CHAPTER III

THE EFFORT OF HOLLY'S CHARACTER DESCRIBED IN THE NOVEL AND MOVIE AND THE REASONS WHY THE DIFFERENCES HAPPEN

The focus of this chapter is to answer all the statement of the problem in chapter one. This chapter is divided into three parts. First, the study analyzes Holly's struggle based on the novel. Second, the study analyzes Holly's effort based on the movie and third is the study analyzes why the difference happens. The study tries to find some of Holly's effort for live her life after losing her husband. In this analysis, the researcher uses one of the types of intertextuality that is optional intertextuality, because the researcher finds a connection from two texts, and the researcher finds that the director from this movie takes some parts of the novel to appreciate the work of the original author.

3.1 Holly's Effort in The Novel

Before knowing about Holly's effort, the study will tell a little bit about story of the beginning of the novel. Holly is a wife who was left by her husband because tumor is growing inside his brain. Her husband is named after Gerry. They have been married for years yet they do not have children. Holly is very sad when she has to accept the fact that Gerry has died. Holly feels no one would accompany her through the day-to-day, but in this analysis the study tries to find out the effort of Holly in her life after Gerry's death. The study finds some of Holly's effort which are shown in the novel, that effort can be seen from some of the listed items below:

A. By Working

Every person definitely needs a job to fulfill his or her life, especially for newlywed couple like Gerry and Holly. Definitely they need income for their life. Originally Holly is a secretary from some lawyers in a solicitor's office, she has been working for a long time in this office. Her duty is to make a note in every schedule and to write down what her boss is talking about, to pick up the phone, and just to sit sweetly. She enjoys her job for several years.

Holly's job is a kind of job which is probably desired by some people, because her job is approximately easy. Holly really enjoys her job, she just needs to sit sweetly. She hope this is the last her job without having to look for a job again. Holly hopes that her work with increase her family income, but in fact God has another plan.

God gives disease to Gerry that is tumor. That destroys Holly's entire plan with Gerry she ever made before. Holly is very sad. She hopes they could enjoy the beauty of their life together until they die. Holly does not have spirit for doing any activities which is one of them is going to work. She tried to ask to her boss for resigning from her job because Holly felt like she had to take care of Gerry who was sick.

"The last job Holly had had was working as a secretary for an unforgiving little slime ball in a solicitor's office. She had been forced to leave her job when the little creep failed to understand that she needed time off work to be with her dying husband..." (Page 25)

Holly feels very disappointed when her boss does not allow her to resign, whereas she only needs a little time to take care of her husband. Holly wishes that she would accompany her husband at a time like this, Holly knew that Gerry really needs it. Holly feels like her boss does not have conscience, there is no wife whom is letting her husband sick while she is working outside. She has a plan to resign from this job because she wanted to be more concerned with the health of Gerry. She might be ready to look for new job again.

Holly was willing to leave her job because she wanted to nurse Gerry until he got recovers. However, Holly and Lord have different desire. Gerry died. This bad fact could not be accepted by Holly, she felt like Gerry should be able to recover, but the Lord said different. After Gerry died, she was ready to give up at the moment that she will not be able to live without Gerry. No one would accompany Holly. She lost the figure of the man whom she loves, there is no passion to just wake up from her bed moreover for looking for a new job. Since Gerry died, Holly becomes a figure of lazy person.

Holly thinks that Gerry would be very disappointed if he looks at the situation is now like this. That time Holly opened Gerry's letter. It says:

"Shoot for the moon, and if you miss you'll still be among the stars. Promise me you will find a job you love this time! PS, I love you" (page 192)

Holly promised to Gerry that she got a new job which is much more preferred. Holly knows that Gerry wants the best for her that is why Gerry wrote this letter. If Gerry said like that, that is what will happen. Holly is sure that Gerry would accompany her for making Holly's life better though he was not with her.

After reading the seventh letter from Gerry, Holly feels like she gets a new spirit to look for a new job. Indeed, this letter isn't ad interesting as the previous one which told Holly to go to Lanzarotte, but at least it was one step ahead to get her life back on track. She began to think and to look for a suitable job for herself. Man who is optimistic is man who never gives up to fix his life, these are words made by Holly. She is looking for some jobs and starting to write her own list of possible jobs. Those are FBI Agent, Lawyer, Nurse, Secretary, Journalist, Model and Beautician. Firstly is FBI Agent, Holly has a plan to work as FBI but Holly thinks whether she really wants it because she is not an American and she does not want to live in America. She also has no police experience. Secondly is Lawyer, she has a plan to become a lawyer but she hated school, hated studying, did not want to go to college for ten million years. The third, she wanted to be a nurse, Holly thought again, she thinks about unflattering uniforms and finally she cancel her planning. Fourth, she also had a desire to become a secretary, but she said "never again". The fifth is journalist, she feels like she is not that good in writing and making news. Then, Holly thinks about being a model. Holly feels too small, too fat and too old. It got cancelled again and the last list is beautician, but she thought again since she lost Gerry she barely takes care of herself, the one who has an habit for biting the teeth and has no time to do waxing. She does not want to see other people's bodies. She feels confused with she wanted as her job later.

Several times later, she sent her CV to recruitment agency, and she hopes there are several companies that are interested to her. Shortly afterwards, she received a positive response from two companies. Her first interview was for a job selling advertising space for a magazine that circulated throughout Dublin. The second interview was with a leading Irish advertising company and she knew she had absolutely no chance of being employed there, but Gerry had told her to shoot for the moon. After two interviews she went to go back to her house to do relaxing. Several days later, precisely in the night, she got a phone call from the boss of the leading advertising company in Dublin, he said that Holly is accepted to work on that company.

"Hi Holly," came the gruff voice. "This is Chris Feeney here from magazine X. I'm just calling to say that I was very impressed with your interview. Em . . ." He stalled a bit. "Well, I wouldn't normally say this on an answering machine, but no doubt you'll be delighted to know that I've decided to welcome you as a new member of the team. I would love you to start as soon as possible, so call me on the usual number when you get a chance and we'll discuss it further. Em . . . Good-bye." (Page 228)

Holly rolled around her bed in terrified delight. She had aimed for the moon, and she had now landed! Since that time Holly's life began to change for the better. The researcher takes a moral value from this story that is if we want to try there is definitely the result. The result will not betray the effort.

B. By Socializing

When Holly lost a man that she loves, she feels that her life ends. No one else is beside her, no one else can save her, no one else can share with, no one else can guide her, and she feels alone. "Holly held the blue cotton sweater to her face and the familiar smell immediately struck her, an overwhelming grief knotting her stomach and pulling at her heart. Pins and needles ran up the back of her neck and a lump in her throat threatened to choke her. Panic took over. Apart from the low hum of the fridge and the occasional moaning of the pipes, the house was quiet. She was alone... " (page 6)

Here the researcher finds the solitude of Holly's heart and feel to lose the one whom we loved so much.

Gerry has gone and he would never be back. That was the reality. She would never again run her fingers through his soft hair, never share a secret joke across the table at a dinner party, never cry to him when she got home from a hard day at work and just needed a hug; she would never share a bed with him again, never be woken up by his fits of sneezes each morning, never laugh with him so much till her stomach would ache, never fight with him about whose turn it was to get up and turn the bedroom light off. All that was left was a bundle of memories and an image of his face that became more and more vague each day.

Holly shut herself at home in two months. Her life becomes a mess when she lost Gerry. She only daydreams and hangs around from one corner to another corner of the room and she never takes care of her skin, her healthy. The condition of her home is very bad. She never wants to meet anyone, even though it is her mom or her friends. Sometimes, her mother knows the condition of Holly by telephone and sometimes Holly never mined what they talk.

Holly's condition is very bad and makes her friends Sharon feels afraid. Someday, Sharon visited Holly's homes to make sure the condition from Holly. When Sharon is in Holly's home, she is very shocked to see Holly's condition that is very bad and messy. Sharon brings some of food and drinks. After longtime Holly restricts herself with people, this time Holly wants to talk with Sharon about her life.

"Thanks for coming round, Sharon, I really enjoyed the chat," Holly said, gratefully hugging her friend, who had taken the day off work to be with her. "I feel a lot better already." (Page 19)

The day almost dark, they laugh, joke, cry and laugh again with their past. Holly thinks that, during this time she is living with the shadows of her past. Whereas, many people around are loving her. During this time she thinks that the one who lost Gerry is not only her but also a lot of people around her. Holly is aware with this condition and she must change her life to make her stronger.

Holly begins her life by visiting Leo's salon to make her looks neater. In salon, Holly makes conversation, laughs with Leo, she is very happy. After all of in the salon done, Holly exits from salon and meets some men glance at her, she feels uncomfortable with this, and she goes to her car fast. She goes to her parent's home across of Portmarnock's land.

Holly meets her family, she has been missing this warm moment to spend the time with family. Here, Holly gets 1 box letters from Gerry from her mom. This letter contains Gerry's wishes to Holly after his death. Declan invites Holly to come to watch his performance with the band at Hogan's Pub. From this place, Holly meets and socializes with other people after just staying at home for 2 months.

Holly started to get out of the house to meet up with her friends after a very long time. She started to visit some places like Bewley's Café, Boutique, newspaper shop, Greast Spoon Café, Lanzarotte, etc. She began to socialize with the surrounding environment that she starts to socialize with the surrounding in which she was thinking that people would mock her and Holly isn't ready for that.

C. Having a New Love

Everyone has true love, so does Holly. Gerry is the true love of Holly, she is very much in love Gerry and no one can replace him. They decided to get married when Holly was young and Gerry was old enough. Holly was the baby of the bunch at twenty-three, the rest were twenty-four. Some said she was too young and lectured her about how, at her age, she should be traveling the world and enjoying herself. Instead, Gerry and Holly traveled the world together. It made far more sense that way because when they weren't, well, *together*, Holly just felt like she was missing a vital organ from her body.

Their plan had been very simple that is to stay together for the rest of their lives. A plan that anyone within their circle would agree was accomplishable. They were best friends, lovers and soul mates destined to be together, everyone thought. But as it happened, one day destiny greedily changed its mind. God takes Gerry at the age of 30 years. Holly cannot accept this bad reality, she feels like meteor suddenly falls she when found out that Gerry is no longer with her. Holly feels there is no more a figure like Gerry in this world. It is only Gerry who can understand her whether she is happy or sad. She decided to always keep his hearts for Gerry till the end of her life.

Since losing her husband, Holly started to be cold to some men, she is more comfortable with her best friends and her family rather than having too busy looking for a new love. Every day she spends time with them, but sometimes Holly goes to watch Declan's performance at Hogan's Pub. She wanted to get acquainted with a man namely Daniel, who is the owner of Hogan's Pub. Before it, Holly always rejected for being introduced to another man, but since they first meet in Hogan's Pub, they remain friends until now.

"Good." His face relaxed and he turned to greet Holly. "Sorry for ignoring you there, I'm Daniel." "Nice to meet you, I'm Holly."

"Oh sorry," Declan interrupted. "Holly, this is the owner; Daniel, this is my sister." (Page 53)

Daniel and Holly often spend time together although just drinking coffee in café. They often tell about their past or their problem now. Holly often talks about Gerry, likewise with Daniel often talks about his exgirlfriend namely Laura. Daniel feels disappointed to Laura because she is still childish, though they have long relationships. Whereas Holly tells everything about Gerry. They both make that topic as the main topic each time they meet.

When a woman feels sad because of losing somebody whom she loves and she promises never look for another man but the instinct of woman also feels comfortable if she gets attention from others, so does Holly. Although she was determined to not fall in love with another man, but if she gets the comfort, interest and is treated better by Daniel, so finally she has a different feeling to Daniel.

Holly feels that Daniel also falls in love with her, but Holly tries to throw away that feeling. Holly does not want Gerry's love replaced by another man, but Daniel expressed his feelings on Holly. "This is a perfect time," he said seriously. "You already know what I'm going to say to you, Holly, and I *know* you already know how I feel about you." (Page 302)

Holly was shocked and did not believe when Daniel says that he loves Holly this sudden. Holly immediately leaves Daniel and she does not want to meet him again. Holly is not ready to start a relationship with another man.

As before, Holly received a letter from Gerry that contains Gerry's advice to Holly for a better life of Holly. Gerry told to stop being afraid to fall in love again and to reach for the moon in the sky. When Holly reads this letter, Holly was crying and her shoulders were shaken violently. Holly is not ready if she should give all of her heart to another man. Honestly, Holly could not hide her feelings to Daniel, who already often give attention to her. Since Holly leaves Daniel, she is missing the time she spent with Daniel for doing a lot of things together.

Sometime later, Holly intends to meet Daniel at the Denise's wedding. Once, she went to Daniel's room in a hotel, but when Holly arrived in front of Daniel's room, it turned out Daniel was with Laura, then Holly left that room and did not see Daniel for few weeks.

Holly and Daniel meet at the dinner table on Denise's wedding. Daniel told Holly that Daniel was back in relationship with Laura when Holly left him. However later, Daniel meets again with Laura and finally they are back as a couple. When it happened, Holly feels that there will be no one who is able to replace Gerry in her heart.

On the other hand, she is a woman with a million happy memories, who knew what it was like to experience a true love and who is now ready to experience a new life, new love and to make new memories. Whether it happens in ten months or ten years, Holly would obey Gerry's final message. She knows she would open her heart and follow where it leads her. In the meantime, she would just live.

3.2 Holly's Effort In The Movie

The researcher finds the effort of Holly after losing her husband based on movie. Holly's effort to live her life is so hard after Gerry left her. After Gerry is gone, Holly just wants to stay in the simple apartment they rent while Holly and Gerry were still together, but of course Gerry does not like to see his wife living like this. That was what Holly thinks about.

Before knowing much Holly's effort with her life in the movie, the researcher will inform that the novel and the movie are literary work which are much preferred by the audience. A novel is considered to be success if the novel is made into a movie, but unfortunately movie sometimes cannot reveal the storyline from the noel precisely.

A novel plays with words and how the author brings the imagination of the readers so they could feel the situation told in the story. Of course this is not easy, because it requires the intelligence of how the process of words in a language that is understandable, so that the reader is easy to make the story in the novel as if it is alive or real. While in the movie, it emphasizes the visual elements of how the images form their own impression and brings the audience to the story that is shown on the screen. Different with novels that relies on the senses of vision to read it, movie does not only rely on the senses of vision, but also the senses of hearing with the attractive picture and clear sound that can be heard by the audience. A good novel or movie is equally the result of the fulfillment of literary appreciation.

In the novel, Holly's effort have been told before, but in the movie, Holly's effort depicted in the novel are added, changed, modified and even reduced as listed below:

A. By working

The fourth of Holly's effort is seen on the job. The researcher finds that story of Holly's job from this movie different from the novel. Because in the novel, Cecelia Ahern as the writer describes that the first job of Holly was secretary and her last job in advertising company as selling advertising, but in the movie, Richard Lagravenese as director changed the story of Holly's job.

At beginning, Holly works as an apartment marketer, her job is offering new or old apartment to the customer. She has been working as an apartment marketer for so long. This business is owned by her friend, Sharon. Sharon accepts her as an employee since Holly needs a job. But Holly decides to resign because she gets argue with customer. The customer thinks that she intervenes their privacy. So Holly is fired and become unemployment.

"Holly: can you listen your husband? | Sharon and Ted's wife: whaaaaat???? |Holly: he really worrying about this. Look at him, he was pale. | Sharon: holl1 ... | Ted's wife: you think you are? | Holly: you cannot force him if he does not want to. | Ted's wife: I will force what I want, he is my husband. | Holly: Ted... do not listen your wife." (40:20 - 41:30)

After what has happened, Holly just stays at the apartment and goes out with no purpose. She is aware that what she has done was useless. She has to pay the rent of the apartment and others since she is jobless. She starts to think about a new plan for better life by making a list of jobs that she wants.

Some jobs have been chosen by Holly. Those are FBI agent, Assassin hirer and vampire slayer. But when she watches a movie that shows a shoe that was worn by a female artist, she has an idea to produce shoes and she joins a course of shoes manufacture.

Holly tries to join that course. She starts it in several weeks. At the beginning, she tries to remake the model of her old shoes by using some

accessories. Finally she opens a store named after "Holly Kennedy Sole Art" after joining the course. Then, she becomes one of the most famous shoes designers in America.

B. By Socializing

Different with socializing in the novel, Holly's socializing in the movie is by the way partying and go to the park. Firstly, partying is one of Holly's effort to entertain herself from a sense of grieving, with hope when she meet many people the sadness will be reduced. As being described in the movie, Holly goes partying after only staying on her apartment for several weeks. Here, there spotted the difference between the novel and the movie. The novel tells that the first step of Holly's effect is going to the salon after several weeks. This shows that the scriptwriter changes the plot from the novel.

One of the activities done by Holly to entertain herself after Gerry's death is going to pub with her friends. She actually planned to only stay in her apartment, but her friends and Gerry through his letter beg her to go out and live her life up out there. Holly's friends often invited her to go out from her apartment but she always gave rejection. Someday Sharon, Jhon, Ciara and Holly's mom visit to Holly's apartment for knowing how the situation in that place and condition from her. They were surprised to see Holly's condition.

Sharon begins to make Holly's apartment better and starts to keep Holly with manicuring and combing her hair. Sharon invited Holly to go out and to enjoy the life, but customarily Holly rejected the invitation. At the moment Sharon thinks that Holly was insane and they need to take Holly out for having fun.

"Holly: what do you think if to stop my life in here? Become Miss Havisham in Lower East Side. Never leave my apartment..." (minutes in the movie, 29:02 – 29:13)

In the night, they celebrated Holly's birthday and they gave a surprise to her. Later, there was a package from a courier that was intended for Holly. That package contains a birthday cake and a cassette which were from Gerry, they are very surprised. Holly never imagined that Gerry will be doing this. She started to open that package and listening to the recording.

"Gerry said: I want you to wearing a nice dress go out to celebrate tonight and go out with your friends..." (31:18 - 31:20)

When Holly heard Gerry's voice from a cassette, she cried. She did not think that Gerry will do this for her birthday. Everyone felt surprised when they listened to Gerry's voice. They were shocked, thrilled and enthusiastic. Holly wanted to obey what was said by Gerry. Ciara and Sharon invited Holly to dress up and to change clothes as Gerry's wishes. They decided to go celebrating the birthday of Holly in a gay club. The reason they choose that place is that there are a lot of handsome men and they can get acquainted. Holly, Sharon, Denise and Ciara arrive in this place. Before she entered, there was an obstacle; the four of them were not allowed to come in by security because the place was the designated man. The four of them had the idea to get in; pretending to be the queen of Ireland who would be the welfare of the gay. They were celebrating Holly's birthday with handsome men and they really enjoyed the party in that night. Ciara is busy playing a guess song with the guy, while Holly is busy joking around while drinking beer with the guys. They passed that night with great pleasure.

Secondly, the Holly's effort to socializing that is go to the park. People take long time to go back living life happily after losing someone they loved the most. That is what Holly feels, she tries to live life normally since Gerry was gone. After going to the club to celebrate her birthday and to entertain herself, now, she goes to the park to enjoy the fresh air which was never done by her before.

Holly goes to enjoy the fresh air around apartment with Daniel, a guy who works at mother's Holly club. They enjoy the view of the park while eating sandwich together and a glass of soft drink. They both talk to each other and joke around all the time. "I think you a little lost. I mean you bring to the memories of Ireland's people and we eat a beef bread, it was very strange. (54:15 – 54:28)

A park is a place where we can let the stress out. We can feel the fresh air, the wind blows and listen to bird which fly above us. What a nice place to entertain ourselves.

Same as before, the novel does not explain that Holly went to the park. The setting of places which commonly shows up is pub, café, and karaoke. The novel never shows that Holly goes to the park with Daniel. This shows that there is a change for the story in the movie that is modifying the setting in the novel.

C. Having a New Love

Different from the novel, having a new love Holly in the movie is when she is away from home, if in a novel new love Holly is Daniel and Rob, when in the movie having a new love Holly is Daniel and Wiliam. On holiday this time she met with William in Gerry's favorite pub. Before the researcher explained how Holly met up with her new love, the researcher explain about how the Holly's holiday.

Same as in the novel, the story in the movie described that Gerry gave the opportunity to holiday for Holly and her friends, but in the movie the

destination of the holiday is going to the Ireland not to Lanzarotte. Having holiday is one of ways to entertain self. It is planned by Gerry for Holly when she feels lonely because of Gerry's death. Gerry prepares a surprise for Holly that is by giving ticket to go to holiday to Ireland.

In the morning, Holly gets ready to go to post office to take Gerry's letter for her once for a month. Holly cannot wait for knowing what kind of plan that is prepared by Gerry for her. When she opens and reads the letter, she is so surprised because Gerry has prepared a holiday to Ireland for her, Sharon and Denise. Garry writes:

"Denise take Holly to Whelan my favorite Pub. There is beautiful music to be hear, beautiful people to be around..." (01:01:03 – 01:03:07)

Gerry asks Denise to take Holly to his favorite pub in Lanzarote. He wants Holly to feel the happiness at that place, the atmosphere, good people and nice voice to be heard. It is a nice place to have fun. That is what Gerry expects. In this pub, Holly met with William, the singer of this pub. Holly acquainted with William when he finished singing. Holly come to William:

"Hai, I just wanna say "really like your music it is beautiful | hmm | I'm Holly | William, your American?| yes..." (01:05:38 - 01:05:58) From here, Holly and William always together during Holly holiday in Ireland. Their story only runs for a moment, because it turns out William is a friend of Gerry of Gerry's in the band. Holly decided to steer away from William because it does not want to cuckold Gerry's love

When they arrive, Holly, Sharon and Denise feel happy because it is the first time for them to go holiday together since Holly did not want to get out from her apartment several months ago. They get happiness and satisfaction when they are in holiday. Not only going to pub, but also planning to go fishing at lake. Fishing is an activity that has never been done by them before. They don't want to waste time that is already given by Gerry. From the story above, the writer of movie changed the storyline. One of them can be seen from the vacation destination which is prepared by Gerry.

3.3 The Reasons of The Difference between Holly's Struggle in Novel and Movie

The differences exist in the novel and the movie because of the several reasons, namely:

A. Setting

The first reason is because of the setting. The setting between novel and movie is different. The setting in the novel is in Ireland while the setting in the movie is in America, this occurs because both authors came from different countries that is Ireland (a novel) and America (a movie). Firstly, the setting in the novel is in Ireland, it can be seen from the quotation of the novel:

"Gerry had studied marketing at Dublin City University but he never socialized much with his college friends.." (page 51)

"Her first interview was for a job selling advertising space for a magazine that circulated throughout Dublin..." (page 201)

Dublin is capital of Ireland, and the Holly's effort in Ireland not too hard, from working aspect, Holly is easy to find a job because there are two big companies that are need of new employees. Therefore she accepted at an advertising company. In addition, Ireland is also famous with a comfortable place, that is makes Holly could rise from the sorrow because the environmental factors which is good if she want to go out and enjoy the air. Secondly, The setting in the movie is in America, it can be seen from the dialog of the movie:

"Holly: what do you think if to stop my life in here? Become Miss Havisham in Lower East Side. Never leave my apartment..." (minutes in the movie, 29:02 - 29:13)

Lower East Side is one of place in New york, and the Holly's effort in this movie is very hard, because Holly must to entertain herself by a vacation to other country, in order to eliminate a slight sense of sadness after being left by Gerry, because New York is a busy and dense city, if she was on New York, she will not be given a sense of comfort and relax on the Holly.

B. Characterization

The second reason is because of characterization. The character in the figures that appear in the novel and movie are different, this happens also because of the difference in the origin place of the author, Cecelia from Ireland and Richard from America. The two countries must have a different character which can affect the character of the characters them wrote. This has become one of the causes why the storyline in the novel and movie is different, because the author of the novel sometimes is not the director of the movie. A literary work is the result of thinking of the author, as we know that the intertextuality is a text that cannot be separated from other texts. The director, Richard LaGravenese added the idea in his mind into a story that he adopts from the novel by Cecelia Ahern. He adds some of his ideas to the storyline in the movie and tries to change some of the storyline so the

audience will not get bored and it will give the new impression in the story presented.

From the explanation in chapter two about sociocultural will find out how the influence of Irish people character to Holly's character in the novel. Firstly in the novel, Holly is described as someone who likes innovation or new things like with innovation or like with new things. For example when Holly tries to work in advertising companies. Previously she never imagined that she would work like this, she is not smart writer. In addition, Holly also has a desire to become a nurse, model, etc. though she did not have the expertise.

"Butterflies fluttered around her stomach at the thought of it. She had never been particularly good at job interviews, but then again she had never been particularly keen on any of the jobs she was being interviewed for. This time she felt different; she was excited to get back to work and to try something new..." (page 201)

This shows the character of Irish people who like new things and free spirit. Secondly is hospitality, it can be seen when Holly and friends were in Lanzarotte airport. "No honestly, girls." Denise turned back around to face them. "I'm not being paranoid here, she is definitely staring at us." "Well then, why don't you go over to her and ask her if she wants to take it outside," Holly joked and Sharon sniggered. "Oh, here she comes," Denise sang and turned her back to her..." (page 161)

They are not arrogant when there is a woman who wants to get acquainted with them. Thirdly, they are good listener and care with others, it can be seen when Holly feels sad after losing her husband.

"Thanks for coming round, Sharon, I really enjoyed the chat," Holly said, gratefully hugging her friend, who had taken the day off work to be with her. "I feel a lot better already..." (Page 19)

She always listens to the advices given by people around him, some of the advices are that she has to be able to lie alone, should not be too sad, to find a new job, to beautify the appearance and to keep healthy. Irish people also care to others. Irish people also care to others, it can be seen when Holly's family visit her house every day and always support her to change her life better, always call her by phone to know her condition, those are always done by her family. Holly's effort in this novel tidak terlalu sulit karena orang-orang disana lebih ramah dan sangat peduli dengan orang lain, itu membuat Holly mudah untuk bangkit. From the explanation in chapter two about sociocultural will find out how the influence of American people character to Holly's character in the movie. American is one of countries that is very busy, therefore American people often do vacation out from the country because it is too busy and populated area. It can be seen from Holly's character in movie that she needs a holiday out from the country. She went on holiday to Ireland with her friends, a holiday that has been prepared by Gerry.

"Gerry has arranged a holiday for you and a Sharon McCarthy and a Denise Hennessey to go to Lanzarote for one week..." (58:11 - 58:37)

Over in the states, Holly was preoccupied with the views of tall building, traffic jam, etc. therefore Gerry prepared for the holiday, so Holly can enjoy natural atmosphere, relax and enjoy the good spot in Ireland.

> "Holly felt happy enough to head back to Dublin, relaxed, destressed and brown. Just what the doctor ordered..." (page 179)

American people are more excited when it comes to talking than Irish people. This means American people are more daring in expressing their opinion, it can be seen in Holly's character when she argues about words of a woman to the husband of the prospective apartment buyers.