CHAPTER III

ANALYSIS

This chapter presents the analysis of the data which contains the descriptions of the sacrifice made by Savannah based on her id, ego, and superego which influence her sacrifice. This study wants to analyze the sacrifice as seen through Savannah’s character. Firstly examining on her character, it is hoped to gain profound knowledge about the character of Savannah clearly. After having the fundamental background of Savannah’s character, then it is intended to reveal her sacrifices toward other people. Secondly, after getting understanding of her sacrifice, it will be guidance to identify the effect of the sacrifice to Savannah that influences her entire life.

A. The Sacrifice of Savannah
1. Sacrifice of Love

*Dear John* is a story of John Tyree and Savannah Lynn Curtis as the main characters. The story is delivered using first-person point of view which John appears as the narrator who narrates all the events in the story. He is the one who tells to the readers about what he does. He only tells anything that correlate with his life. Despite of that, Savannah can be called as the main character since she often appears although she does not dominate the whole story. As Nurgiyantoro said that the main character in the story may be more than one person, although its superiority level is not the same. Their superiority are determined by dominance, mostly appearance, and influence toward the whole development in the story (177).
Furthermore, Savannah is seen as round character since she sows some changes in particular way during the story and her action surprises the reader.

I shook my head. “I’ve never been much of a wine drinker.” I was surprised when she didn’t return the glass. Instead, she retrieved the half-empty bottle of wine and poured a glass; she set the glass on the table and took a seat before it. We sat at the table as Savannah took a sip. “You’ve changed,” I observed. She shrugged. “A lot of things have changed since I last saw you (96).”

From the explanation above, it is seen that the character of Savannah shows some changes in the end of the story. One of them is Savannah who shows as a girl who really cares about her health in the beginning of story changes to a wine drinker in the end. It proved that Savannah is a round character that really influences the story and her action also surprises the readers.

Meanwhile, John is seen as flat character since he does not give big influence to story and surprise the readers. As Nurgiyantoro said that a flat character does not have a characteristic and behavior that can surprise readers. Meanwhile, a round character is not only showing a certain character, but also they can show various characters and behavior, even it may be in a contradiction and difficult to guess (183).

According to Dinurriyah in her book, characters are divided into four types that are physical, social, psychological, and moral (115-116). Physical identifies peripheral facts such as age, sexual category, size, race and color. Here the following quotation will discuss about physical.

Up close, she was more beautiful than I’d first realized, but it had less to do with the way she looked than the way she was. It wasn’t just her slightly gap-toothed
smile, it was the casual way she swiped at a loose strand of hair, the easy way she held herself (12).

Savannah Lynn Curtis is described as a young beautiful girl who lives in Lenoir. She has an attractive brunette that shows her beauty. This statement showed that her beautiful is so simple since she always gives her great smile. She likes to swipe her hair showing her feminism as a girl.

Savannah is a character of twenty one years old girl and she is the only one child of her parents in family and comes from a decent family:

“How old are you?” I asked as we approached the house.
“Twenty-one. I just had a birthday last month. You?”
“Twenty-three. Do you have brothers and sisters?”
“No. I was an only child. Just me and my folks. My parents still live in Lenoir, and they’re happy as clams after twenty-five years. Your turn (Sparks 14).”

From the quotation above told that she is from a happy family, who only has one child. She still a twenty-one years old girl and a student university.

She is one of students of University of North Carolina (UNC) in Wilmington who takes education as her major. She is from Lenoir city, where many houses side by side with his ranch or homes that have a wide yard. In terms of the language she was quite a bit different, because she has an accent that is different from the people in the city of Wilmington.

Meanwhile, social dealt with the character’s world or environment such as economic status, occupation or trade, creed, familial affiliation of the characters. Savannah’s parents are persons who always motivate her. they also live in Lenoir, her mom as like Savannah, spends every day volunteering for other things in library, school, the church or
whatever. Meanwhile, her dad is a history teacher in the school and also he has coached the volleyball girls’ team since she was little. Savannah loves them so much.

I turned the photo around. Savannah took more after her father than her mother, or had at least inherited the darker features from him.
“Nice-looking couple.”
“I love ’em,” she said, taking the wallet back. “They’re the best (30).”

Savannah loves her parents a lot, they never force her to be what they like. Although her father is also volleyball coach, they do not ask her to be volleyball player. Since she was little, they have talked to her like she was an adult.

“I’m glad. I was a little worried about her coming down here. Last year her parents were with us, so this is the first time she’s been on her own like this. I know she’s a big girl, but these aren’t the kind of people she usually hangs out with, and the last thing I wanted was for her to be Fending off guys all night.”(19)

From the quotation above, it explains that Savannah is a person who unusual being apart with his parents. However, she began to be independent without the help of her parents this time. She is also not the type of person who likes to hang out or go to a party. She was unfamiliar with it.

Then, psychological disclosed the inner mechanism of the character’s mind and dealt with habitual responses, attitudes, longing, purposes, like and dislikes. The following quotation will discuss about the psychological aspect.

As she answered, I got the feeling she was the kind of person who would never say a bad thing about anyone. Her regard for others struck me as refreshing and mature, and yet, strangely, I wasn’t surprised. It was part of that indefinable quality I’d sensed about her from the beginning, a manner that set her apart (14).
Here is seen that Savannah has a polite attitude, it is shown from how the way she interacted with John. She is a cheerful woman in talking, and not saying the dirty words. Her attitude makes people will tend to love to interact. Even John did not surprise that Savannah has fun as it was, because he thought the first time he saw her. Basically, Savannah is a kind girl. She cares about others people. She is always ready to help them every time they need her help. In her life, he always wants the best for other people.

The last is moral that discloses the decisions of the characters, either socially acceptable or not, exposing their intentions, thus projecting what is upright or not (115-116). Socially her family is recognized enough by people in Lenoir. However, her parents are teacher who teach in Lenoir too.

I took a seat at the bar and struck up a conversation with the bartender. He was about my age, and his mountain accent reminded me of Savannah’s. After twenty minutes of easy conversation, I took Savannah’s picture from my wallet and explained that I was a friend of the family. I used her parents’ names and asked questions that implied I’d been there before. He was wary, and rightfully so. Small towns protect their own, but it turned out that he’d spenta couple of years in the Marine Corps, which helped. In time, he nodded.

“Yeah, I know her,” he said. “She lives out on Old Mill Road, next to her parents’ place (91).”

From the quotation above, it is proved that Savannah is recognized enough in Lenoir. It means that she is socially acceptable in her environment. Furthermore, she comes from family who really cares about others. They often join volunteer missions or kind of it. So it is not questionable that she is kind of person who is regarded by her society.

At the beginning of the story Savannah recognizes John when she was at volunteering mission. John is a sergeant of the army who lives in Wilmington, he met with her when he is enjoying the holiday of the army. At the first time Savannah met him, she had
already impressed by him because he has save her bag from the sea. Savannah looks honest and self-confidence from him when without asking he direct jumps and gets her bag that had fallen into the sea. She was honored for what was done by John, she said thanks to John a lot.

To reply his kindness, Savannah invites john to the house which she rented with her friends. When both eyes looked at each other, sort of like there is something very fit or people say it as love at first sight. Savannah invites John to eat together at the house and they began to ask to know each other. She is interested with his sincerity and kindness. Finally, they fall in love and have good relationship.

As it can be seen in the description of Savannah, she is a kind girl who cares other people. Savannah also cares with her special boyfriend that John Tyree. Since John was an army who had a duty to serve for the country and Savannah who is also student of University of North Carolina, they live apart and far away. At the beginning of their relationship they like to communicate each other using letter, email or phone. However, Savannah prefers to use letter in their communication.

Savannah asks to John for making a promise that after he has finished his duty he will come back and marry her. Her desire to get married with John is seen as one of her personality structures that is the id. As like all couples, they have a desire to get marry one day. The promise has to be struggled and will face many obstacles to make it happen. The distance, time, and presence might be able to change everything, but they believe it will happen someday.

I don’t know how long we stood together, but when we finally began moving toward the baggage claim, I slipped my hand into hers knowing that I loved her
not only more than the last time I’d seen her, but more than I would ever love anyone (67).

From the quotation above, it is showed that how they love each other, especially for John. He said that he loves Savannah more than other girls he had before. Savannah’s desire to marry with John is really strong. The id has no contact with reality, yet it strives constantly to reduce tension by satisfying basic desires. Its function is to seek pleasure; it means that the id serves the pleasure principle. Pleasure principle is seeking the need without regard to what is possible or what is proper (Feist 27). It means that someone who has desire only wants seek her pleasure and does not see whether it is possible or proper.

She feels happy when she is beside John, she saw that John such nice guy who never force her to sleep together. Therefore, she really wants to live with John and married with him someday. She is sure that her dream to marry with John will come true since their love is greater all the time. The id strives for immediate satisfaction of its needs and does not tolerate delay or postponement of satisfaction for any reason. It knows only instant gratification; it drives us to want what we want when we want it, without regard for what anyone else wants (Schultz 55). Someone who has a desire wants it become real although she does not know when the day will come.

Although they were being apart but they have spirit to finish their busy activities, then they count down the date they will meet in their holiday. They will wreak their sense of missing each other in their heart. Besides writing letter to Savannah, John also writes a letter to his father. Since he is close to Savannah, John becomes closer to his father. He began to realize that how his father really meant to him.
When the holiday of John had come, John plans to spend half of his vacation with Savannah, and the rest is he spends with his father. John visited Savannah’s house in Lenoir. That was the first time he had visited the house, it was felt very special and her parents welcomed him well. It is shown the joy in his face. Both of them take the advantage the time, one of the activities which they had done was riding. They are really enjoying the holiday. Savannah’s id makes her wants always beside John every time. Unfortunately, each of them has an activities that makes them live apart.

Despite of that, Savannah tries to keep her relationship to be fine including their communication. Even, while John has in holiday she invites her to come to her house and to meet with her parents. Savannah is always loyal to wait John until he finish his duty and comes back to marry her. She believes that her dream to be wife of John will come true.

This reality shows Savannah’s ego in order to keep her desire to marry John become true. The ego is a part of personality that has duty as executor, where it works outside the world to evaluate reality and inside the world to manage the need of the id. Because it is aware of reality, the ego decides when and how the id instincts can best be satisfied. The ego does not prevent id satisfaction. Rather, it tries to postpone, delay, or redirect it in terms of the demands of reality or it is called reality principle (Schultz 55). Her ego tries to look for the best way to satisfy the need of the id based on the reality.

She tries to introduce John to her parents when John got his holiday. It is needed to make sure that John will also close to her parents and so do the contrary. Her ego tries
to look for the way to satisfy the pleasure that needed by the id. The ego also finds a way in order to increase the chances for reaching the desired desire by the id.

When the second holiday is coming for John, they met again. At the time, John spends his holiday with Savannah in her apartment. Once again, her ego tries to keep her relationship to be greater. In the middle of her busy activities, she spends the time with John, her beloved boyfriend. It also become such lesson for them to live together when they has been married. In fact, their long distance relationship give a negative effect to both of them, they often debates about something that caused by a little problem. Although, as the whole of their relationship is fine, but they felt a change in their relationship.

Their relationship faced many challenges since news in 11 September 2001 told that there is a building was bombing in the United States of America.

This I am sure of: The images of September 11 will be with me forever. I watched the smoke billowing from the Twin Towers and the Pentagon and saw the grim faces of the men around me as they watched people jump to their deaths. I witnessed the buildings’ collapse and the massive cloud of dust and debris that rose in their place (77).

When John’s duty in army is about to end, the WTC building was bombing that makes many victim is wounded and killed at the time. This situation makes the army had to take place on Iraq and it also makes John decided to re-enlist in the army. It would make his dream to get marry with Savannah is postpone for a while. Actually, Savannah agreed with his decision although there is a little disappointment on her mind that when their married would happen. Despite of that, her ego still force her to keep waiting for him in order she can marry with him some day.
Until one day, when John was still in Iraq for serving his duty to his country, Savannah sent a letter to John that indicates that she will end her relationship with John. She said that she had fallen in love with someone else. It made John feeling disappointed to her because John has felt that Savannah is his dreaming of girl.

A couple of months later, John has to back to his town because he heard that his father has passed away because he got a heart attack. After John has finished presence in his father’s funeral, he decided to meet Savannah that has end their relationship with the reason that she has fallen in love with someone else in her town in Lenoir. He went to her house that he ever invited by Savannah formerly.

When John arrived in her house, he looked Savannah is being busy with her activity in her ranch. Eventually, she also looked John in front of her house. They did not say anything, they feel speechless. They have stunned each other and then both of them say hello each other. She cried when the first she saw John that shows how hard she miss John. Although John they had stood long time, they did not know what to do next. Till Savannah ask John to help her in cleaning her ranch.

“Are you okay?” I finally asked.
“Why are you here, John?”
“You already asked me that.”
“I know I did,” she said. “But you didn’t really answer.”
I studied her. No, I hadn’t. I wasn’t sure I could explain it myself and shifted my weight from one foot to the other. “I didn’t know where else to go.”
Surprising me, she nodded. “Uh-huh,” she acknowledged (94).

From the conversation above, it told that Savannah asks the reason of John coming to her house. John’s answer is that he does not know where else to go. John
wanted to know about her condition, actually her life with her husband. But as long as he is in the house, he did not see her husband was coming up.

“What’s going on, Savannah?”
With my words, she came back to me. “What do you mean?”
“Your husband,” I said.
“What about him?”
“When can I meet him?”
Instead of answering, Savannah rose from the table with her wineglass. She poured the remains into the sink, then retrieved a coffee cup and a box of tea. “You’ve already met him,” she said, turning around. She squared her shoulders. “It’s Tim (99).”

The quotation above told that John began to ask to Savannah about her husband that he did not see as long as he was there. John really wants to meet him. Eventually, Savannah said that John has met him, her husband is Tim. John felt really angry knowing this fact because John has known Tim well. As he knows, Tim is a person who knows enough about his relationship with Savannah from the beginning until the end. He also supported John to have a relationship with Savannah. John curious to know the reason that makes it happens.

“You know we’ve been friends. Even though he was a graduate student, we ended up having a couple of classes in the same building during my last year in college, and afterwards, we’d have coffee or end up studying together. It’s not like we dated, or even held hands. Tim knew I was in love with you . . . but he was there, you know? He listened when I talked about how much I missed you and how hard it was to be apart. And it was hard. I thought you’d be home by then.” When she looked up, her eyes were filled with . . . What? Regret? I couldn’t tell (99).

From the quotation above, it is clear that Tim knows enough about the relationship between John and Savannah. Even Savannah often tells to him how much she misses John and how hard it was to be apart. But John think in his mind, how it can
happen, he had already known that Tim has fallen in love when the first time John talk to him. But Tim does not express it because he knows that Savannah has not the same feeling like him. John knows that Savannah only regard him as like her elder brother that always admired by her. So it makes John think what already happen when he was away.

“That fall, right after I finished up with all my classes and moved back home to work at the developmental evaluation center here in town, Tim’s parents were in a horrible accident. They were driving back from Asheville when they lost control of their car and swerved into oncoming traffic on the highway. A semi ended up hitting them. The driver of the truck wasn’t hurt, but both of Tim’s parents died on impact. Tim had to quit school—he was trying to get his PhD—so he could come back here to take care of Alan.” She paused. “It was awful for Tim. Not only was he trying to come to terms with the loss—he adored his parents—but Alan was inconsolable. He screamed all the time, and he began pulling out his hair. The only one who could stop him from hurting himself was Tim, but it took all the energy Tim had. I guess that’s when I first started coming over here. You know, to help out (100).”

Eventually, Savannah told about the cause of her marriage with Tim. Savannah said that after she finished every classes of her study and came back to her house. At that time, Tim’s parents have an accident that serious enough; they are in trip to comeback from Asheville when they are losing their control of their car and swerved oncoming traffic on highway. A big truck with different direction hits them.

The driver truck did not hurt but Tim’s parent died directly. Knowing the fact that his parent had already passed away, Tim decided to quit school in his effort to get his PhD and come back to take care of Alan. It makes Tim felt hopeless not only because he realized that his parents have passed away but also Tim has took care of Alan that began inconsolable and scream all the time. Alan also began pulling out his hair; the only person that can stop him is Tim. Actually, Tim also began to overwhelmed with Alan
who getting over. When the first time she knows it, the only thing that she can do is to
help out him.

Alan’s condition was getting worse with the fact that his parents has passed away.
Savannah could not do anything besides help Tim to take care of Alan together. Although
Tim has already beside him. In fact, Tim was overwhelmed with Alan’s action since their
parent has passed away. Therefore, Savannah realized she should help Tim to take care of
Alan. A boy that she gives a big empathy and also the reason she decided to take special
education as her major. Since that moment, Savannah often interacted with them.
Moreover, her house is next to them.

“I know you want to be angry with Tim or me. Probably both of us. And I guess
we deserve it. But you don’t know what it was like back then. So much was going
on—it was just so emotional all the time. I felt guilty about what was happening,
Tim felt guilty. (100).

Savannah realizes that John would might angry with her or Tim. Savannah and Tim
also feel guilty by their decision. But then, Savannah has to make a decision whether
waiting for John or marrying for Tim that really needs her. Savannah felt guilty because
she realizes that she has sacrifice her love, he is John.

“I thought so.” He cleared his throat. “I’ve loved her since I was twelve years old.
And gradually, she fell in love with me, too.”
“Why are you telling me this?”
“Because,” he said, “it wasn’t the same. I know she loves me, but she’s never loved
me the way she loved you (116).

From the quotation above, Tim admitted that he has long time fallen in love to
Savannah and she also loves him so much. Unfortunately, the way she loves Tim is
different from the way she loves John. Savannah loves Tim only as younger sister who
looks her elder brother really care with his younger brother. Whereas, her love to John because they interested each other, they love every part of them as like other couples. Since Savannah is really caring with others, she is willing to sacrifice her love to John and share her love for others.

“I’ll bet she was glad to see you. I know she’s always felt bad that it ended the way it did, and so did I. I owe you an apology.” “Don’t.” I raised my hands. “It’s okay.” He formed a wry grin. “You’re only saying that because I’m sick, and we both know it. If I was healthy, you’d probably want to break my nose again.” “Maybe,” I admitted (105).

The condition of Tim who is sick might make John reducing his angry. Tim asks an apology to John because he has married to Savannah. Her decision to sacrifice her love in marrying Tim for help him is seen as something that related to one of the basic personality structures in psychoanalysis theory that is the superego. According to Freud in Minderop said that superego is like a priest who does not contact with reality but it acts based on the value of good or bad (21). Furthermore, The term ‘superego’ is used to describe conscience and ideals (ego ideal). Conscience is feeling to judge whether the action is right or wrong. Meanwhile, the ideal is often thought of as the image we have of our ideal selves, the people we want to become. It means that the superego represents the ideal values and oriented on the perfection (Bateman 35). Everyone has ego ideals that what they want to become in their life.

Savannah really loves John and she is willing to marry with him. Unfortunately, the condition did not make her desire become true. In one side, John has to re-enlist in the army. Other side, Tim really need her help because he began to overwhelmed with Alan’s condition. Her superego advises her to prefer marrying Tim because he really needs her
help. It is because her conscience guides her that help Tim is seen as the best action she should do. Eventually she choose to marry with Tim who really need her help at that time. Although it might be will hurt John and he would hate her when he knows the reality. It shows that people can make great planning but fate can say different. As people say man propose god dispose.

2. Sacrifice of Life

Since Savannah cares about other people, she is also cares people around her environment especially her neighbors. One of her neighbors she cares enough is Tim. She has regarded him as her elder brother. He is a person who later becomes her husband. Tim is as like as Savannah, he cares other people and he also has brother named Alan who is known as autism boy. Savannah really cares about autistic kids especially Alan. She wondered that someday she can help Alan or other autistic kids to see their smile as normal kids.

When Alan was child, Savannah saw his elder brother, Tim, giving a therapy to Alan. He uses a horse as a tool. When it is first trying out, this way has yet to show tangible results. But with patience of his brother, who continues to guide him, Tim also never frustrated with his brother. Alan started to slowly adapt to the way. Autistic children who are sort of locked in his little world, it should be given some kind of therapy or regular learning. So it may be able to open the new door to know this wonderful world. It looked when Tim provides a therapy through horse to Alan. The first time Alan was frightened then began to work normally as like people as usual.
Savannah thinks that establishing a riding camp is a good step to help other autistic children. She hopes one day she can make it happen, so some autistic children such as Alan could be accommodated to a therapy, and getting out of their small world. Moreover, Savannah also horse lovers so it is very possible to do. Her family also has large enough ranch so that it is possible to make a riding camp which large place. It is only a mere dream for now, she still needs to learn more particularly to better understanding the autistic child itself, because the problems every autistic child might be different.

Furthermore, Savannah decided to take special education as her major in order she can focus in help autistic kids. She decided it when she was at twelve years old. As declared in this following:

“How old were you when you decided that?”
“Twelve.”
“And you want to work with them in a school?”
“No,” she said. “I want to do what Alan’s brother did. He used horses.”

Her decision to takes the major is also caused by her sense of wanting to help the other people is strong. In fact, it has been decided since she was nine years old, it shows how her character to love others is already formed and it has been awakened in her since childhood. Character that since from childhood has been formed will influence the way someone face the world, the people, the environment and all that is in their around.

Savannah’s caring in help other people is also showed with join many humanity programs. At first, she was getting bored with life on campus and dorm that her friends are always invite her to go to a party that as if force her to drink liquor. She felt it was not
in accordance with her personality, so she started to follow the activities of charitable and religious activity in the church so that makes her enthusiasm grows in following her lecture.

“And you’re all down here on vacation for a week?”
“A month, actually—but no, it’s not really a vacation. We’re volunteering. You’ve heard of Habitat for Humanity, right? We’re down here to help build a couple of houses. My family’s been involved with it for years.”(Sparks 13)

From the quotation above, she is volunteering in a humanity program near the beach of Wilmington. The humanity program is building houses around Wilmington beach. Some houses that have bad circumstances and are required renovation to create a livable home.

“You’ve done this before?”
“Every summer since I was sixteen. I used to do it with our church, but when I went off to Chapel Hill, we started a group there. Well, actually, Tim started it. He’s from Lenoir, too. He just graduated and he’ll start on his master’s degree this fall. I’ve known him forever. Instead of spending the summer working odd jobs at home or doing internships, we thought we could offer students a chance to make a difference. Everyone chips in for the house and pays their own expenses for the month, and we don’t charge anything for the labor we do on the houses.

Since she is sixteen years old, she has involved herself in humanity activities. She began by following the program of the Church and other organizations. She followed Tim, when they were in Chapel Hill; they built a group in carrying out the mission in the humanity program.

After Savannah finished her study, she came back to Lenoir and around her parents. As the bachelor of special education major, she works at the developmental evaluation center.
“That fall, right after I finished up with all my classes and moved back home to work at the developmental evaluation center here in town (99).

Since she really cares others, she wants to help them especially autistic kids. As we know, Savannah wants to have a riding camp, a therapy for autistic kids through horses. It is part of mind that set out pleasure principle and motivates to satisfy the need. The work of id is related with pleasure principle that always seeks pleasure and avoid uncomfortable thing (Feist 28). Her desire to be able to help others has been developed since she was teenager and it becomes her dream that she want to do in her life.

“I know you want to be angry with Tim or me. Probably both of us. And I guess we deserve it. you don’t know what it was like back then. So much was going on- it was just so emotional all the time. I felt guilty about what was happening, Tim felt guilty. But after a while, it just began to feel like we were a couple already. Tim started working at the same developmental evaluation center where I did and then decided that he wanted to start a weekend ranch program for autistic kids. His parents always wanted him to do that, so I signed on to work on the ranch, too. After that, we were together almost all the time. Setting up the ranch gave us both something to focus on, and it helped Alan, too. He loves horses, and there was so much to do that he gradually got used to the fact that his parents weren’t around. It’s like we were all leaning on each other. . . . He proposed later that year (100).”

After Savannah and Tim got married, they felt guilty from what happening in their life. Savannah felt guilty because she has disappointed John and so do Tim. but after a while, they began to live as other couples life. Besides, Tim also began to work at the same developmental evaluation center where Savannah did. Fortunately, he also started to build a riding camp program in ranch for autistic kids through horses. Savannah also works in the autistic kids program to help her husband in giving therapy for some autistic kids. As it already known that formerly Savannah has dream to build riding camp for
autistic kids and the opportunity comes when her husband build it. Then, Savannah is ready to help her husband to give therapy to some autistic kids through the therapy. This reality is related with one of personality structures that is the ego. Her ego shows to satisfy the need of the id that is to help others. By help her husband in the riding camp program, it means that she will also help others especially the autistic kids through the therapy of riding horses.

The function of ego is to seek the best way to satisfy the need of Id. The Ego does not want to prevent the need of id, it is rather to seek the way, the time, and the situation that is right based on the reality in life (Feist 29). Her ego gives her the way to satisfy her desires by help the autistic kids in riding camp program and also work at developmental evaluation center.

At that time, Savannah feels that her life is really enjoyable, she can get what she want. She has worked at the developmental evaluation center with her husband. She also has reached her dream to build a riding camp for autistic kids. Besides, she and Tim can handle to take care of Alan and their ranch. It makes Savannah began to forget her past and ready to begin new life that she really want from she was teenager.

Unfortunately, while she has felt new life will bring happiness, a bad news comes from her husband. Tim was infected a cancer, he got melanoma disease in his calf.

I followed her in, bracing myself for the worst. Tim sat propped up in the bed with an IV connected to his arm. He looked exhausted, and his skin was so pale that it was almost translucent. He’d lost even more weight than my father had, and as I stared at him, all I could think was that he was dying (103).
From the quotation above, it shows that how the condition of Tim, Tim was different than before; his face is so pale and looked exhausted. He got the disease for about a year ago; it began with a mole in the back of his calf. The disease began to feel itchy and when he scratched then it began to bleed. Actually he has been getting surgery but the disease does not lost from his body.

“It had just been one of those days, you know? I’d spent hours in the hospital, and the nurses kept giving me those pitiful looks and . . . well, they just feel like they’re killing me little by little. I know that sounds ridiculous considering what Tim is going through, but it’s so hard to watch him get sick. I hate it. I know I have to be there to support him, and the thing is, I want to be there, but it’s always worse than I expect. He was so sick after his treatment yesterday that I thought he was dying. He couldn’t stop vomiting, and when nothing else would come up, he just kept dry heaving. Every five or ten minutes, he’d start to moan and move around the bed trying to prevent it, but there was nothing he could do. I’d hold him and comfort him, but I can’t even begin to describe how helpless it made me feel.” She lifted her bag of tea in and out of the water.

“It’s like that every time,” she said (105).

Savannah has spent hours in the hospital and so far there is no a change from his condition. Savannah feels that it is killing her little by little; she worried about her husband who is getting sick. Although it is so pity, she always accompany him but his condition is worse than she expect. After getting treatment yesterday, he began vomiting and moaning. She feels so helpless and it has been like that every time. Knowing that her husband has sick, she has to sacrifice her life to work at developmental evaluation center and continuing the riding camp program.

“So go,” I urged.
She gave a short laugh. “It’s not that easy.”

“Why? It sounds pretty clear to me. Once he’s out of here, you hop in the car and go.” “Our insurance won’t pay for it,” she said. “Not now, anyway. He’s getting the appropriate standard of care-and believe it or not, the insurance company has been pretty responsive so far. They’ve paid for all the hospitalizations, all the interferon, and all the extras without hassle. They’ve even assigned me a personal
caseworker, and believe me, she’s sympathetic to our plight. But there’s nothing she can do, since our doctor thinks it’s best that we give the interferon a little more time. No insurance company in the world will pay for experimental treatments. And no insurer will agree to pay for treatments outside the standard of care, especially if they’re in other states and are attempting new things on the off chance that they might work (107).

The treatment fee charged by Tim has been paid for by insurance so that it does not make things difficult for him and Savannah. The problem is that there has not been any development that is quite good from this disease. In fact, there is a kind alternative treatment that may be can cure this disease but there is no insurance are willing to pay for the treatment outside medical treatment or experimental therapy. Doctor said that this is the best and insurance agreed to it.

“What are you going to do?”
“Get the money,” she said. “I don’t have a choice. And the community’s been supportive. As soon as word about Tim got out, there was a segment on the local news and the newspaper did a story, and people all over town have promised to start collecting money. They set up a special bank account and everything. My parents helped. The place we worked helped. Parents of some of the kids we worked with helped. I’ve heard that they’ve even got jars out in a lot of the Businesses” (107).

This condition shows Savannah’s superego that she should takes care her husband who has sick. The effort that Savannah can do is to seek funds in order to bring to experimental therapy such as MD Anderson, The Mayo Clinic or John Hopkins, they have been conducted research related to research on cutting-edge. Fortunately, several communities in Lenoir support this. Her parents also support and the parents of students where Savannah and her husband work also help. According to Savannah, not only money, but also the matter; if this was not handled directly, but it is very likely that Tim will become more severe and pointed to death.
This makes Savannah must hard work to make sure all is well, not only she must keep and care of Alan, but also for Tim that had been lying in the hospital. Her activities In the middle of her busy activities, she also has to visit her husband every day. There is no other that was worried by Savannah that is Tim and Alan.

“And then there’s Alan. Tim’s so good with him, and I like to think I’m getting better with him, but still . . . there are times when he starts hurting himself or breaking things, and I just end up crying because I don’t know what to do. Don’t get me wrong—I try, but I’m not Tim, and we both know it.” Her eyes held mine for a moment before I looked away. I took a sip of tea, trying to imagine what her life was like now. (106)

Taking care of Alan also must be her routine activity, overall she began better in taking care of him. But sometimes Alan suddenly cried out at once and Savannah could not do anything, she did not know what should be done. Even though she has long time with him, but she is not Tim that knows everything about Alan. When it happened, Savannah can only hope that her husband will healthy soon, and stay besides her to take care of Alan together.

She nodded. “It’s one of those crazy things, isn’t it? I mean, if Tim spent a lot of time in the sun, maybe I could have understood it. But it was on the back of his leg. You know him—can you imagine him in Bermuda shorts? He’s hardly ever worn shorts, even at the beach, and he’s always the one who nagged us about wearing sunscreen. He doesn’t drink, he doesn’t smoke, he’s careful about what he eats. But for whatever reason, he got melanoma (108).

Savannah never imagined that her life would be like this. Her husband is infected a dangerous disease. Actually Tim is a person who really cares with the health. He is not type of person who likes to drink alcohol or may be to smoke. He is also really selective with the food he wants to eat and avoid kind of junk food. When he is in the beach, he is
the only person who always warns everyone to wear a sun block or kind of it. This reality makes Savannah thinks again that the most important thing now is keep accompanying her husband and takes care of Alan. She lets it go all her desires to live in great life for help her beloved people. Tim and Alan are persons that really important for her, she wants to sacrifice her life for them, no matter how hard it is.

The function of the superego is giving advices between good and bad. The superego refers to morality in personality. It is same with “the pure heart” which is recognized the good and bad (conscience) (Minderop 22). Here, Savannah chooses to sacrifice her life for her beloved persons. It is because the condition of Tim who getting sick and Alan who is inconsolable makes Savannah decided to do it. Her superego advises her that take care her husband is the best choice to do since he really need her help. Although, she has to sacrifice her desires that she has reached before. It is hard to do but Savannah stays strong about what was done, since Tim’s condition who is helpless and Alan who is inconsolable. Everything makes her sad, she never imagined her life will so hard. Besides, some people always support her, her parents, John, her neighbors, they supports as the morality.

B. The Effect of Sacrifice

When someone had taken a decision in life, she has to accept the consequences she might get. She should know what will happen when she takes the decision. This also happens to Savannah, when she decided to sacrifice herself for other people, she had to accept the consequences. There are some changes of her habitual after she sacrifices herself for other people.
I shook my head. “I’ve never been much of a wine drinker.”
I was surprised when she didn’t return the glass.
Instead, she retrieved the half-empty bottle of wine and poured a glass; she set the
glass on the table and took a seat before it. We sat at the table as Savannah took a sip.
“You’ve changed,” I observed.
She shrugged. “A lot of things have changed since I last saw you.”
She said nothing more and set her glass back on the table. When she spoke again, her
voice was subdued. “I never thought I’d be the kind of person who looked forward to
a glass of wine in the evenings, but I do.”
She began rotating the glass on the table, and I found myself wondering what had
happened to her. (96)

First change can be seen from Savannah by John, she was starting to get used to
drink wine or a kind of liquor. This is a kind of habitual that she really dislike before. As
a person who cares about health, she was much known exactly about the danger if she
liked to drink a kind of alcohol. Even she is the only person that makes John little by little
reduce his addiction to drink alcohol. Since her character changes from the beginning of
the story, it means she is a round character. A round character is a character who can
surprises the reader.

When we pulled in the drive, I looked over at Savannah and noticed a tear
trickling slowly down her cheek. The sight of it nearly broke my heart, but when
she saw me staring at her, she swiped at the tear, looking surprised at its
appearance. I pulled the car to a stop beneath the willow tree, next to the battered
truck. By then, the first few drops of rain were beginning to hit the windshield
(108).

From the quotation above, it shows when Savannah and John is driving to hospital
to see Tim, John looks Savannah crying. She knows that he is looking of her then she try
to recover of her sadness. Several times Savannah tried to cover her sadness to John.
Sometimes, she was seen crying. But, when John try to approach her, she swipes her tears
in his eyes as if nothing happen in her life. John felt very sad seeing this happen, he wants
to make her calm but because Savannah not shared on the problem, he could not do anything about it. Savannah showed how she feels desperate with Tim’s condition. However, she tries to hide her feeling to everyone and also to John.

When I said nothing, she set aside her glass. “You want to know the truth?” she asked, not waiting for an answer. “I’m just trying to make it through the day with enough energy to face tomorrow.” She closed her eyes as if the admission were painful, then opened them again. “I know how you still feel about me, and I’d love to tell you that I have some secret desire to know everything you’ve been through since I sent you that awful letter, but to be honest?” She hesitated. “I don’t know if I really want to know. All I know is that when you showed up yesterday, I felt . . . okay. Not great, not good, but not bad, either. And that’s the thing. For the last six months, all I’ve done is feel bad. I wake up every day nervous and tense and angry and frustrated and terrified that I’m going to lose the man I married. That’s all I feel until the sun goes down,” she went on. “Every single day, all day long, for the past six months. That’s my life right now, but the hard part is that from here on in, I know it’s only going to get worse. Now there’s the added responsibility of trying to find some way to help my husband. Of trying to find a treatment that might help. Of trying to save his life (110).”

From the explanation above, it is seen that actually Savannah feels glad to see John again. Beside all the problems that she got, it shows that Savannah indirectly just try to face all the problem is this even though it seemed very sad. Whatever happens, Tim was still her husband, she also has to take care of Alan and the ranch, all must be done well without Tim knows how hard it is. As her husband lying in a hospital, Savannah is the only one person who works for taking cares her ranch. Every day she kept busy to clean up a fold, to feed them, or to put horses off its shoes. It has been set as a responsibility of Savannah alone since Tim is sick.

“I need to clean some hooves,” she announced. “You want to help?”
“I don’t know what to do,” I admitted.
“It’s easy,” she said. “I’ll show you.” She vanished into the barn and walked out carrying what looked to be a couple of small curved nails. She handed one to me. As the horses were eating, she moved toward one (94).

From the quotation above, it describes that Savannah was busy take care of her ranch. She was cleaning hooves from her horses. Since she was child, her family has a ranch beside the house. It made her familiar with the ranch. She also explained that she fed her animal two times a day, every day. If no one can help him the weekend, it means there is no rest for Savannah. This is the place that dreamed by Savannah that are having the ranch and maintaining some animals. However, it never imagined by her that working in ranch is harder than she think. Each months there were always many problems, sometimes these animals fell sick, so that he had called for a veterinarian. Even, there are some speed dial for a veterinarian.

Another thing that sometimes become the problem on a farm is a roof leak, pieces a fence collapsed and was quite exhausting time, especially when her husband does not beside her. It makes Savannah has to hard work to repair it well. Furthermore, everything that Savannah had faced is makes her unhappy, but there is a positive side of it, she began to more strength than before. It also gives her lesson about life.

In addition, Savannah felt unhappy with all happening in her life. She never expects that her life will be like this. She really cares about her husband who getting worse with his disease. She also cares about Alan’s condition that began inconsolable. She felt really sad since they are her beloved persons. Besides that, she began to strength to face the life that sometimes she never expects before.