her. He never told that to her girlfriend until they are married.

There was a moment when Esther tried to go date with Constantine. It started when Constantine asked her to come to his apartment to heard balaika music. She agreed and in Constantine's apartment, Esther tried persuade Constantine to sleep with her. She just felt confident to that. It explains in this narration.

At last I felt a powerful drowsiness drifting through my veins from all the pinebark wine I had drunk. "I think I'll go in and lie down," I said. I strolled casually into the bedroom and stooped over to nudge off my shoes. The clean bed bobbed before me like a safe boat. I stretched full length and shut my eyes. Then I heard Constantin sigh and come in from the balcony. One by one his shoes clonked on to the floor, and he lay down by my side. (Chapt 7, p.43)

This is the effect of Buddy's betrayer. Esther felt confident to sleep with another man. She felt if Buddy can do that, then she can do that too. But there was nothing happen between Esther and Constantine. Constantine was not fixated with Esther's action. So they just spend their time in Constantine's apartment doing nothing until he persuades her to drive her home.