

CHAPTER 3

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

This chapter tries to discuss the data to get the answer for the question stated in chapter one. The first, this writer wants to know the character of Brick, and then how that character was characterized. The second is, this writer wants to know the causes of Brick being alcoholic in this drama.

3.1 Characterization

In this sub chapter, the writer will discuss about one of literary work's elements sometimes called characterization. The character chosen as the object of the discussion is Brick, one of the main characters in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* by Tennessee William. To describe Brick's characterization, the writer will use the method of characterization stated by Pooley. There are four basic method of characterization. In discussion of Brick's characterization, the writer only uses three methods; those are physical traits and personality, speech and behavior, and the last characterization through other character's opinions.

3.1.1 Physical Traits of Brick

In this method, the author presents character by describing the character through physical traits. It is gives the reader ease to describe how the character

Brick?--I've been to a doctor in Memphis, a--a gynaecologist.... I've been completely examined, and there is no reason why we can't have a child whenever we want one. And this is my time by the calendar to conceive. Are you listening to me? Are you? Are you LISTENING TO ME! (p.30)

In the quotation above, Maggie tells her husband that Maggie have been to a Doctor in Memphis to check her reproductive health, and Doctor says that there is no problem with the reproductive health of Maggie. And it is very appropriate moment for Maggie to have children of Brick. Brick always gets the discussion about children from Maggie. Not only Maggie who always demands children of Brick. But Big Mama also wants the grandson from beloved son.

BIG MAMA: Oh, Brick, son of Big Daddy! Big Daddy does so love you! Y'know what would be his fondest dream come true? If before he passed on, if Big Daddy has to pass on, you gave him a child of yours, a grandson as much like his son as his son is like Big Daddy! (p.86)

In the quotation above, Big Mama tells his beloved son that before Big Daddy died, they hope Brick can gives grandchild for them. At pressures above, the writer assumed that Brick obtains the pressure from around to have children. Therefore, Brick wants to vent all by being an alcoholic person.

The causes presented above are the reason why Brick being alcoholic in this drama. Through Sigmund Freud's id, ego, superego, it found that Brick's id stronger than his superego, his id marked when Brick is controlled by his desires and Brick do anything to tries forgetting his problems and to vent all the pressure from his wife and

