

CHAPTER III

Darby's Motivation To Reveal The Traveler's Crime

The Missing is a novel that is written by Chris Mooney, it tells about the women missing. They are victims abduction of men who called the Traveler. The Traveler are two of men, named Richard Fowler and Daniel Boyle. They are called the Traveler because they abduct women from different state. They move from one place to other place to determine and leering their victims before they abducts their victims. They have the different methods when they wants to abduct these women, so it makes difficult the police to stop and catch the Traveler.

The victims are women which is not more than 25 years old. These women become the victims because related to the Traveler's experience when they were child. Richard is the first cousin of Daniel, they are victims of broken home, and their mother 23 years old. Janice Fowler is Richard's mother get depression when Richard was born and his father dead when get accident. Janice tries to drown Richard and kill her self. While Cassandra is Daniel's mother who do not have husband when she pregnants Daniel. Both of their mother died when they were child. Their grandmother tries to care and keep them, but she dead. So, Richard and Daniel has directionary of their grandmother's riches. They do not have enough love of parents or family, becomes a Traveler is because their bad experience when they were child.

In this novel Mooney presents a crime and solution, this solution appear with the struggle of woman, named Darby Alexandra McCormick. She is the main

character, she has important role in this novel that she is the key or people who knows about this abduction. She has some motivation to reveal the Traveler's crime. So, in this chapter will discuss about motivation why Darby wants to reveal the Traveler's crime and her efforts. Before go to discuss the reasons of motivation and efforts, the first discussion is introduce the character and characterization, exactly the main character because this study focuses on the main character.

3.1 Darby's Characterization

In this novel there are some characters, but the writer only focuses on the main character, named Darby Alexandra McCormick. Darby has some characterization they are; kind, care, boring woman, coward, and brave.

3.1.1 Kind and Care

The first Darby's characterization is kind and care, it can be seen when she tries to make happy her friend Melanie, when she give surprise birthday party to Melanie with Stacey in the route 86, the biking and hiking trails along Salmon Brook Pond.

Darby held up her can. "Happy birthday, Mel. And congratulations". Stacey drained half her beer. Darby took a long sip. Melanie sniffed her beer first. She always smelled anything new before tasting it. (10)

Another quotation can be seen when she wants to find and save Melanie who abducted by the Traveler.

From the quotation above shows that she is scared, she needs helps. She does not have power to helps her friend. After the Traveler cut Melanie's cheek, Darby still stay on her shelter. She tries to come out from her house and find out help to her next door. When the Traveler feel that darby wants to call the police, he brings Melanie go away from Darby's house. So, when the police arrive at Darby's house, Melanie is missing.

All the lights in her house were on. Through the downstairs windows Darby could see part of the foyer, the blood on the pale yellow walls. Stacey's blood. Stacey was still lying inside the house because she was dead. Police were taking pictures of her body. Stacey Stephens was dead and Melanie was missing. (28)

Melanie is her best friend, they grown up on the same street. So, it is the first reason of Darby's motivation why she wants to reveal the Traveler's crime. From this experience Darby has desire to find out and save Melanie, also reveal the crime. Darby's desire is the *Id*, her desire is appear from herself. Freud said that the function of the id fulfills the primordial or initial principle of life is called *pleasure principle*. The aim of it is to rid the person tension or to reduce the amount of tension to a low level and to keep it as constant as possible. Tension is experienced as pain or discomfort, while relief from tension is experienced as pleasure or satisfaction. The aim of pleasure principle is to avoid pain and finding pleasure (Hall 22). The id is the unrealistic one which has a deep relationship with pleasure principle by satisfying human's basic desire.

makes Darby more scared. The Traveler has abduct Melanie and kill Stacey.

The second Darby's desire appear from the death of Stacey, it is also part of the *Id*. Her desire to reveal the crime will be strong more because this incident. Melanie and Stacey are her best friends, since Melanie was missing and Stacey was dead she is alone, she is missing both of her friends.

3.2.3 The abduction of other women

The third motivation is because of the women missing after the missing of Melanie and the death of Stacey. After Melanie is missing there are three women that are missing in her town. Darby reads a newspaper when she breakfast in a restaurant with her uncle and aunt. In the newspaper shows some pictures of women that missing, they are Tara Hardy and Samantha Kent, they are the first women that missing or abducted by the Traveler before Melanie. After Melanie three women are missing, the first is Pamela Driscoll, 23 years, from Charlestown, she takes night school to get her nursing degree and last seen when she walks in a campus parking. The second is Lucinda Billingham, 21 years, from Lynn, she is a single mother who go to buy cigarettes and never seen again. The third is Debbie Kessler, 21 years, a Boston secretary who go to drinks one night after work and never back to home.

Three more women had disappeared back home. Darby had found out two weeks ago when uncle Ron and aunt Barb had taken her to

reveal the Traveler's crime. Her desire to reveal the crime also come from some women that are missing. So she want to find out the truth.

3.2.4 Darby's Regret

The fourth Darby's motivation is because of Darby's regret, it makes that she needs safety. Since Melanie is missing and Stacey is died she is regret and feel guilty of herself because she cannot help her friend who tortured by the Traveler. In that time Melanie scream out and call Darby, but she do not want come out from her shelter because she is fearful. Moreover, newspapers and TV talks about herself and the vicious stabbing of Stacey Stephens and the missing of Melanie Cruz, who has abducted by the Traveler in Darby's house. It makes she has regret more on herself.

Her house become a crime scene, so the police move Darby and her mother to the motel on route 1 in Saugus. Some of agent FBI, detectives, and police give some questions and shows some pictures of robber to Darby. She is only people who knows the Traveler, but she cannot give the answer because in that incident the Traveler wear mask, so Darby cannot see his face.

“I want to help Mel”. Darby said. The way she figured it, if she helped Melanie, then all would be forgiven, and people would stop staring at her as though what had happened to Mel and Stacey were her fault. (32)

waiting information about Melanie. So, it makes she does not have patience.

Darby wanted to keep talking, wanted to find a way to use her words to build a bridge that would take special agent Manning back through time and show him how Melanie was more than chunks of newspirit and two-minute sound bites. She wanted to keep talking until Melanie's name carried the same weight in the air as it did in her heart. (37)

The quotation shows that Darby has anxiousness on herself, she shows that she loves Melanie. She wants that Melanie can save and back to home. The last Darby's desire come from bad feelings which stay in herself, those are; regret and anxiousness. Because of her regret and anxiousness makes she think to do something. Such in the explanation before that all of the people certain have the primary process in their self. The id is the primary source of psychic energy and the seat of the instinct.

From the discussion above there are five reasons of Darby's motivation to reveal the Traveler's crime, those are; the abduction of her friend (Melanie), the death of her friend (Stacey), the abduction of other woman, Darby's regret, and Darby's anxiousness. Her desire that wants to fullfil are find and save her friend, Melanie Cruz, catch and reveal the identity of the Traveler, and stop the crime. So, there is no women becomes the next of the Traveler's victims, the last is redeem or pay her regret and anxiousness to Melanie and Stacey and to their mother.

Seeing the flashlight beams crisscrossing through the woods brought back the piercing memory of watching the police search for Melanie. She had convinced herself Mel going to be okay. Mel never came home. (318)


When Darby reveals The Traveler is Daniel Boyle, she tells to Evan Manning about the incident that makes the death of Boyle. In that time she remember Carol Cranmore, she ask to Evan to help her to find Carol in Boyle's house. But in there Darby shock that Evan Manning is one of the Traveler. So she fight back Evan who tries to kill herself. When she tries to run and go from this house she met Carol. She tries to make Carol be quiet, Darby tries to fight back the Traveler, uses some things that they found in around, they makes Evan draw blood.

“Carol,” Darby whispered. “Carol, down here”. Carol Cranmore crouching down on the floor, stared at Darby through the hole. “I’m police,” darby said. “Are you hurt?”. Carol shook her head, her eyes wide and terrified. “I think there’s enough room for you to wiggle through,” Darby said . “Come on, I’ll help you”. (339)

Darby Huddle up Carol's Shoulders, and prohibit Carol's to cry or scream to prevent the Traveler come to them. Whereas Evan still looking to them, when they met Evan swung the axe and Carol scream out. Darby slammed the door shut and throws her weight against it. This door doesn't have a push-button lock like some others. Carol hepls her try to hold the door in place. Evan bring gun, then shoot it in wood that near of Darby's head. When Evan wants to shhot her again, Darby turns and sees Evan raising the gun. She swung the door shut as he fired, blowing a a chunk out of the door. Then Darby turns Carol to the hole, Carol wiggles her way

through the jagged opening and got to stuck. She ask to Darby that she doesn't leave her, the gun's voice hear again and darby order her to run.

When Evan dangels her axe up, Darby shoot him and makes a hole trough his stomach. Evan slump back against the wall, she kicks the axe away. He tries to get up, but he fall and keep trying until his arms went limp. She ask to him about Melanie, and Evan order Darby to ask about Melanie on her mother. Then Darby shock with his word, then he died. But she try to come out from this place to save Carol.



“It’s over Carol. Everything’s okay. Here, take my hand. That’s it, hold on tight, I’m going to pull you through... No, don’t look at the floor, look at me. I’m going to take you out of here, but I want to you to close your eyes until I tell you to open them, okay? Good. Tha’s it, keep them closed. Only a few more steps. Tha’s it. Don’t look down. We’re almost there. We’re almost home.” (347)

The quotation shows that she is success to reveal the Traveler’s crime with become a police woman which is strong, brave and has sacrifice. In her first experience that happened to Melanie she is only think about herself, whereas after she bcome a police she do not think herself again. She choose to save Carol first before herself. Darby takes her to the hospital to treatment. Then Carol backs in her house and met her mother.

Darby’s thought cannot stop only after she knows the Traveler, but she should go to her mother to ask about Melanie. She is shock and unbelieve that her mother has relation with the crime.

“Boyle kept Mel in the basement of his house and tortured her over a period of days, maybe even weeks.” Darby shoved her hands deep in her coat pockets. “That’s all I know” (379)

Her mother knows about Melanie, she tells to Darby that Boyle keep her in his basement of his house and torture her over a period of days, even weeks. Darby grab her mother's hand, hear the apologize of her mother. She tells the reason why she do not tells to Darby that she knows all of the incident that happened to Melanie. She doesn't want Boyle and Manning hurt Darby, because her mother love her so much. Darby have fulfilled her motivation or needs, except find and save Melanie, because she was dead and Darby cannot find where Boyle bury Melanie's body. In her thought, if there is a place as heaven, she hope that she can find Melanie and tell her how sorry she is.

To be a police woman is *Ego*, Darby do something to reveal the Traveler's crime. The ego is governed by *reality principle* instead of pleasure principle that governs the id (Hall 28). The reality principle is served by a process which Freud called the secondary process. It is developed after and overlays the primary process of the id. The secondary process consist of discovering or producing reality by means of a plan of action that has been developed through thought and reason (cognition). The secondary process is nothing more or less than what is ordinarily called problem solving or think (29). In Ego, there is secondary process in the people. The people can do the something with the true thought and it has the strong reason. Then Darby can reveal and stop the Traveler's crime is *Superego*,