

CHAPTER III

ANALYSIS

This chapter discussed the characteristics of Kitty Fane as the main character in *The Painted Veil* novel. The Researcher used theory psychoanalysis and new criticism to answer research questions. The researcher divided the analysis into two parts. First, the researcher revealed the characteristics of Kitty Fane, the two will discuss about Kitty's psychological dealing with two choices between together with her husband or another man.

3.1 Kitty Fane Characterization

This section discusses the character and characterization of Kitty Fane. Kitty is the main character in *The Painted Veil* by William Somerset Maugham. She becomes the main character because he always appears in every part of the story. It is accordance with Nurgiyantoro's statement (176), he states that the main character is an important character in a story that appears continually. Since Kitty described as the main character, automatically she also regarded as a protagonist. Moreover, Kitty's characterization belongs to flat character because of his personality never changes. It is accordance with Abrams' statement (31), he said that the flat character is usually played by protagonist.

In approaching the characterization, the researcher uses direct and indirect characterization. From direct characterization, the researcher is able to understand the Kitty's characterization through the written explanations in the novel. Meanwhile in

"Please don't, Walter. It would be too awful if something happened. Supposing you died?" (Maugham 77)

Walter convinces Kitty to take her to Mei Tan Fu china. Walter is not a doctor, Kitty worries about Walter's condition if he does go there. Kitty thinks that Walter's condition will be very bad if it's there, because there's an epidemic of cholera that can make people die. Even when Kitty cried when he heard Walter desperate to go to a dangerous place, and Kitty begged Walter not to go because he was very worried about Walter's condition if he was there.

When she follows her husband to China, Kitty meets Waddington. The man taught Kitty many things about kindness, Waddington invites Kitty to visit the orphanage. Kitty meets the nun's chief here, Kitty tells her that she is willing to help with the work on the premises, because she feels needed on the spot. Kitty's concern is very visible when she takes care of some work there especially when she takes care of some babies who live without parents. Cholera disease that attack, make Kitty very concerned with the condition of the children there.

"The lady's husband will be pleased with them," said Sister St Joseph. "I think he could play by the hour with the babies. When they cry he has only to take them up, and he makes them comfortable in the crook of his arm, so that they laugh with delight."(Maugham 156)

"I have wondered if the nuns would allow me to go and work at the convent. They are very shorthanded and if I could be of any help I should be grateful to them." (Maugham 166)

From the quotation above explains Kitty's desire to help the nuns. Kitty is very happy with the situation there, she felt sad when she saw some babies born without parents, so Kitty feels concerned about the situation there. Kitty's sense of caring can also be seen from the words of Sister Joseph. She says that Kitty is very happy when she takes care of the baby there. He also said Walter would be happy with what Kitty was doing there. Sister St. Joseph also saw Kitty's strong sense of concern for being a mother. Kitty also told Walter about the activities she was doing there, and Kitty was hoping to always help the nuns there.

3.1.2 Optimistic

Optimism is one of the components of positive psychology associated with positive emotions and positive behaviors that lead to health, stress-free life, social relationships and good social functioning (Daraiei 2012)

Besides care, Kitty also has an optimistic nature. The trait emerged when Kitty was in Mei Tan Fu China. Kitty was initially like a woman who had just stayed home and had not done any activities inside the house, but Kitty was bored because she did not feel like a dummy just staying home. Kitty had met Walter's friends. Waddington, she told Kitty about a chapel that was home to children and babies in Mei Tan Fu China. Waddington also offered Kitty to visit the place, until finally Kitty was invited by Waddington to visit the Chapel. There Kitty meets with some nuns, they talk about Walter's work and her daily activities, then invited by St. Joseph's to see some children and babies there. Kitty felt sad when she saw the situation there. Later Kitty sought permission from St. Joseph's to help work there, although at first

