

## CHAPTER III

### ANALYSIS

In the previous chapter, it has been explained that experience is the thing that cannot be separated from human's life. Through the experience, a certain people can see, perceive something or phenomena around him or her. Furthermore, in *On the Road* novel, Sal Paradise as main character in this novel undergoes his life through on the road. Before doing trip, he experiences things in his life, he is conscious of seeing and perceiving the wild and crazy things in life when he meets with his friends, particularly his new friend, named Dean Moriarty. Those things make him to set out his journey to west. Moreover, when doing the journey, Sal indeed experiences the phenomena; meetings with girls then enjoying sex, wild parties, getting drunk, and taking drugs.

This chapter analyzes the data for answering the statement of problem which emerges in this study. Before explaining the experiences which Sal Paradise undergoes toward the phenomena free lifestyle or bohemian in his journey, the researcher firstly analyzes the main character, Sal Paradise perceives the experience before doing his journey that is conscious toward something that makes him wild, crazy and fun.

#### **3.1 The Experience Perceived by Sal Paradise Before Doing Journey**

In this part, it describes the experience that is perceived by Sal Paradise before doing journey. Experience is formed by consciousness, it is conscious toward the









«And where's Marylou?» I asked, and Dean said she'd apparently whored a few dollars together and gone back to Denver - »the whore!» (Kerouac 5)

Dean actually wants to learn how to write to Chad King. However, Chad King advises Dean to come and learn to Sal because he is a writer. While, Dean has gotten a job and fights with his wife, Marylou in their apartment. Marylou reports Dean to police with crazy accusation, then Dean escapes from his apartment so that he does not have place anymore. Thus, Dean goes to Sal's house where is in New Jersey. Further, in conversation above shows that Dean comes to Sal's house and accosts Sal. As it is explained before that Dean comes to Sal for learning how to write. Whereas, Sal asks to Dean about his wife, Marylou. Dean informs Sal that Marylou backs to Denver, Dean also insults his wife as a whore.

This meeting really becomes closer and closer when Sal agrees that Dean stays in his house for a while until Dean finds a job and then they will do the journey to west sometime. In further weeks, in New York, Dean has gotten a job as parking. Dean wants to invite Sal to New York. It can be seen in quotation below:

One night when Dean ate supper at my house - he already had the parking-lot job in New York -he leaned over my shoulder as I typed rapidly away and said, «Come on man, those girls won't wait, make it fast.» I said, «Hold on just a minute, I'll be right with you soon as I finish this chapter,» and it was one of the best chapters in the book. Then I dressed and off we flew to New York to meet some girls. As we rode in the bus in the weird phosphorescent void of the Lincoln Tunnel we leaned on each other with fingers waving and yelled and talked excitedly, and I was beginning to get the bug like Dean.....

....«That's right, man, now you're talking.» And a kind of holy lightning I saw flashing from his excitement and his visions, which he described so torrentially that people in buses looked around to see the «overexcited nut.» (Kerouac 5-6).



For at the moment Dean and Carlo meet, the incredible thing is happened. Sal sees the holy con man with the shining mind is Dean, and the sorrowful poetic con man with the dark mind that is Carlo Marx.

They rushed down the street together, digging everything in the early way they had, which later became so much sadder and perceptive and blank. But then they danced down the streets like dingedodies, and I shambled after as I've been doing all my life after people who interest me, because the only people for me are the mad ones, the ones who are mad to live, mad to talk, mad to be saved, desirous of everything at the same time, the ones who never yawn or say a commonplace thing, but burn, burn, burn like fabulous yellow roman candles exploding like spiders across the stars and in the middle you see the blue centerlight pop and everybody goes «Awww!» (Kerouac 6).

Everything madly is looked by Sal in over the American night. Carlo tells his mad friends one by one to Dean such as Old Bull Lee, Elmer Hassel, Jane Lee in Texas growing weed, Hassel on Riker's Island, Jane wandering on Times Square in a Benzedrine hallucination, with her baby girl in her arms and ending up in Bellevue. While Dean also tells to Carlo of unknown people in the West like Tommy Snark, the clubfooted pool hall rotation shark and card player and queer saint. He tells him of Roy Johnson, Big Ed Dunkel, his boyhood buddies, his street buddies, his innumerable girls and sex-parties and pornographic pictures, his heroes, heroines, and adventures. After telling their wild, mad, and frenetic friend, Carlo and Dean unexpectedly run in the street together, digging each other, then become so much sadder, perceptive, and blank. Afterward, they dance in the street like monkey. By those things Sal perceives more impressed toward madman, Dean Moriarty with everything he done. Those are undoubtedly show that Sal perceives the other phenomena that carried by Dean and other Sal friend, Carlo Marx as Sal's experience.













in a hotel room. «Between the two of them he rushes to me for our own unfinished business.»

«What's the schedule?» I said. There was always a schedule in Dean's life. «The schedule is this: I came off work a half-hour ago. In that time Dean is balling Marylou at the hotel and gives me time to change and dress. At one sharp he rushes from Marylou to Camille – of course neither one of them knows what's going on - and bangs her once, giving me time to arrive at one-thirty. Then he comes out with me - first he has to beg with Camille, who's already started hating me - and we come here to talk till six in the morning. We usually spend more time than that, but it's getting awfully complicated and he's pressed for time. Then at six he goes back to Marylou -and he's going to spend all day tomorrow running around to get the necessary papers for their divorce. Marylou's all for it, but she insists on banging in the interim. She says she loves him – so does Camille.» (Kerouac 27-28).

From the conversation above, it obviously shows that Dean's schedule for making love to two girls in the same time. After meeting Dean, it becomes immediately obvious to Sal that “sex is the one and only holy and important thing in life” (Kerouac 4). It is proved when Carlo tells the schedule of Dean's sexual relation like quotation above.

After telling to Sal about Dean's schedule, Carlo invites him to go to rooming house where Dean bargains with Camille. When Carlo knocks the door and Dean comes out to open the door with complete naked. Everything is so crazy when Sal sees whatever Dean done in his life. Sal is indeed amazed toward that thing. While three of them: Sal, Dean, and Carlo are go out from Dean's rooming house to meet with a girl named Rita Bettencourt who has been suggested by Dean to Sal, and the same time, Dean is with Rita's sister, Mary Bettencourt. It can be highlighted in below:

«Sal,» said Dean, «I have just the girl waiting for you at this very minute - if she's off duty» (looking at his watch). «A waitress, Rita Bettencourt, fine chick, slightly hung-up on a few sexual difficulties which I've tried to straighten up and I think you can manage, you fine gone daddy you. So we'll go there at once - we must bring beer, no, they have some themselves, and damn!» he said socking his palm. «I've just got to get into her sister Mary tonight.» (Kerouac 29).

From the conversation above tells that Dean will give a girl for Sal who has arrived in Denver, west, named Rita Bettencourt. While, Dean himself is with Mary Bettencourt, Rita's sister. This phenomena is Sal's consciousness. He is conscious toward this thing or free sex when he has arrived in Denver and meets Dean.

The other experience toward free sex that faced by Sal Paradise, it is after holding big party with other Sal's friends in Central City: Tim Gray, Roland Major, Babe Rawlins, and many others. That night, Sal finds Carlo and he tells to Sal that he and Dean have been in Central City. They run around the bars and then Dean steals a car and they drive back down the mountain curves ninety miles an hour. However, Sal does not know them if they are there. While, Sal says to Carlo that he wants to go to San Francisco. In same time, Carlo says that Dean has Rita for Sal tonight. Then, Sal goes to his apartment and will meet Rita again. After, Sal and Rita meet in Sal's room: in his bedroom, they make love in Sal's bedroom. It can be seen in quotation below:

Then I went to meet Rita Bettencourt and took her back to the apartment. I got her in my bedroom after a long talk in the dark of the front room. She was a nice little girl, simple and true, and tremendously frightened of sex. I told her it was beautiful. I wanted to prove this to her. She let me prove it, I put my hand over her mouth and told her not to yawn. I tried to tell her how excited I was about life and the things we could do together. (Kerouac 36).

The statement above shows that in previously, Sal perceives the holy sex at Dean, then practices it to Rita. He tells her that sex is beautiful and convinces her to let him prove it. This phenomena of sex gives Sal the experience about the beauty of sex. In this case, what Sal sees toward Dean's sexual energy, his raw, and his pure makes Sal finding the human spirit in life. Dean teaches the holy life through pure sex. It is similarly done by Sal against sexual freedom.

The beauty of sex, it does not end when Sal and Rita Bettencourt. However, it is also experienced by Sal and Terry. It happens after visiting Remi Boncœur, other's Sal friend in Mill City, California where Remi lived, he for several weeks stays in Remi's house and gets job there with Remi. Sal leaves Mill City and plans to go to south. Taking him on the road again and by hitchhiking, a man who gives Sal a ride, lets Sal off south of Bakersfield. The cars rushes by LA-bound. There is nothing to do but spend two dollars for a bus the remaining miles to Los Angeles. Sal walks back along the highway to Bakersfield and into the station, and sits down on a bench. When Sal has bought a ticket and waits for LA bus, suddenly he sees a Mexican girl who is in the bus. Sal wishes he will be on her bus. Precisely, the announcer calls the LA bus. He picks up his bag and tries to sit approach her.

I had bought my ticket and was waiting for the LA bus when all of a sudden I saw the cutest little Mexican girl in slacks come cutting across my sight. Her breasts stuck out straight and true; her little flanks looked delicious; her hair was long and lustrous black; and her eyes were great big blue things with timidities inside. I wished I was on her bus. The announcer called the LA bus. I picked up my bag and got on, and who should be sitting there alone but the Mexican girl. I dropped right opposite her and began scheming right off. (Kerouac 49).















suspicious of Dean's final motives, turned over no money, and made vague promises for Denver. He kept counting his money and checking on his wallet. (Kerouac 121).

In Sacramento the fag mysteriously buys them a room in hotel and invites Dean and Sal to come up for a drink. In hotel room, the fag says that he is not interested in girls unexpectedly, he exceedingly likes boys as Dean and Sal. Moreover, the fag tells to them that he has just done affair with a man from Frisco. Frisco man plays as female role while the fag plays as male role. Then, Dean takes apart in this business eagerly. Meanwhile, Sal is in bathroom. In room Dean tries everything to get money from the fag. Sal's anxiety about this confused of trade of love for money emerges in his suspicion that Dean may be deceiving him, placing him in company with a homosexual man from whom he attempts to deceive the money. Anyhow, this thing comes to Sal's consciousness as his experience in doing journey like statement above.

### **3.2.1 Sal Paradise's Experience Toward Drug**

Many phenomena that are experienced by Sal Paradise when he doing journey. Those phenomena are not only sexual freedom but also the drug such as benzedrine, marijuana, and ecstasy.

#### **1. Benzedrine**

Benzedrine is the importing thing in Sal's journey. Benzedrine itself is the medicine of nerve incentive that is common used to nose syringe medicine (KBBI). This thing that undergone by Sal Paradise is so influential for him as his experience.





Paradise in his journey. It happens when Dean and Marylou have left him alone in San Francisco. Nobody he has.

I stopped, frozen with ecstasy on the sidewalk. I looked down Market Street. I didn't know whether it was that or Canal Street in New Orleans: it led to water, ambiguous, universal water, just as 42nd Street, New York, leads to water, and you never know where you are. And for just a moment I had reached the point of ecstasy that I always wanted to reach, which was the complete step across chronological time into timeless shadows, and wonderment in the bleakness of the mortal realm, and the sensation of death kicking at my heels to move on, with a phantom dogging its own heels, and myself hurrying to a plank where all the angels dove off and flew into the holy void of uncreated emptiness, the potent and inconceivable radiancies shining in bright Mind Essence, innumerable lotus-lands falling open in the magic mothswarm of heaven. I felt sweet, swinging bliss, like a big shot of heroin in the mainline vein; like a gulp of wine late in the afternoon and it makes you shudder; my feet tingled. I thought I was going to die the very next moment. But I didn't die, and walked four miles and picked up ten long butts and took them back to Marylou's hotel room and poured their tobacco in my old pipe and lit up. (Kerouac 100 – 101).

From the statement above shows that Sal is consuming the ecstasy which is always he wants. Feeling the freeze in all his body. For a while, he feels the sensation of death, reaching the heaven, feeling sweet, swinging bliss, like a big shot of heroin in the mainline vein, and he thinks that he is going to die. But he realizes that he does not die and eventually backs to Marylou's hotel by bringing the butts which have been taken from the street. Sal Paradise's feeling when consuming the ecstasy gives the experience such as sensation of death, heaven, and others like what the statement above.

### **3. Marijuana**

Other experience against the drug that experienced by Sal Paradise when he doing journey is the marijuana. Marijuana is also called *weed*, *herb*, *pot*, *grass*, *bud*, *ganja*, *Mary Jane*, and a vast number of other slang terms—is a greenish-gray mixture of the dried, shredded leaves and flowers of *Cannabis sativa*, the hemp plant. Some people smoke marijuana in hand-rolled cigarettes called *joints*; many use pipes, water pipes (sometimes called *bongs*), or marijuana cigars called *blunts* (often made by slicing open cigars and replacing some or all of the tobacco with marijuana). The main *psychoactive* (mind-altering) chemical in marijuana, responsible for most of the intoxicating effects that people seek, is *delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol* (THC).

This drug is also comes to Sal's experience as his complement journey. Moreover this experience happens when Sal, Dean, and his friend Stan Shephard meet a Mexican young man, Victor in Mexico. Victor offers them the weed, then they go to Victor's house. They wait Victor in their car while Victor takes the weed or marijuana from his house which the marijuana is taken by old woman in the back garden in back and gathering dry fronds of marijuana.

Then Victor's brother comes to them and brings the some weed piled on a page of newspaper. While Victor tries to roll the biggest weed piled. Sal, Dean and Stan never sees the biggest weed roll in Victor's hand. Then, they begin to try the marijuana that has been brought by Victor and Victor's brother. For consuming this marijuana, it can be highlighted as below:

To drag on this thing was like leaning over a chimney and inhaling. It blew into your throat in one great blast of heat. We held our breaths and all let out just about simultaneously. Instantly we were all high. The sweat froze on our







