

CHAPTER III

ANALYSIS

Rock Crazy is a science fiction novel which is written by Navy Veteran American Novelist. It tells a story about future, the year of 2065. It describes the main character's struggle, especially pregnant woman, despite her bipolar disorder. It is explained how the struggle of the main character in realizing of self-actualization. There will be one main discussion in this chapter. It discusses about significant motivation that influence Katya McGowan's struggle. Before analyzing the main character's struggle, this study analyzes the element of fiction. It is about character and characterization as seen in Katya McGowan in the *Rock Crazy*. After discussing Katya's characterization, the result will support the next analysis.

To find out significant motivation that causes Katya's struggle, I analyze and group them into five categories. The categorization is based on Maslow's hierarchy of needs. It is explained by hierarchy of needs pyramid. The first category is about the physiological needs. The second category is about safety and security needs. Furthermore, the third category is about love and belongingness needs. On the fourth category is about self-esteem needs. And the last category, means the higher category is self-actualization needs. People experience the hierarchies in order to achieve their goals.

Scott set a plan to go to Rockton in the moon for his job but it because of Katie's medication. He sets to stay at James's house, her brother. But she refuses it. Whereas Scott asks her to stay there because it is her brother's house. It is nice to gather with her family. Actually, he does not know where to stay in the moon. He remembers that the James' live there. They do know that she has bipolar disorder but then she feel that James' wife does not tolerate her. She does not like James' wife attitude. It makes her not comfort to stay there.

Katie is a responsible person. It is explained in the previous chapter. She tries to be a good woman for herself and for the environment. She has a job in the Johnsruds as a waitress. She does her job well. Moreover, her bipolar damages her mood anytime, she is working vigorously.

"I'm starting my new job today. I have to be at work..." Katie looked at her chrono. "And I'm late!" (39)

Katie is responsible to her duty. She has a new job, then she does the best she can. She works on the Johnsruds. The Johnsruds and the Johnsons grow Angus Beef together. They imported them after they made their first million in ice and ore. She works as a waitress. It is fair for her because she does not have an experience in working. She does not want to disappoint someone else. In her conversation with Scott, she leave it because of her duty.

When she knew that she was pregnant, she care for the baby. She was very happy to become a mother. She keeps her pregnancy with regulate her meals and control her mood swing as hard as she can.

“There’s another problem, and when you hear it, you’ll probably fire me anyway.” Katie took a deep breath. “You and Jake said I could work here as long as I take my bi-polar meds and agree to have the surgery as soon as Dr. Skelley can take me. But the doctor says I can’t have the surgery until after the baby’s born, and I can’t take my meds while I’m pregnant. He cut the dosages in half, and in another couple of weeks, I’ll be off of them completely. And, I may as well tell you the rest of it.” She was unable to look Annie in the eye. “I’ve noticed that I’ve been getting more violent as time goes on. I’m afraid I’ll hurt someone. I may even have to be locked up.” (55)

She has a dilemma. Having bipolar makes her get into habit of taking her meds. It uses to minimalize elevated mood. The doctor does not allow her to taking her meds while she is pregnant. Whereas it is the first rule of the Johnsrud’s as her job contract. She has to take her meds to keep her mood swing during the working. They do not want if she serve the customers when she does like a crazy woman. It makes the customers run off. As a good mother, she has to do the best for the baby. Then, she allows the doctor’s instruction. It is for the baby’s goodness. At last, there is no objection from the Johnsrud about her decision as long as for her own good.

Katie is a loyal person. It has been explained in the previous chapter. She loves Scott McGowan so much. She wants to spend her life with her lover. In the fact, he dumps her when they are in the moon. But then she knew that she is loving him.

