

Hassan needs his help. Amir's cowardliness can be seen by his reaction toward the situation, such exhaling his breath slowly and quietly. Amir's reaction such breathing quietly indicates Amir is fear to produce any sound that can be heard by Assef and may lead Assef knows his presence in the alley and it will bring Amir in a bad condition. Dealing with the explanation, Amir reactions above is caused by his lack of courage when he faces dangerous or unpleasant situation.

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Amir is looking for Hassan who does not come back from the running kite. After he finds Hassan is surrounded by his villain friend (Assef). He does not straightly go to them as Amir is coward, no dare to defend his friend Hassan whom he have been loyal to. He sees all the things happen to Hassan but he just sees it without interfering.

I realized I still hadn't breathed out. I exhaled, slowly, quietly. I felt paralyzed. I watched them close in on the boy I'd grown up wit, the boy whose harellipped face had been my first memory (Hosseini 63).

It is distinctly described that Amir is not dare to defend Hassan who has been disturbed by his villain friends. He still watches what his villain friends do to Hassan, he does not even make a move, he hides so that Hassan or his villain friends do not see him.

I opened my mouth, almost said something. Almost. The rest of my life might have turned out differently if I had. But I didn't. I just watched. Paralyzed (Hosseini 64).

Amir has no courage in defending Hassan. He is supposed to say or to defend Hassan from his villain friends. Amir just watches in silent without taking any action where Hassan was tortured by his villain friends, Assef.

Assef knelt behind Hassan, put his hands on Hassan's lips and lifted his bare buttocks. He kept one hand on Hassan's back and undid his own belt buckle with his free hand. He unzipped his jeans. Dropped his underwear. He positioned himself behind Hassan. Hassan didn't struggle. Didn't even whimper. He moved his head slightly and I caught a glimpse of his face. Saw the resignation in it. It was a look I had seen before. It was the look of the lamb (Hosseini 66).

According to the quotation above, it clearly indicates that Amir is not able to close to the scene. Beside, Hassan is unwell-treated by Assef. Amir just looks and feel sorry about what happen to Hassan. If Amir considers Hassan as his friend he is supposed to protect Hassan, as like what Hassan did to him when he faces a problem. The character of Amir spontaneously changes without having any consideration on his friendship. He sees Hassan is suffering. However, he does nothing unless looking at the disgraceful action.

I stopped watching, turned away from the alley. Something warm was running down my wrist. I blinked, saw I was still biting down on my fist, hard enough to draw blood from the knuckles. I realized something else. I was weeping. From just around the corner, I could hear Assef's quick, rhythmic grunts (Hosseini 67).

In fact, Amir is not able to see Assef treats Hassan. The tragedy makes his eyes glassy. He feels shock until he have to turn his head to other direction in order to

see Baba and says that he loses his money and watch. Amir does this trick to make the situation as if Hassan stole his money and watch. Dealing with the explanation to the context above, putting some cash or money and watch under Hassan mattress and later seeing Baba to say that he just lost his money and watch can be seen as Amir's efforts to deceive Hassan and to make Baba see Hassan as the thief. Amir does everything to make Hassan out from his life. Their friendship is broken because of Amir's attitude toward Hassan after the incident in the alley.

Then I took a couple of the envelopes of cash from the pile of gifts and my watch,... I went to downstairs, crossed the yard, and entered Ali and Hassan's living... I lifted Hassan's mattress and planted my new watch and a handful of Afghani bills under it (Hosseini 90-91).

From the explanation above, it can be concluded Amir as the main character of *The Kite Runner* belongs to a dynamic character. Amir as a dynamic character can be seen by his some efforts he does to reach his ambitions such as winning the kite tournament, betraying Hassan to save the kite to get Baba's recognition and respect, making a trick to send Hassan out from his home dealing with guilt he gets after betraying Hassan, going to Kabul to take out Sohrab, Hassan's son, from Kabul to redeem his guilt toward Hassan as his half illegitimate brother, and chasing the kite for Sohrab to prove his willingness to get back Sohrab's trust. Meanwhile, Amir's characteristic as a dynamic character can be seen by his changed personality, although he has some traits or general description revealed in the story. In the beginning of *The Kite Runner*, Amir appears as a caring person toward Hassan, in

addition to the end of the novel he still appears as a caring person but toward Sohrab as Hassan's son.

3.2 Amir's Guilts Toward Hassan

Throughout the novel Amir is plagued by the guilt. Guilt is an emotion that people experience because they are convinced that they have caused harm. In cognitive theory, the thoughts cause the emotions. The guilt of emotion follows directly from the thought that you are responsible for someone's misfortune, whether or not this is the case.

The explanation above is in line with the friendship between the two main characters, Amir and Hassan is portrayed. This novel shows Amir's guilts toward his best friend, Hassan. The reason Amir betray Hassan is getting Baba acceptances. Amir needs Baba to accept him as his one and only son. However, Baba always compares Amir to Hassan. Baba disapproves to Amir behaviours. He considers Amir not normal because he likes poetry and he never stands up for himself in solving his problems. Baba says that he will never have believed that Amir is his son if he has not seen the doctor pull Amir out from his wife with his own eyes. Amir is very disappointed with his father because he does not consider Amir as his son and gives more attention to Hassan rather than himself. Amir will do anything to get the acceptance and affection from his father, although he is betraying Hassan.

Hassan decides to run the cut kite for Amir. When Hassan runs, Amir stops him and tells him to come back with the kite.

Not long time after that, Amir searches for Hassan and the kite. However, he finds Assef, Wali, and Kamal confronting Hassan in an alley. Assef initially demands that Hassan gives him the kite, but Hassan refuses his demand.

Amir's betrayals begin when Assef stares to rape Hassan in the alley. Amir just watches the incident and does nothing to help Hassan. As Assef is raping Hassan, Amir sees Hassan with a weak face during the incident and compares it to the sacrificial lamb that is led to the slaughter. Hassan comparisons to the lamb emphasizes how Hassan sacrifices himself to defend the kite for Amir. Hassan is a very brave person, but in the fight with Assef and his friends, he does not fight back. Rather, he accepts his fate because his loyalty to Amir. He is willing to suffer even the violent rape. Amir actually has the opportunity to stand up for Hassan, but instead he chooses to run. He can help Hassan, like the way when Hassan always stands up for him and accepts whatever what happens to him.

“In the end, I ran. I ran because I was coward. I was afraid of Assef and what he would do to me. I was afraid of getting hurt” (Hosseini 72).

When Hasan gets his last kite and will give it to Amir, he is intercepted by Assef. Assef is a boy his father is a pilot. He hates Hasan very much because Hasan is a Hazarite. He also hates Ami. Every time Assef will hurt Amir. Hasan always protected him. It was then that Hasan alone brought the kites he would give to Amir.

Assef and his two friends hurt Hasan. Assef rapes Hasan. Amir who saw the incident did nothing at all. Instead he was hiding and leaves Hasan just like that.

Amir does not have the courage to face Assef to help Hassan. He is just a privileged child and not very strong physically, emotionally, or spiritually. Amir also remembers Assef's saying that nothing is free in the world.

“.....*Bakhsida*. Forgiven. It's done. His voice dropped a little. Or course, nothing is free in this world, and my pardon comes with a small price” (Hosseini 68).

Amir thinks maybe Hassan is the price he has to pay his father sympathy. Amir attempts to rationalize his decisions with the dehumanizing thought that Hassan is just a Hazara. Amir hits and does not show up until Assef and the other boys left. He then approaches Hassan who gives him the kite. Yet he and Hassan do not discuss what had happened. Amir pretends not to hear the creak in Hassan's pants while they are walking home. When they reach home, Amir enters his father's study room and moves toward his father's arms. Baba holds Amir close to him. In his father's arms, Amir forgets about what he has done and what has happened to Hassan. He feels much better. He knows that he has already betrayed Hassan when he leaves him and pretends not to see the rape. At the same time, Amir also feels guilty because he cannot stand up for Hassan.

by saying that Hassan is stealing his money and wristwatch. Then Baba calls for a meeting with Ali and Hassan in his office. When they arrive, Baba asks Hassan whether he is stealing Amir's money and wristwatch or not. Hassan admits to stealing them. Amir flinches like he has been slapped. He almost tells the truth. But he understands that Hassan is sacrificing for him one last time. Hassan knows if he says "no", Baba will trust him and Amir will be accused and Baba will never forgive Amir. So, Hassan chooses to lie to Baba because he wants to protect Amir.

In the morning, Ali says that they will leave their house. He tries to protect Hassan from Amir because he already knows everything. In his cold glance, Amir understands that Hassan has told Ali about the rape and about how Amir does not defend Hassan. Strangely, Amir is glad that someone knows him. When Baba keeps begging Ali to stay, Ali insists that he and Hassan have to leave. Ali does not tell his reasons to Baba.

"Ali didn't tell Baba, just as he didn't protest when Hassan confessed to the stealing. I'll never really know why, but I could imagine the two of them in that dim little hurt, weeping, Hassan pleading him not to give me away. But I couldn't imagine the restraint it must have taken Ali to keep that promise" (Hosseini 99).

So, when Baba takes Hassan and his father to the bus station, Amir watches from his room and wishes that he can run outside, chases the car and screams to beg Hassan and Ali not to leave. He wants to apologize and says that he regrets everything he did. However Amir does not. He just keeps silent in his room and watches them until they disappear.

order to take Sohrab and leave the house. Actually, Amir is afraid to fight against Assef because the memory in his childhood that he is confronting and beating up with Assef and his friends. However, he gathers the courage to fight against Assef because this is his only way to redeem his sins.

When Assef rains violence down on Amir, it is as tough as every blame and injury that Hassan takes for him all at once. Amir remembers when he demands Hassan to throw a pomegranate at him but he refuses. Now, Assef is the one who gives Amir not only what he deserves, but he longs for. Finally, he is getting a punishment for what he did to Hassan. Even though Amir is aware that his body is broken and he can die, he feels healed over to his long affliction. And for the first time, he feels at peace.

“I hadn’t been appy and I handn’t felt better, not at all. But I did now. My body was broken---just how badly I wouldn’t find out until later---but i felt healed. Healed at last. I laughed” (Hosseini 265-266).

During the fight, Sohrab defends Amir by aiming his slingshot at Assef’s eye, just as Hassan does when he defends Amir from Assef in his childhood. Sohrab’s defense makes him more willing to redeem his guilts by taking Sohrab away and adopting him.

After the fighting incident, Amir reads a letter that he received from Rahim Khan. In it, Rahim reveals that Hassan told him about the rape soon after it happened. He tells Amir that Amir betrays his best friend, Hassan, but reminds him that he is only a boy at the time. He assures Amir that he is suffering from his guilt so much,

only because he is a good and caring person. Rahim asks Amir to forgive himself as well.

“You were right all those years to suspect that I knew, I did know, Hassan told me shortly after it happened. What you did was wrong, Amir jan, but do not forget that you were a boy when it happened. A trouble little boy.... But I hope you will heed this: A man who has no conscience, no goodness, does not suffer. I hope your suffering comes to an end with this journey to Afghanistan” (Hosseini 276).

On a certain occasion, Amir tells Sohrab that Assef, the Talib leader is a bad man who hurt his father many years ago. He also tells Sohrab that Hassan will be very proud of him for saving Amir from the fight.

“The man who hurt you, I knew him from many years ago... So one day the bad man hurt your father instead. He hurt him in a very bad way, and I... I couldn't save your father the way he had saved me. You saved my life in Kabul. I know he is very proud of you for that” (Hosseini 292-293).

Amir reveals to Sohrab that he and Hassan are half-brothers. When Sohrab asks if Baba loves him and Hassan equally, Amir replies, “He loved us equally but differently” (Hosseini 296). After that, Amir says that he wants to take Sohrab to America and adopt him. He also promises Sohrab that he will never need to live in an orphanage. Actually, it is not an easy thing to assure Sohrab to go with him because he has a trauma which makes him afraid to everything. However with Amir's integrity and promise to give Sohrab a good life, Sohrab finally agrees to go home with Amir.

Sohrab attempts to commit a suicide as a result in his traumatic experiences in an orphanage. And this attempt to commit suicide also teaches Amir how strong an influence in fear towards people lives.

Sohrab's attempts to commit suicide also makes Amir almost loses his opportunity in redemption. If Sohrab dies, he cannot redeem his guilts and thus he cannot live peacefully. Amir prays and begs God to let Sohrab live because Sohrab is the key for Amir to redeem his guilts towards Hassan. Amir will do anything to ensure the boy's safety by saying "my hands are stained with Hassan's blood, I pray God doesn't let them get stained with the blood of this boy too" (Hosseini 317). Finally, Amir is relieved when Sohrab apparently can be saved and lives.

With the great effort, Amir finally gets the permission in letter and officially adopts Sohrab and then takes him home to America.

"And so it was that, about a week later, we crossed a strip of warm, black tarmac and I brought Hassan's son from Afghanistan to America, lifting him from the certainty of turmoil and dropping him in a turmoil of uncertainty" (Hosseini 326).

Sohrab and Amir fly to America and Amir intends to take Sohrab's right to life. Slowly but surely, Sohrab who is initially reserved and impressed anti-social because his experience has shaken his life, can smile back.

Amir and Soraya are very happy to adopt Sohrab, They try to approach Sohrab by asking him to fly a kite as he always does with Hassan. Amir tells him that his father is the best kite runner he has ever known.

"Did I ever tell you your father was the best kite runner in Wazir Akbar Khan? Maybe all of Kabul? How jealous he made the neighborhood kids. He's run kites and never look up at the sky, and people used to say he was chasing the kite's shadow. But they did not know him like I did. Your father was not chasing any shadow. He just ... knew "(Hosseini 337).

Amir takes Sohrab to the park to play kites. Amir's ability will play a tested kite again and he can subvert a kite near him. Instantly for the first time Sohrab smiled a little. Amir runs the kite for Sohrab and shouts "For you, a thousand times ever!" Hassan shouts when he runs the kite for Amir.

Finally, Amir understands what it is like to be as loyal and loving as Hassan, and can truthfully repeat Hassan's words, "For you, a thousand times ever." Now, Amir can run away from the past in his life, he runs towards something: a connection with Hassan that he can be proud of, a chance to help his nephew's transition into a new life if this is as easy as bringing him the Kite, and an opportunity to act upon his newfound maturity. Again now, Amir is running with freedom in his heart instead of fear. He finally can redeem his guilt and enter a new life free from anxious.