Chapter III

Analysis

3.1 Setting in *Blindness*

3.1.1 Setting of Place

Blindness disaster comes in the traffic light in unnamed city. The disaster beginning when someone drives the car and waiting for the green light to continues his trip.

The green light came on at last, the cars moved off briskly, but then it became clear that not all of them were equally quick off the mark. The car at the head of the middle lane has stopped, there must be some mechanical fault, a loose accelerator pedal, a gear lever that has stuck, problem with the suspension, jammed brakes, breakdown in the electric circuit, unless he has simply run out of gas, it would not be the first time such a thing has happened. (p.1)

Usually in the traffic light some accident happened. Like a mechanical fault or something else. For the first this story opened with the traffic jam. One of the cars in the head already stops when the green light comes. It is make some driver behind him angry.

The blind man wants to go back. He said that his home is near from there.

One of the people him helps him to come home.

He knew he was in his own home, he recognised the smell, the atmosphere, the silence, he could make out the items of furniture and objects simply by touching them, lightly running his fingers over them (p.2)

The second place is the blind man's home. He knows well his own home.

Although he in blind condition he can feels the smell, the atmosphere also the silence of his home. Those conditions make him feel that he arrives in his own home.

The first blind man's wife brings her husband in the surgery.

His wife informed the receptionist, I'm the person who rang half an hour ago because of my husband, and the receptionist showed them into a small room where other patients were waiting. There was an old man with a black patch over one eye, a young lad who looked crosseyed, accompanied by a woman who must be his mother, a girl with dark glasses, two other people without any apparent distinguishing features, but no one who was blind, blind people do not consult an ophthalmologist. (p.5)

The surgery is the place that the first blind man and his wife check up his eyes. There are some people waiting the doctor in the waiting room.

The next place that appears is the other traffic when the thief's car blind.

The thief concentrated twice as hard on the traffic to prevent such terrifying thoughts from fully occupying his mind, he knew full well that he could not permit himself the smallest error, the tiniest distraction. There were always police around and it would only need one of them to stop him, (p.7)

The thief's car gets blind in the traffic when he brings the car. He afraid that the policeman request the car's license. The car is stolen by him from the first blind man.

In other place the girl with the dark glasses goes to hotel after buy medicine in the surgery.

She entered the hotel with a natural air, crossed the vestibule in the direction of the bar. She had arrived a few minutes early, therefore she had to wait, the hour of their meeting had been arranged with precision... and when she regained consciousness she said, exhausted and happy, I can still see everything white. (p.10)

In the hotel the girl with the dark glasses wait someone who booked up her.

Some people said that she is whore because of her work. In this place the girl with the dark glasses gets blind. When she services her guest she get already blind. The girl

with the dark glasses' blind is same with the first blind man. She gets everything is white.

The policemen accompany the already blind thief to go home. They come to the thief's home.

A policeman took the car-thief home. It would never have occurred to the circumspect and compassionate agent of authority that he was leading a hardened delinquent by the arm, not to prevent him from escaping, as might have happened on another occasion, but simply so that the poor man should not stumble and fall. (p.10)

The policeman help him comes home. He knows that he is blind. The policeman meets with the thief's wife and said that the thief is blind. The thief's wife afraid if the policeman frisks their home to look for something. The policeman also accompanies the girl with the dark glasses to go home.

The doctor and his wife pick up by the group of ministry of health. They don't know where they will go.

You surely don't think we shall be here on our own, This is madness, What did you expect, we're in a mental asylum (p.15)

The doctor's wife who has a normal sight tells that they come in the mental asylum. The place that the ministry chosen for them. They don't know what the reason of the ministry of health to put them there.

The doctor's wife walks around the mental asylum to see the condition the place.

It was a long room, like a ward in an old-fashioned hospital, with two rows of beds that had been painted grey, although the paint had been peeling off for quite some time. The covers, the sheets and the blankets were of the same colour The woman guided her husband to the far end of the ward, made him sit on one of the beds, and told him, Stay here, I'm going to look around There were more wards, long and narrow corridors, rooms that must have been the doctors' offices, dingy latrines, a kitchen that still reeked of bad cooking, a vast refectory with zinc-topped tables, three padded cells in which the bottom six feet of the walls had padding and the rest was lined with cork Behind the building there was an abandoned yard, with neglected trees, their trunks looking as if they had been flayed There was litter everywhere (p.15)

The doctor's wife knows well the condition of the mental asylum where they stay. She walks around and finds some places that proof that it is the mental asylum. All of the color is same. There are a doctor's office, latrines, a kitchen. She also looks a big table with zinc-topped and the function is for take a breakfast, lunch also dinner together at that time. This table also makes the official easy to coordinate all of the mental patients. Behind those places there are abandoned yard with the neglected trees and some litter.

In other wards there is something noisy.

Suddenly, from outside the ward, probably from the hallway separating the two wings of the building, came the sound of angry voices, Out, out, Get out, away with you, You cannot stay here, Orders have to be obeyed. The din got louder, then quietened down, a door slammed shut, all that could be heard now was a distressed sobbing, the unmistakable clatter made by someone who had just fallen over. (p.22)

There is a noisy from the other wards. Some people already blind. They have to move in the other side same with other internees. They don't want to join with the blind people. Blind people and the contaminated have to separate. The blind people cannot doing anything like a normal people.

The noisy is coming when some of the blind people arrive in the ward.

The shouting had died down, now a confusion of sounds was coming from the hallway, these were the blind, driven like sheep, bumping into each other, crammed together in the doorways, some lost their sense of direction and ended up in other wards, but the majority, stumbling along, huddled into groups or dispersed one by one, desperately waving their hands in the air like people drowning, burst into the ward in a whirlwind, as if being pushed from the outside by a bulldozer. A number of them fell and were trampled underfoot. (p.25)

This is appears the condition of the ward when some of the blind people come. Because of the sum they cannot hear the direction clearly. With their flustered they cannot hear clearly. Some of them in a group and some of them disperse alone. Some of them cannot hear, flustered and desperately with themselves until they like a drowning. They come pushed like a bulldozer pushed them.

After coming some blind people the condition is worse.

The very air in the ward seemed to have become heavier, emitting strong lingering odours, with sudden wafts that were simply nauseating, What will this place be like within a week, he asked himself, (p.25)

The doctor thought how the condition and what will happened if some blind people collect together in one place. The air in the ward is not fresh and it more nauseating. The smell is come from their body, their muck and other. Some people will make some rubbish especially the pollution air.

When the thief's wound is worse he goes to the soldier to request to go to hospital or gets some medicine.

The condition of the hallway is like a pool of blood. The soldier shoots the thief. The blood is spread everywhere. The sergeant terrified about it. But it is already happened and he proofed with the pool of blood.

In the next day the internees have to bury the corpse of the thief.

with much effort they had brought the corpse into the inner courtyard, placed it on the ground amongst the litter and the dead leaves from the trees. Now they had to bury it. (p.29)

One of the places that possible to bury the corpse is in the yard. The yard is the place that some litter and the dead leaves accumulated. They have to effort to bury in the place like that.

In other hand the courtyard condition is make the internees difficult to bury it.

It was hard work digging a grave. The soil was hard, trampled down, there were tree roots just below the surface. (p.30)

The soil of the yard is hard, trampled down and also there are some of trees roots. The bad condition of the yard ask the internees to do hard work.

The soldiers shoot some of the internees who will take some food and drew near with them. Some of the internees bring a corpse and some of the other bring some food. There are some footstep in red with blood and white with the milk. They bring up all of the food and the corpse.

The blind moved as one would expect of the blind, groping their way, stumbling, dragging their feet, yet as if organised, they knew how to distribute tasks efficiently, some of them splashing about in the sticky blood and milk, began at once to withdraw and transport the corpses to

The hallway is changed full with the blood and the sticky milk. With their ability they bring all of it. One of them brings some food and one of them brings the corpses. They cannot choose whereas the food or the corpse. They look like managed by someone or seeing anything like a normal people.

The lavatories in this ward are also in bad condition.

been dumped by the soldiers. (p.32)

The stench choked him. He had the impression of having stepped on some soft pulp, the excrement of someone who had missed the hole of the latrine or who had decided to relieve himself without any consideration for others (p.34)

This condition is so bad. Some of the excrement is missed from the hole of latrine. The doctor is step on the soft pulp. The doctor cannot imagine how the dirty is this place. With the spoiled smell he can feel how the lavatories condition is.

The unpredictable moment is coming when two hundred people already come.

Two hundred people could not get into the hallway, or anything like that number, so it was not long before the door leading to the courtyard, despite being fairly wide, was completely blocked, as if obstructed by a plug, they could go neither backwards nor forwards, those who were inside, crushed and flattened, tried to protect themselves by kicking and elbowing their neighbours, who were suffocating, cries could be heard, blind children were sobbing, blind mothers were fainting, while the vast crowd that had been unable to enter pushed even harder, (p.41)

. Even the place is a wide it is feel tight because of them. Because their sum they blocked the door and the hallway. It is too full. They cannot moved everywhere. Because they cannot move freely, they just kick and elbowing beside them. That is

just to make their body move and get the air. Some of them in the center of the crowded are crying. Some of the children are sobbing and the mother is fainting.

The internees in the ward are more than two hundred now.

Two hundred and forty, take note, and that is just a manner of speaking, for there are at least twenty blind internees who have not managed to find a bed and are sleeping on the floor. In any case, it has to be recognised that thirty persons being fed on rations meant for ten is not the same as sharing out to two hundred and sixty, food intended for two hundred and forty. The difference is almost imperceptible. (p.42)

The internees are more crowded. Some of them have not a bed. They have to sleep in the floor. The unpredictable life will be occurs. They will fight about foods, places, idea and so on.

The first proofed is the scenery when finished eating.

a quarter of an hour after its inmates had finished eating, there was not so much as a scrap of dirty paper on the floor, a forgotten plate or dripping receptacle. Everything had been gathered up, the smaller objects placed inside the larger ones, the dirtiest of them placed inside those that were less dirty, as any rationalised regulation of hygiene would demand, (p.43)

The litter is piled up around them. None respect with the litter. They just eat and throw away. The ward is looks so dirty with some litter everywhere. This ward fulls with the internees also their litter and their excrement.

The problem may happen in the ward after they coming.

Now, with all the beds occupied, all two hundred and forty, not counting the blind inmates who have to sleep on the floor, no imagination, however fertile and creative in making comparisons, images and metaphors, could aptly describe the filth here. It is not just the state to which the lavatories were soon reduced, fetid caverns such as the gutters in hell full of condemned souls must be, but also the lack

of respect shown by some of the inmates or the sudden urgency of others that turned the corridors and other passageways into latrines, at first only occasionally but now as a matter of habit. The careless or impatient thought, (p.48)

Because the beds is cannot receive all of them, some of the blind people have to sleep on the floor. The filth is happen. The lavatories' condition is so bad. None care with the other. It might happen because they cannot restrain the urgency condition. It might happen because they don't want to go to lavatories. The ward is look like a hell with some excrement everywhere. Fetid caverns are like the gutters in the hell. This shown that nothing health and hygiene in this place.

The ward is look like the lavatories over where.

It was not just the fetid smell that came from the lavatories in gusts that made you want to throw up, it was also the accumulated body odour of two hundred and fifty people, whose bodies were steeped in their own sweat, who were neither able nor knew how to wash themselves, who wore clothes that got filthier by the day, who slept in beds where they had frequently defecated. (p.49)

This condition is happen in the ward. The smell of the lavatories is spoiled.

The body odors of two hundred and fifty people are collect in this ward. Nothing

fresh air they get every day and every time. This condition is unpredictable.

When some food coming, some of the internees collect the food.

In the middle of the hallway, surrounding the containers of food, a circle of blind inmates armed with sticks and metal rods from the beds, pointing outwards like bayonets or lances, confronted the desperation of the blind inmates who were surrounding them and making awkward attempts to force their way through the line of defence, (p.50)

There is a group who surrounding the food. They bring some metal rods. They bring something that they find in the ward. This situation is frightened. The blind

In this mental asylum some people there are some people who get some profit from the other. They rob some food.

The ward was not full. She made a rapid calculation, decided there must be some nineteen or twenty occupants. At the far end, she saw a number of food containers piled up, others were lying on the empty beds. As was only to be expected, they don't distribute all the food they receive, (p.57)

Those statements show that the robbers keep their food. The doctor's wife sees the unusual scenery. In the third ward there is some food piled up in the corner. She thinks there is no justice. When some of the people need the food they did not given it. They treasure some food.

To gets some food the internees come to the third ward and fight with the robbers.

all this blood, and it was true, a thick pool, their hands and clothing stuck to the ground as if the floorboards and floor tiles were covered in glue. (p.75)

The result is not same with the plan. There is some people shoot by the robbers. In front of the third wards is looks like a pool of blood. The flood is full with the blood. The clothes of the victim are sticky like a glue.

The doctor's wife has to do something after losing the fight before. She fires the third ward.

but suddenly the fire is there, they slip, fall, with the intensity of the heat the window-panes begin to crack, to shatter, the fresh air comes whistling in and fans the flames, (p.77)

In minutes, the fire is smolder. All of the occupants in the third ward feel hot and they know that is a fire. They try to get out but they cannot. They try to open the door but the atmosphere is to heat and the window is crack. The fresh air comes whistling and it makes the fire smolder more.

When the fire is blow up this ward is noisy.

the doctor's wife announced in a loud voice that they were free, the roof of the right wing collapsed with a terrifying crash, sending out flames on all sides, the blind inmates rushed into the yard, shouting at the top of their voices, some did not make it, they remained inside, crushed against the walls, others were trampled under foot and transformed into a formless, bloody mass, the fire that has suddenly spread will soon reduce all of this to ashes. The gate is wide open, the madmen escape. (p.78)

The fire is spread widely. The mental asylum is fell hot. The internees is crowded. The right wing is collapse. The wall is crushed. Suddenly the fire is spread quickly. The fires reduce all of this ash and opened the gate.

All of the blind internees escape from the mental hospital except the blind internees in the fire room. They search the places that make them protection. The big problem before is they have to get some food because they did not eat for some day. The doctor's wife guides all of the people in the first ward. They are the doctor, the first blind man with his wife, the girl with the dark glasses, the boy with squint and the old man with black eye patch.

They walk in the street and try to find the food shop.

The streets are deserted, either because it is still early, or because of the rain that is becoming increasingly heavy. There is litter everywhere, some shops have their doors open, but most of them are closed, with no sign of life inside, nor any light. (p.80)

The streets are deserted. Quit and calm. The streets is looks some litter everywhere. The doctors search the food shop but that is empty. Some of the shop is opened without food in there. Some the places closed looks like none there without no light.

In the middle of the doctor's wife journey she meets with the people and asks about the city's condition.

> We're only passing through, Where have you come from, We've been interned ever since this epidemic of blindness began, Ah, yes, the quarantine, it didn't do any good, Why do you say that, They allowed you to leave, There was a fire and, at that moment, we realised that the soldiers who were guarding us had disappeared, And you left, Yes, Your soldiers must have been amongst the last to go blind, everyone is blind, the whole city, the entire country, if anyone can still see, they say nothing, keep it to themselves, (p.80)

The doctor's wife meets the man. They talk about the city's condition. None are in the blind condition. the whole city also the entire country is get blind. If someone in normal sight it may just for themselves.

Another frighten scenery is appear in the super market.

when she found herself in front of a supermarket. Inside it was no different, empty shelves, overturned displays, in the middle wandered the blind, most of them on all fours, sweeping up the filth on the floor with their hands, hoping to find something they might be able to use, a can of preserves that had withstood the pounding of those who had desperately tried to open it, some packet or other, whatever the contents, a potato, even if trampled, a crust of bread, even if as hard as stone. (p.82)

This scenery shows the city's condition. Some people have to fulfill their important requirement. Without thinks about cleanness they eat anything they get. With his ability they have to search some food. Their condition forces them to effort.

She still looks for the closed door because she thinks that every supermarket has cave of treasure. She sees one closed door.

> Then her hand touched something, not the ghost's viscous fingers, not the fiery tongue and fangs of the dragon, what she felt was the contact of cold metal, a smooth vertical surface, she guessed, without knowing what it was called, that this was the upright of a set of shelves, She calculated there must be others just like this, standing parallel to this one, as was the custom, it was now a question of finding out where the food products were, not here, for this smell is unmistakable, it is the smell of detergent. Without giving another thought to the difficulties she would have in finding the stairs, she began investigating the shelves, groping, sniffing, shaking. (p.83-84)

She goes down the stair. No light in there. She fear that some gosh appear or the fangs of dragon. She uses her hand to know something. She touch the metal cold. She just thinks where the food places are. She know that this not a food place because she smell detergent. She still looks for some food with some manners. She gropes, sniffs until shakes all of them.

The city's condition is bad.

and then, so that they might be buried, it was not enough for someone to trip over them accidentally, their corpses had to start to smell, and even then, only if they had died in some main thoroughfare. Little wonder that there are so many dogs, some of them already resemble hyenas, the spots on their pelt are like those of putrefaction, they run around with their hind quarters drawn in, as if afraid that the dead and devoured might come back to life in order to make them pay for the shame of biting those who could not defend themselves. (p.87)

There are some corpses on the street. Some of them dead in the street with none know them. They corpse will buried just if someone tread them. Their corpse's smell is spoiled. ." It cannot imagine if they died in the narrow street. Some dogs drew near the corpse.

They continue their adventure. They arrive in the girl with the dark glasses' flat. Only the girl with the dark glasses and the doctor's wife entrance the flat. They all wait for them in the outside. The girl with the dark glasses doesn't meet with her parent. She just meets with her neighbor in the first floor. Her neighbor said that her parent is picking up after she goes to the mental hospital for quarantine. The neighbor permits her to entrance her flat through her flat. The kitchen condition is the same like in the outside.

In the kitchen, dimly lit by the waning light outside, there were rabbit skins on the floor, chicken feathers, bones, and on the table, in a dirty plate covered in dried blood, unrecognisable pieces of meat, as if they had been chewed over and over again, (p.89)

The neighbor kitchen the doctor's wife sees everything. In the floor some skin of the rabbit wretched. Some of the feather's chicken also over there. The plate with covered the dried blood on the table. Some pieces of the meat spread in there. It is looks very wretched. This condition is depict the life of blind people with the entire city is blind.

In the blind city there is some frightening scenery. None will clean the rubbish and none respect with another moreover think about the artistic or beautifulness.

The rubbish on the streets, which appears to be twice as much since yesterday, the human excrement, that from before semi-liquified by

the torrential downpour of rain, mushy or runny, the excrement being evacuated at this very minute by these men and women as we pass, fills the air with the most awful stench, like a dense mist through which it is only possible to advance with enormous effort. In a square surrounded by trees, with a statue in the middle, anpack of dogs is devouring a man's corpse. (p.95)

Those are the scenery of the blind city. The rubbish, human excrement, and corpses are scattered around on the street. None will respect and none will think about it. They just think about eat. The important to keep alive is fulfilling their food.

When come in the doctor's home the condition is good. There is closed door.

Leaving aside the household dust that takes advantage of a family's absence to leave a subtle film on the surface of the furniture, it may be stated in this connection that these are the only occasions the dust has to rest, without being disturbed by a duster or vacuum cleaner, without children running back and forth unleashing an atmospheric whirlwind as they pass, the flat was clean, any untidiness was only what might be expected when one leaves in a hurry. Even so, while on that day they were expecting a summons from the Ministry and the hospital, (p.97-98)

The doctor's home condition is not bad. His house is just full with the dust. It is better than the other house. His wife will clean up the dust with the vacuum cleaner. The other house usually was stayed by the other blind people. They can take a rest in the clean condition.

The doctor, the doctor's wife and the girl with the dark glasses look for some food. They have no foods any more. They visit the doctor's surgery.

> The place has been turned upside down, papers on the floor, the drawers of the file cabinet have been taken. It must have been the people from the Ministry, not to waste time looking, Probably, And the instruments, At first sight, they seem to be in good order, That, at least, is something, said the doctor, he advanced alone with his arms

outstretched, he touched the box with the lenses, his ophthalmoscope, the desk, (p. 107)

The surgery's condition is wretched. It looks from the doctor's office. Some of the paper's file wretched in the floor. Some of the documents taken by the ministry when the beginning disaster. The doctor will check all of the things in their office with his hand. He touches anything that he can.

After that they go to the girl with the dark glasses' flat. When they cross the field they heard a speech.

They crossed a large square with groups of blind people who were listening to speeches from other blind people, at first sight, neither one nor the other group seemed blind, the speakers turned their heads excitedly towards their listeners, the listeners turned their heads attentively to the speakers. They were proclaiming the end of the world, redemption through penitence,... There are more dead in the road than usual, (p.108)

They heard speech in the field. They talk about the end of the world, redemption and so on. In that group is looks they are not blind. They looks communicate one to another. ." In the other side the corpse dead more than before.

The next morning the doctor and his wife and the dogs of tears which always beside her decide to find some food. They will go to supermarket. As the same condition, the street looks worse.

Walking is difficult, in some streets, especially the steep ones, the heavy rainwater, transformed into torrents, had thrown cars against other cars or against buildings, knocking down doors, smashing shop windows, the ground is covered with thick pieces of broken glass. (p.112)

After the rain the condition is unpredictable. The car and the building is broken. The door is damaged. The window is cracked. Some of the glass spread everywhere. The condition is horrified with loosing the civilization.

Not the far side the group of blind people heard the speech like usual. In front of the supermarket the doctor's wife is shocked. All of the selves overturned. They entrance the supermarket.

> She went down the corridor, it became darker with every step and the dog of tears followed her as if it were being dragged along. Filled with the stench of putrefaction, the air seemed thick..(p. 113)

She goes down with the dog of tears. The smell of the corridor is stench. The air is so thick. The smell is like a corpse. This place is worse. She tells that there are some corpses. She feels that it is her fault. She open the door to find the food before. Some of people slipped and it can make another slipped.

To keep in countenance they go to the church. She cannot believe what she looks.

> it could not be true what her eyes revealed, that man nailed to the cross with a white bandage covering his eyes, and next to him a woman, her heart pierced by seven swords and her eyes also covered with a white bandage, and it was not only that man and that woman who were in that condition, all the images in the church had their eyes covered, statues with a white cloth tied around the head, paintings with a thick brushstroke of white paint, and there was a woman teaching her daughter how to read and both had their eyes covered,... (p.114)

The doctor's wife amazed the scenery in the church. She sees everything covered with white bandage. All of the statues covered by the white bandage. This scenery is looks like someone do that.

3.1.2 Setting of Time

The time that appears in this condition is when the doctor tells to his wife that he gets a strange case in his surgery.

That evening, after dinner, he told his wife, A strange case turned up at the surgery today, it might be a variant of psychic blindness or amaurosis, but there appears to be no evidence of any such symptoms ever having been established, What are these illnesses, amaurosis and that other thing, his wife asked him. (p.8)

The doctor comes home when he finished his exam. After dinner he tells about the strange case that gets the blind man. They discuss about the blind man eye's condition. They just guess what happened to him.

The doctor will call the ministry of health in the next day.

It was still early when the doctor had, we can imagine with what pleasure, finished the cup of coffee and toast his wife had insisted on preparing for him, much too early to find the people whom he had to inform at their desks. (p.12)

Those statements are show that he wants to call the ministry but he cannot do that because it is early morning. The doctor waits for the precise time to call them. His wife makes a cup of coffee and toast for him. This action also proof that the habitual action in the morning is serve some food with the same menu.

The internees cannot see anything. They just feel the situation. Whereas is cold or hot.

An empty belly wakes up early. Some of the blind internees opened their eyes when morning was still some way off, and in their case it was not so much because of hunger, but because their biological clock, (p.35)

They just feel the temperature. If they feel cool it is mean in the night and if they feel hot it is mean in the noon. But they biological clock it is like alarm. Their habitual actions make him know when they have to sleep or when they have to wake up.

The other rules are come. The robbers want to get some women.

Next day, at dinner-time, if a few miserable pieces of stale bread and mouldy meat deserved such a name, there appeared in the doorway of the ward three blind men from the other side. How many women have you got in here, (p.64)

This shown the time when some of women have to service the robbers want.

The women have to service with their body to get some food for the occupants in each ward.

3.1.3 Setting of Social Circumstance

The traffic light is the place when the first blind man gets his blind. The crowded is happened.

The next group of pedestrians to gather at the crossing see the driver of the stationary car wave his arms behind the windshield, while the cars behind him frantically sound their horns. Some drivers have already got out of their cars, prepared to push the stranded vehicle to a spot where it will not hold up the traffic, they beat furiously on the closed windows, (p.1)

The situation in the traffic light is crowded. The horns sound frantically. None want to patient. Some people get out from their car and prepared to push the stranded

vehicle to a spot. This action may help some drivers to continue their trip. With the sound of horn and the crowded people the situation in the traffic light is more crowded.

This situation is worse when some of the other drivers who don't know what is going on.

and the drivers further back who did not know what was going on, protested at what they thought was some common accident, a smashed headlight, a dented fender, nothing to justify this upheaval, Call the police, they shouted and get that old wreck out of the way.(p.1) Some people don't know that the man in the head is blind. They protested

another. They shout what they want. One of them shouts that will call the police.

They think that the common accident is happen usually and will not waste their time. Their shout make the situation noisy.

The doctor feels something different with the blind man's eyes

He could find nothing in the cornea, nothing in the sclera, nothing in the iris, nothing in the retina, nothing in the lens of the eye, nothing in the luteous macula, nothing in the optic nerve, nothing elsewhere. He pushed the apparatus aside, rubbed his eyes, then carried out a second examination from the start, without speaking, and when he had finished there was a puzzled expression on his face, I cannot find any lesion, your eyes are perfect. (p.6)

There are some different causes. The blind man's eyes are perfect. Nothing looks different with the other eyes. The doctor confused about the case. He wonders about the eyes condition. He never finds the lesion like that. He cannot give suggestion or medicine for him. He just wants to learn more about the case.

The other blind people arrived together One after another, they had been apprehended at home, first of all the man driving the car, then the man who had stolen it, the girl with dark glasses, the boy with the squint whom they traced to the hospital where his mother had taken him His mother did not come with him, (p.15)

Some of the blind people come in the mental asylum. There are four peoples that collect in this mental asylum. The government get this policy because they afraid that the disaster will spread widely. Another contaminated people will collect in the same place but in other side.

The situation in mental asylum is more crowded.

The orders we have just been given leave no room for doubt, we're isolated, probably more isolated than anyone has ever been and without any hope of getting out of this place until a cure is found for this disease, (p.16-17)

The blind people who come in the mental asylum will not leave the building.

The soldiers never permit about that. They have to entrance and always stayed there until they found the medicine for the disaster. None will loose from the soldiers eyes.

In other occasion the doctor request some medicine for the thief. The thief's wound condition is worse.

My orders are crystalclear, no one is to be allowed to leave, and the only thing we can allow in is food, If the infection should get worse which looks all too certain, it could soon prove fatal, That isn't my affair, Then contact your superiors, Look here, blind man, let me tell you something, either the two of you get back to where you came from, or you'll be shot, Let's go, said the wife, there's nothing to be to

burdone, they're not to blame, they're terrified and are only obeying orders, I can't believe that this is happening, it's against all the rules of humanity, (p.23)

The doctor requests for medicine but the soldier rejected his request. The soldier just gets the order to bring some food. Another requirement is not available. However the request is important they cannot fulfill it. The doctor just fell that it is not fair. The rules of humanity are broken. None care with the internees.

If there is none care it is also happened with the soldier. The doctor's wife need spade to bury the thief's corpse.

We need a shovel or spade. There is no such thing here, on your way. We must bury the corpse, Don't bother about any burial, leave it there to rot, If we simply leave it lying there, the air will be infected, Then let it be infected and much good may it do you, Air circulates and moves around as much here as there. (p.29)

Her request is rejected. The soldier doesn't care about it. They said that the internesses don't need to bury the corpse. The doctor's wife gives a rational case if they don't give something to bury it. Her opinion is acceptable. This situation is show how the respect of the soldier with another people especially with the internees.

The soldiers also feel angry when some internees drew near with them.

they knew how to distribute tasks efficiently, some of them splashing about in the sticky blood and milk, began at once to withdraw and transport the corpses to the yard, others dealt with the eight containers, one by one, that had been dumped by the soldiers. (p. 32)

The soldier is afraid if there are some internees drew near with them because they afraid to contaminated with them. This act is appears when someone feeling threatened. But it is bad because the duty of the soldier is protected the human especially the internees.

This action also appears in the ward. Some of the internees don't care about the other

> Let's go and bury the corpses, there was not a single volunteer. Stretched out on their beds, the blind internees were interested only in being left in peace to digest their food, some fell asleep immediately, hardly surprising, (p.33)

They feel that they don't have responsibility with another. They know that their just have a responsibility with their selves. They want some people fulfill their requirement without see the other. Burying the corpse is not their duty. They just want to eat and sleep after that.

From the black man with the eye patch the condition before the disaster spread is better.

> At the beginning, the very beginning, several charitable organisations were still offering volunteers to assist the blind, to make their beds, clean out the lavatories, wash their clothes, prepare their food, the minimum of care without which life soon becomes unbearable, even for those who can see. These dear people went blind immediately but at least the generosity of their gesture would go down in history. (p.45)

social organization keeps some food and another requirement to help another. Some of them help in the blind people's home. They will help every day. Their humanity still work. They work until some of them get blind. So they cannot help another and they need some help. The condition is changed.

There are some people help one another. Their hearts call humanity. The

The disaster spread quickly. Some of the people know that the disaster will attack someone in unpredictable moment. It is happened when some people drive their vehicle.

Those people who were previously in the habit of complaining about the everincreasing traffic problems, pedestrians who, at first sight, appeared not to know where they were going because the cars, stationary or moving, were constantly impeding their progress, drivers who having gone round the block countless times before finally finding a place to park their car, became pedestrians and started protesting for the same reasons, after having first voiced their own complaints, all of them must now be content, except for the obvious fact that, since there was no one left who dared to drive a vehicle, (p.46)

The driver who gets blind will make a traffic more crowded. Some accident happened. The traffic jams happen almost. Some of the people complain about that. The pedestrian cannot walk in their road. Some of the car parking irregularly. After this disaster spread widely the people decided to take a walk. They want to do that because the situation of the traffic and they don't want to take a problem more when they become a blind.

The habitual action is appear slowly.

at first only occasionally but now as a matter of habit. The careless or impatient thought, It doesn't matter, no one can see me, and they went no further. When it became impossible in any sense, to reach the lavatories, the blind internees began using the yard as a place to relieve themselves and clear their bowels.(p.48)

This action is shown how the internees don't care about their biological need. In the first time they think that none will see them if they using a yard like the lavatory. This mindset is always said like that. This action is like in habit. They don't want to go to lavatories and just walk in the yard and the problem is solved.

The unpredictable is come. The robbers want to women as the replacement their luggage.

After a week, the blind hoodlums sent a message saying that they wanted women. Just like that, bring us women (p.60). If they have occasion they will have what they wants. This is the action that some people cannot accept. Although they are in blind condition they are a human. They have sense of honor. The life will not balance. In this condition to fulfill their important equipment they have to do anything. With or without force they don't have any choice.

Some of them rejected their request.

And what would you do if these rascals instead of asking for women had asked for men, what would you do then, speak up so that everyone can hear. The women were jubilant, Tell us, tell us, they chorused, delighted at having backed the men up against the wall, caught in the snares of their own reasoning from which there was no escape, now they wanted to see how far that much lauded masculine logic would go, There are no pansies here, one man dared to protest, And no whores either, retorted the woman who had asked the provocative question, and even if there were, they might not be prepared to prostitute themselves for you (p.61)

Some women protested to the man. They feel angry with their rules. They want to know the man's answer. The women feel that only the women who disadvantage with this situation. The women coerce the man to answer their question. One of the man said that no pansies in that place. He protects himself. One of the woman said that there is no whores too. She protects herself too. Some of the women mock to the man. This protested is appears the attitude that they still have self of honor.

The women in this ward go to the third ward in force.

There were fifteen of them. Some were crying. They were not in line, but in groups, tied to each other with strips of cloth that had clearly been torn from their bedclothes. When they had passed, the doctor's wife followed them. (p.68)

This is one of the actions of rejection. Although they have to do in force they still do what the robbers want. They want to keep their honor but the condition is impossible.

In the force condition some people will doing anything to fulfill their requirements although with murdered someone.

> You won't have time to come, the doctor's wife reflected as she brought her arm down with tremendous force. The scissors dug deep into the blind man's throat turning on themselves they struggled with the cartilage and the membraneous tissues, then furiously went deeper until they came up against the cervical vertebrae. (p.68)

The doctor's wife doesn't have any idea. She has a scissor. The idea appears in her mind in kill the leader of the robber. She thinks that the best choice to increase the balancing is kill the leader first.

In other occasion the internees come to the third ward and fight with them.

The doctor's wife raised herself on her elbows and continued to advance, the others had done the same. Stretching out their arms, they finally reached the corpses. (p.75)

The fight is happen but the result is not same with the plan. Some of the internees shoot by the robber. As a normal sight see the scenery and take the victim from the fighting. This action happen because see knows the condition and the victim is come from her group.

When some people escape from the mental asylum they go everywhere to get some food. The doctor's wife search some food for their group. After she gets what

they she wants she hurries up to go back in her group. When in the outside the rainy fall down.

> there are blind people everywhere gaping up at the heavens, slaking their thirst, storing up water in every nook and cranny of their bodies, and others, who are somewhat more far-sighted, and above all sensible, hold up buckets, bowls and pans, and raise them to the generous sky, clearly God provides the cloud according to the thirst.

She looks every blind people gaping up to the sky. They are slaking their thirst. They gratify the water in their body. They feel the water deeply. Some of the blind people hold up some buckets, bowls and pans to get some water. This is the way for them to get some water.

In the first disaster people who sick will go to the hospital but they just meet with the blind doctor.

Then, feeling the pangs of hunger, those patients who could still walk began to flee the hospitals, they ended up dying unprotected on the streets, their families, if they still had them, could be anywhere (p.87) Some of the patients hazy from the hospital because their hungry. They have to defend their selves. They have to looking for their food. This is a biological

In the last story the first blind man surprised with his sight. He says to his wife that he can see anything. His wife doesn't believe him.

requirement. So they have to fulfill with some ways.

He was irritated and, about to utter a harsh reply, he opened his eyes and saw. He saw and shouted, I can see. His first shout was still one of incredulity, but with the second and the third and many more the evidence grew stronger, I can see, I can see, he madly embraced his wife, then he ran to the doctor's wife and embraced her too, (p.117)

The blind man shouted that he can see anything. For the first time he cannot believe his sight. He tries to see more. He said that he can see. He embraces his wife and the next the doctor's wife.

Some minutes later the doctor can see. After that the girl with the dark glasses sight is back. And then the old man with black eye patch can see like another. The other people outside get their sight back. They shout happily.

The blind man with his wife will back home. The girl with the dark glasses goes back to her flat allowed by the old man with black eye patch. The boy with squint still sleeps in the doctor's sofa. There are still the doctor and his wife who still think what happen in the world.

3.2 The Effect of Setting in the Whole Meaning in Blindness

The setting Saramago presents throughout the story serves to emphasize the novel's whole meaning. The researcher finds out that the whole meaning of *Blindness* is moral depravity. This meaning is supported by cases of humanity loss, crimes and many more that are described below.

The loss of sight makes people in the novel loss their humanity. They do not have affection to the others anymore. The proofed of it is appear when the doctor request for medicine. The soldiers refuse to give anything for afraid of being contaminated by the blindness, "My orders are crystal clear, no one is to be allowed to leave, and the only thing we can allow in is food, If the infection should get worse which looks all too certain, it could soon prove fatal, That isn't my affair, Then contact your superiors, Look here, blind man, let me tell you something, either the

two of you get back to where you came from, or you'll be shot, Let's go, said the wife, there's nothing to be done, they're not to blame, they're terrified and are only obeying orders,I can't believe that this is happening, it's against all the rules of humanity, (p.23)." This setting of social circumstance is shows that the government or the soldiers has no empathy towards other's problem. Health is the important requirement. Without the proper medical treatment many people may die.

The loss of humanity is also expressed when the soldier shoots the thief. The thief drew near to them to request some medicine. The soldier is afraid to be contaminated by the blindness and shoot him "he yelled, Get back, this is infectious. The soldiers drew back, terrified, but continued to watch the pool of blood that was slowly spreading in the gaps between the small cobblestones in the path. (p.28)."

If there is no one cares with another and just egoist for themselves they will cause bad condition like filth. No cleanness appears in the mental hospital. This case because all of the hospital occupants do not care about it anymore. The condition is bad with the litter around "The stench choked him. He had the impression of having stepped on some soft pulp, the excrement of someone who had missed the hole of the latrine or who had decided to relieve himself without any consideration for others (p.34)." This condition depicts that the mental hospital is so bad, filthy, and chaotic.

Another bad condition is the crime. To fulfill their requirement selfishly they will take some to get it. It is also happened in the ward when the robbers seize all of the food. The fraudulence is happens when the robbers piled up the food. They piled up the food in their ward "The ward was not full. She made a rapid calculation,

decided there must be some nineteen or twenty occupants. At the far end, she saw a number of food containers piled up, others were lying on the empty beds. As was only to be expected, they don't distribute all the food they receive, (p.57)."

The next human depravity is the violence. Some people will do anything to fulfill their hunger. It is arise in the ward when the robbers want the women occupants pay the food with their body. With the compulsion they do what the robbers want "After a week, the blind hoodlums sent a message saying that they wanted women. Just like that, bring us women (p.60)."

The high human depravity is the murder. Without morality, care, and affection they will kill one another. The anger and selfishness can also perforce someone to murder. It is the doctor's wife who did murder the leader of the robbers "You won't have time to come, the doctor's wife reflected as she brought her arm down with tremendous force. The scissors dug deep into the blind man's throat turning on themselves they struggled with the cartilage and the membraneous tissues, then furiously went deeper until they came up against the cervical vertebrae. (p.68)" She kills the leader with her hand. The murdered happen here.

All those conditions happen because the humanity is lost. There is No-respect with the healthy, cleanness also beautifulness. People will be egoist and only think about their stomach. Food is the important thing to life. This condition can look as a dead city "The rubbish on the streets, which appears to be twice as much since yesterday, the human excrement, that from before semi-liquified by the torrential

downpour of rain, mushy or runny ... (p.95)." The scenery of the city is unpredictable.

No respect and the city is dead are the sign of the social collapse. The social collapse will arise "when she found herself in front of a supermarket. Inside it was no different, empty shelves, overturned displays, in the middle wandered the blind, most of them on all fours, sweeping up the filth on the floor with their hands, hoping to find something they might be able to use, a can of preserves that had withstood the pounding of those who had desperately tried to open it, some packet or other, whatever the contents, a potato, even if trampled, a crust of bread, even if as hard as stone. (p.82)." Without morality, human respect and awareness a life hood will be lose.