

ANALYSIS

III.1. Sarah's Motives To Continue The Study

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In the eighteen years they'd been married, she'd become so dependent on him. He took care of all the little problems in her life, and most of the big ones. It was like living in a hermetically sealed world, with Ollie always there to protect her (Steel:6).

According to the quotation above, it seems that Sarah's life after married to Olliver looks easy. It is because Olliver has backed up from the little problem until the big ones at home. Sarah doesn't need to do anything. But it makes her worry. She feels worry about her live. She become depended to Oliver for everything in her live. She worries if she has to loose Ollie from her life. She worries if she can not do anything if something happen to Ollie. She can't manage everything by herself.

The equality is the most issue in feminist criticism. It also the motive of someone to do feminism. In Sarah's story, she experience it. She wants to get the equality with her husband. She feels worry about her own carreer while her husband got it.

“You can always get a job later!” He reasoned with her. He comforted, he cajoled, he did everything he could to try to make her feel better (Steel:8).

According to the quotation above, it seems that Sarah already pregnant.

But she looks not happy about this. She wants to do abortion. She does not ready to get a children in their marriage. She utters her intention to Olliver, but he does not agree with Sarah. He refuses Sarah to abortion. The conversation above also seems that Sarah is arguing to Olliver. She makes sure him that she wants to continue her own career. She also said that she has applied to Columbia Graduate School to do some work toward her master's. But as beautiful as Sarah to give the reason to abortion, Ollie also pursues Sarah as well. He said that Sarah can go to work later after she gives birth.

Moreover, Sarah's urge to abortion is not only at the first pregnant, but also at the second and third. She tries to pursue Ollie to approve her wants.

She couldn't handle another child, and Benjamin wasn't even out of diapers, and now there would be two of them. It was the only time she had actually seen Oliver down too. He didn't know what to do to turn her around. And just like the first time, he was thrilled about the baby, but telling her that only made her cry harder.

“I can’t! I just can’t, Ollie! Please don’t make me...!” They argued about an abortion again, and once she almost swayed him for fear that if he didn’t agree, she might go crazy (Steel:10-11).

According to the quotation above, it seems that Sarah again has to face the reality that she will get the second child. She thinks that she never can not to handle another child. On the other hand their first baby is not yet out of diapers. She begs to Oliver about her wants to abortion. And again Olliver refuses it. Sarah

"It's hard to explain. It's just something I've wanted to do for a long time."

“Is it you and Dad?” Mel asked through her tears as she held on to Sam.
“Are you getting divorced?”

“No, we’re not. Nothing’s going to change. I just need to go away for a while, to accomplish something for myself, to be someone on my own, without all of you.”(Steel:56)

According to the quotation above. It seems that Sarah has uttered her plan to go back to college. Benjamin, their old son, does not understand with Sarah's decision. He looks confused. Sarah tries to give excuse about her plan. Mel, their second daughter also has the same question about her mother's motive to leave them. She cries and tries to found the explanation from her father. She accuses that their parents will divorce. But Sarah makes sure that it does not. She makes sure their children that they'll be fine without her presence at home. She tries to calming down their children with many promises. Sarah tries to explain clearly about her intention to go away. She ward off all the accusation from their children. She fight for her right.

Moreover, Sarah's refuses about the presence of children seems again, when she tries to explain that she has to go alone without her family.

“Because I'm not. And what would you do in Cambridge? Lose all your friends here? Go to a new school? Live in a tiny apartment with me while I write papers and study for exams? Benjamin's in his senior year, you have two more to go. Do you really want to snake all that up? And I couldn't take care of you while I'm going to school. You're much better off here with Daddy and Aggie, in your own home, going to a school you love, with friends you've had for years, in familiar surroundings.”(Steel:58)

"I'm not sure I know. I just know I can't do this anymore, and that seems right. That's all I know. I want to be more than this. More than someone

apartment when they visit them there. Then the statement from his little son is make sure him that his wife is really gone.

Another Sam's statement is more clarify about Sarah's life after she gone.

And again he talks about a people who is purposed by him.

“He was there before. We met him another time too. But he's staying with Mom now. You know, kind of like a friend. He's from France, and his name's Jean-Pierre. He's twenty-five, and he's here on an exchange program for two years.”

“How nice for him.” Oliver's face set in a thin line as he picked another card without even seeing what it was.

"Nice for Mom, too, I guess. What's he like?" He hated to pump the child, but he wanted to know now. She was living with a twenty-five-year-old man, and exposing her children to him. It made him furious just thinking of it.

“It was no big deal, Dad. He slept on the couch when we were there.” And when you're not, he wanted to ask. Then where does he sleep? But they all knew that. Even Sam had commented on it to Mel on the way back, wanting to know if she thought their mother was in love with him (Steel:132-133).

From the quotation is clarify Ollie's assumptin that his wife has another people to love. It also clarify Sarah's freedom. Now she have the own righth to determine what she wants to do. In this case, she has a boy friend before her relation with Olliver is really over.

Listening the chat between Sam and Ollie, Mel the second daughter tries to clarify what really happen. But it not makes the condition better, but it makes Ollie more infuriated.

He said his lease had run out, and Mom was letting him sleep on the couch until he found another place to live. He was nice to us. I don't think it means anything.â€ Her eyes were big and sad, and they both knew it meant a lot more than she was admitting to her father. It meant Sarah had moved on, and there was a man in her life...(Steel:133)

She was no longer the woman he knew and loved. She was someone else. And she belonged to a boy named Jean-Pierre (Steel:134).
According to the sentences above, it shows that Sarah is really changing.

As far as Sarah separates her self from her family, she becomes independent woman. She feels she can do everything without family especially under Ollie's control. Sarah feels free with her new life. Also when Ollie warns about her attitude to serve her boy friend when the children was there.

freedom after she left her family. She tells it to Ollie about her desire. She gets it with life alone and far from them.

“Are you happy now?” He needed to know that, for his own peace of mind. She had turned their life upside down, but if she had found what she'd been looking for, maybe it was worth it. Just maybe.

The quotation above is asserting that Sarah is happier life alone without her family. She feels happy to life depend on her desire to be reach which she never got it during she life with Ollie before.

The happiness of Sarah is not only about a happy life. Living alone makes her to be an independent woman in everything, also in the financial aspect. There is no more a husband which can fulfill her need. So, Sarah has to be stronger than before.

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She had given mountains of clothes to Mel, and left the rest at the house in Purchase. She lived in blue jeans and T-shirts and sandals (Steel:150). According to the sentences above, it seems that Sarah very cares to her

daughter. She willing to life unpretentious and give many clothes of her to her daughter. She shows her care totally to the kids.

Sarah has passed the time as a mother. She already proved that she can be a good mother for the children. On the other hand she is believed to be a grandma.

“Hello, Grandma.”

“Who is this?” She thought it was a crank call and was about to hang up.

“You have a grandson, Sarah.” There were tears in his eyes again, as he remembered the children they had borne together.

“Oh my God. Is he all right?”

“He’s perfect. Eight pounds, nine ounces, and he looks just like Benjamin when he was born.”

“How's Sandra?”

“Not too great, I suspect. They had to do a cesarean. But she’ll be all right. The baby is so sweet, Sarrie... wait till you see him.”(Steel:193-194)

According to the quotation above, it seems that Sarah receives the news

from Olliver about her grandson. She has become a grandma. She also shows her care to them. She looks worries about the condition of grandson and Sandra (grandson's mother). Also she feels happy about this.

All in all, from the analysis above the researcher knows that the Sarah's struggle to get better education that did by Sarah is changing the Sarah's life.

After she left the family, she becomes a free woman instantly. She already became different personally after she gets separate with Olliver. She can decide everything without agreement from Olliver. She has ignored him. Also she has someone else in her life. And finally for the first time, she finished her novel which she never can begin before. Sarah's life as a mother also running well. She shows to the kids

that she still a good mother for them. The children also feels the her care very well.

From the analysis above the researcher found that there are two stages of feminism that uses in this research. The first stage is feminism itself. It is the movement did by common woman to get her right in social life. The movement did to get the admission from the environment about her existence. The existence that want to show is the equality right to get the same right in education's scope. The second stage is feminist mothering. The second stage shows that feminism did by Sarah is more complex. It is because of her position as a mother. Sarah struggle her right well, but she doesn't ignore the children. She can act the character motherly. The two part of Sarah's life is running well together. She gets her right to be free and finished the novel also she treats the children with full of care.