CHAPTER III

ANALYSIS

1.1 Linda's Personality

As explained in the previous chapter, according to Sigmund Freud's psychoanalytic theory of personality, personality is composed of trhee elements. These three elements of personality known as the id, ego and superego works together to create complex human behaviours. In this chapter discusses about Linda's personality;

1.1.1 Linda's Id

In this sub chapter the writer discusses about the Linda's Id. The Id is the impulsive part of our psyche which responds directly and immediately to the instincts. In general, many peoples say that Id is a bad part of person. So, in here the writer discusses about the bad behavior of Linda. Linda feels bore with her monotonous live and she wants to escape from her boredom live. She wants to do something challenging by enjoy uncommon sex. It describes in quotation below:

> *I prefer to live life passionately, which is dangerous because you never know what might happen next. Closing your eyes and imagining your neighbor lying on top of you, doing things your husband would never dare to do. Imagining having sex with him and your husband at the same time. Imagining every possible perversion, every forbidden game (Coelho: 3).*

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According to the quotation above it is explain that Linda wants to have a sex with other people than her husband to get rid of boredom. She want to feel free, feels something different that is passionately so the boredom that Linda's felt it could disappear.

1.1.2 Linda's Superego

The superego incorporates the values and morals of society. The function is to control the Id's impulses, especially those which society forbids, such as sex and aggression. In generally, there are many people say that superego is the good part of person. So, here the writer discusses about good behavior of Linda. The superego of Linda is Linda knows that unlawful affair is a deviation that can break the moral value in the society, but finally she realized her mistake and decided to back to her husband. As the quotation below:

> *Marianne is right; I'm nothing more than a sexual hobby for the stupid dog sleeping in her bed. I drive dangerously because I can't stop crying, the tears keeping me from seeing the other cars clearly (Coelho 93).*

Linda remorseful, she realizes that what she has done damage her morale as a woman who already has a husband. She never imagines that all that has been done by her will end in a way that is so embarrassing. Linda aware that she has been embarrassed by Jacob. She cries uncontrollably in her car. Finally, Linda realizes that she does not love Jacob, he only can give

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back some of joy that had lost. Linda realizes that Jacob only gives something she wanted that are adventure and happiness.

After Linda realized all her mistakes, Linda planning to tell all that has been done by Linda to her husband, but she changed her mind after she listen the statement of her husband which makes Linda aware that her husband loved her so much. Bellow is the evidence the statement above:

> *"I controlled the jealousy I feel because of you, and I'm happy with that. You know why? Because I always have to show I'm worthy of your love. I have to fight for our marriage, for our union, in ways that have nothing to do with our children. I love you. I would endure anything, absolutely anything, to always have you by my side (Coelho: 99).*

Quotation above explains that Linda's husband loves her very much and does not want to lose Linda. Linda cries after she listen the statement from her husband. And finally, Linda chooses to end her relationship with Jacob and decides to back to her husband. Linda aware that during the time her husband was always there to help ease the burden that happened, she also realizes that her husband is assume that Linda very perceive in his life.

1.1.3 Linda's Ego

The ego operates according to the reality principle, working out realistic ways of satisfying the Id's demand, often compromising or postponing satisfaction to avoid negative consequences. The Ego of Linda is Linda feels suffered from a depression due to she has a very monotonous live

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which resulted Linda do affair from her husband. It will prove by the quotation below:

> *Apathy. Pretending to be happy, pretending to be sad, pretending to have an orgasm, pretending to be having fun, pretending that you've slept well, pretending that you're alive. Until there comes a point where you reach an imaginary red line and realize that if you cross it, there will be no turning back (Coelho: 7)*

According the quotation above describes although Linda have a husband who love her very much and included in the list of richest people in Switzerland but she feels suffered and not happy with her life that can be judge perfect. She was not happy because her life is monotonous, she always pretend to be happy that her husband did not suspect that her life is trouble. From monotony of life that finally Linda thinks to do something different and challenging until finally she meets with Jacob that is her x-boyfreind in high school. Then she managed do something that is forbidden with Jacob and she particularly enjoyed the forbidden pleasure.

In the theory of personality stated by Freud, it is believed that human mind is constructed by three components, *id, ego,* and *superego. Id* component represents all of the human being willing, expectation and desires no matter those willing belong to a deviation. *Superego* is an internal representation of the moral rules of the external, social world (Pervin et al, 1996:85). It functions to control behavior in accord with these rules, offering rewards for good behavior and punishment for bad behaviors. Whereas the *id* seeks pleasure, the *superego* seeks the perfection, the *ego* seeks the reality.

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The ego's function is to express and satisfy the id in accordance with two things: opportunities and constraints that exist in the real world and the demands of the superego.Then, because from the beginning the *Ego* presents a negative value, *ego* will easily follows the *id* command.

In conclusion, we know that unlawful affair is not a criminal action. But, it can said as a bad action that done by people which can damage the moral value in society. Everyone can make mistakes that can breakthe moral value in a society because everyone has a bad and good behavior. Everyone has three components in their mind, those are; id, ego and superego. Id component represent all of the human being willing and the impulsive part of psyche which respond directly. Id is a desire of person no matter good or bad. Superego is an internal representation of moral values. It functions to control the id's impulses. While, the ego is seek to the reality principle.

3.2. Factors Causing Linda's Unlawful Affair

Unlawful affair is an illegal romantic love relationship between people which is one or both of them are already have a legal love relation, marriage. *Adultery* novel presents an unlawful affair of Linda and Jacob Konig. Linda is a married woman and Jacob Konig is also a married man. Both of them are accidentally met because Linda is asked to interview Jacob who has been being a politician.

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In the novel, it is admitted by Linda that she does love her husband, while Jacob Konig does not love his wife. Then, it is a normal condition when a person like Jacob falls down into an unlawful affair, while for Linda, it is a little bit odd.

> *Well, I love my husband, which means that I've no cause to get depressed over living with someone purely for the sake of his money, the children, or to keep up appearances (Coelho: 1)*

Next is the quotation tells about Jacob, that he also felt the same thing as Lind felt that he feels lonely;

> *"I can't say I'm unhappy, but I'm increasingly lonely, though no one knows. Even when I'm among friends, and the atmosphere and drinks are great, the conversation is lively and I'm smiling, all of a sudden, for no reason, I can't pay attention to the conversation. I say I have an important commitment and I leave. I know what I'm missing: you" (Adultery page: 70)*

So, the factors that play a role toward Linda's unlawful affair should be interesting to investigate. It is because; Linda has everything that should make her stay to be a good wife.

Through a detail reading toward the *Adultery* novel, the writer finds some evidences that make sense to be the factors of Linda's unlawful affair. The writer then refers to the theory explained before, about five aspects of the adulterous affair one of which is desire consisting taking revenge and relive boredom.

3.2.1 The Boredomof Linda's Life

In the novel, it is admitted by Linda that her live is bore, becauseshe does every of her activity monotonously which makes her life is bored. Even, whenever

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she has dinner with her husband, she comes to the same restaurant and orders the same menu.

> *I WAKE up and perform the usual rituals—brushing my teeth, getting dressed for work, going into the children's bedroom to wake them up, making breakfast for everyone, smiling, and saying how good life is. In every minute and gesture I feel a weight I can't identify, like an animal who can't quite understand how it got caught in the trap (Coelho: 8)*

The quotation above explains the same activity that Linda's done. She wakes up then she wakes her children and prepares everything needed by her children and her husband. She feels there is no something different all is same.

The other evidence that show the monotones live that Linda's has;

> *IT'S THE same scene today as it is every morning: my husband reads the daily news on his iPad; the children sit ready for school; the sun streams through the window (Coelho: 77)*

Monotonous live may emerge many problem in a marriage. Most of them are happened when the people start when lives settled into a predictable pattern. Linda's live belongs to a predictable pattern since she already know what is going to happen in the next day and since she really believes that her husband's wealth is sufficient enough until the next generation of the family. Thus, in Linda's life, there is no much prediction or surprised. Nothing to struggle for because she has already has everything.

Therefore, some people who experienced a settled live with a predictable pattern will suffered from a depression because their live is quite monotony. To

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escape from this depression, Linda does something that beyond her usual activities: commits unlawful affair with her former boyfriend.

It is stated in the novel that Linda is sick of being an obedient wife and being a polite and educated woman.

> *"Let yourself get carried away by the night from time to time. Look up at the stars and try to get drunk on the sense of inanity. The night, with all its charms, is also a path to enlightenment. Just as a dark well has thirst-quenching water at its bottom, the night, whose mystery brings us closer to the mystery of God, has a same capable of enkindling our soul hidden in its shadows" (Coelho: 68).*

Man who advised by her friend in her office who are thought to help the problem that faced by Linda, and Linda told all that she felt for him and asked a solution. Finally, Linda felt that she had found the right person who can understand and provide a solution of the problem that faced by Linda.

The man that met by Linda's suggest to Linda that she must enjoy her night if she wants feel free in her life, and so that Linda can enjoy the charm of the night.

> *[...] We already have everything we need. There is nothing to improve. Thinking we are good or bad, fair or unfair, all that is nonsense. We know that today Geneva is covered by a cloud that might take months to go away, but sooner or later, it will leave. So go ahead and let yourself go. By doing what you shouldn't, you will realize it yourself. As I said in the restaurant, the light in your soul is greater than the darkness. But for this you must go all the way to the end of the game" (Coelho: 69).*

Linda wants to sometimes, does everything that belong to a deviation because every deviation activity is challenging. The first time she did a deviation

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is when she makes an oral sex with Jacob Konig her former boyfriend, in Jacob's office.

> *He goes over to the door, locks it, then comes back and kisses me. I return his kiss, because it's been a long time. Jacob, whom I may have once loved, is now a family man, married to a professor. And I am a family woman, married to a man who, though he inherited his wealth, is extremely hard working (Coleho: 10).*

The quotation above presents a sexual activity done by Linda and Jacob in the first time they meet after a long time they separated. The sexual activity is not motivated by the love feeling, because before they commit it, they are not talking about their relationship. They talked about politics and etc. Then, suddenly, Jacob locked his room office and came closer to Linda, he kissed Linda and without any consideration, she gave him an oral sex.

After giving the oral sex, Linda felt sorry but somehow, she was happy for doing that. That is why, when Jacob asked to meet her another time, Linda could not say no. They met again for the second time but there is no sexual activity in that time, however, they have kissed. Then, their next meeting is full of wild sexual activities.

Linda enjoys her sex with Jacob, Jacob treats her as a slave in the bed. He treats Linda inhumanly, but Linda loves it. It is admitted by Linda that she is sick of being asked by her husband, whether her husband done everything too rough or does he crumple too tight. Linda's husband always questioning every of his action

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when they have a sex. However, Linda hate of being asked. Linda wanted to be treated roughly while her husband could not understand it.

In the novel, it is mentioned that before having an unlawful affair with Linda, Jacob also falls to an unlawful affair with some girls. Hence, it can be assumed that Jacob is a sex maniac.

> *I say I admire her dignity. She knew her husband had had an aϱair with the wife of a friend and yet she didn't create a scandal. Not even when it appeared in the newspapers just before the elections (Coleho: 36).*

It is not just a rumor, but it is reality because when Jacob meets with Linda he admitted to Linda that he had an affair with other women from his wife.

> *[...] "Yes, I had an aϱair with the wife of a friend, which I imagine you already know. He was the one who encouraged it, because we were both bored with our marriages. Do you understand what I'm saying?"(Coelho: 20).*

For Jacob Konig, the sexual activity between him and Linda is probably only a hobby, while for Linda, her sexual activity is also only a release of her boredom toward her monotonous life and monotonous sexual activity. Thus, there is no love in this unlawful affair.

3.2.2 Linda's Revenge

The second factor that the writer believed to be the factor causing Linda's unlawful affair is the cynical behavior of Jacob's wife toward Linda. In the post election party, Linda met Jacob's wife: Madam Konig. At that time, they have a small talk, and it implicitly showed that both of them have an aversion each other.

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> *"I saw that mutual friend of ours who had lunch with my husband. I feel very sorry for her. She pretends to be strong, but she's really very fragile. She pretends that she's confident, but she spends all her time wondering what other people think of her and her work. She must be a very lonely person. As you know, my dear, we women have a very keen sixth sense when it comes to detecting anyone who is a threat to our relationship. Don't you agree?" (Coelho: 37)*

It is true that Madam Konig cursing a no name woman who might unhappy in her life and began to seek happiness through having an unlawful affair with a married man. Linda does understand that the no name woman which is told by Madam Konig refers to her. She argues that Jacob's wife probably reads her message to Jacob and knew that between Jacob and Linda, there is special relationship. After their conversation Linda feels that she was insinuated by Madam Konig.

However, when she met Jacob Konig, Linda decides to do everything to make Jacob interested to her. Linda has an evil plan to take revenge on Madam Konig because Linda felt that Madam Konig had insulted her at the post election party. Linda plans to trap Madam Konig by putting drugs in her office work which she had bought from a drug dealer.

> *It's not for me, I explain. It's for an enemy. harmed my romantic relationship. I just want to set a trap for her.*
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> *"You mean revenge? You want to kill someone with an overdose? Please, lady, find somebody else."(Coelho: 52)*

From quotation above Linda wants to take revenge to Madam Konigand trap her by buying drugs and put it in her office, so that she could be said to be a drug dealer and put into prison. Linda also still wants to make Jacob interested to

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Linda. By this condition, it can be concluded that Linda's unlawful affair is not motivated by love feeling, in this case, Linda's unlawful affair is motivated by the revenge she has toward Madam Konig.

Finally, the factors causing Linda's unlawful affair are Linda's monotonous live and Linda's revenge toward madam Konig. The hypothesis of the writer mentioned previously is unproven due to it is weak to be the factor of Linda's unlawful affair.

3.2.3. Linda's Depression Symptoms

Someone can called depressed person when they feel or have some symptoms of depression, as felt by Linda. Through a detail reading toward *Adultery* novel, the writer concluded that the symptoms of Linda's depression. The symptoms are divided into two symptoms; psychological symptoms and physical symptoms. According to Johnson there are ten major symptoms, while according Carnwath and Miller divide the physical symptoms into six symptoms. First is discussing about psychological symptoms of Linda they are; Insomnia and Loss of interest. Insomnia is a condition when a person accidentally awake in the midnight or a condition when a person totally awaking the whole night. Insomnia can be caused by a certain disease or a depression. Then the second is discussing about physical symptoms of Linda they are: lost of energy and sleep disturbances.

3.2.3.1. Psychological Symptoms

a. Insomnia

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In the novel, it is many times explicitly showed that Linda almost awake every night and has a trouble to sleep. In addition, she is a healthy woman without any disease that may cause the insomnia. By this case, it can be concluded that health problem is beyond the factor cause Linda's depression. In fact, Linda always awake in the midnight because of an unidentified frustration feeling. Every night, in Linda's mind, there are many questions attack her. Many of those questions did not meet appropriate answer. It is then, raise the Linda's frustration.

Considering that feeling of frustration means suffering depression according to Johnson (1980:3), the writer believed that Linda-no matter she has everything, is suffering a depression because she experienced one of the depressions symptom called insomnia.

The following quotation presents the evidence that Linda is experiencing insomnia in her daily life,

> *I WAKE at two in the morning and lie staring up at the ceiling—something I've always hated—even though I know I have to get up early to go to work. Instead of coming up with a productive question like "What's happening to me?" I let my thoughts spiral out of control. For days now—although not that many, thank God—I've been wondering if I should go to a psychiatrist and seek help. What stops me isn't my work or my husband, but my children. They couldn't understand what I'm feeling at all (Coelho: 5)*

The quotation above describes that Linda always wake up early to rethink what happened on herself, she thinks about her meeting with Jacob. Then her thought stop when she thinks her children.

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This is also the evidence that Linda's insomnia;

> *I try to sleep, but I can't. I spend an hour thinking about him obsessively. I remember mynext-door neighbor washing his car and how I judged his life to be "pointless," occupied byuseless things. It's not useless: he probably enjoys himself, taking the opportunity to getsome exercise and see life's simple things as blessings, not curses (Coelho:25)*

Based on the quotations presented above, it can be seen that the author tries to strengthen the Linda's frustration in terms of insomnia. For many times, Linda awake at night and began to questioning everything. Some questions emerged related to her unhappiness factors. Linda feels she is unhappy, but when she tries to find out the reason, she never finds the reason. She has children she loved very much. She has brilliant job. She has a rich and faithful husband. She has many things what people expected to.

Linda has two children who she loved, she also have a fun job that she like, besides she has a rich husband and loved her very much. Below is the available evidence about it in the novel;

> *[...] I have two children who are (as my friends say) my "reason for living".I enjoy my work. I'm a highly regarded journalist at a respectable newspaper that can be found in almost all the news kiosks in Geneva, where we liveWell, I love my husband, which means that I've no cause to get depressed over living with someone purely for the sake of his money, the children, or to keep up appearances. (Coelho: 1).*

Because the facts prosecute Linda to be happy person and in the reality she is unhappy, Linda suffered from a frustration. For many

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months, Linda experienced one symptom of depression, by the time; she got the second symptom of depression that is loss of interest.

b. Loss of Interest

Loss of interest is indicated by losing any energy to do hobbies or to do any activities of the society. In *Adultery* novel, it is stated that before Linda suffered from a frustration toward her life, she do like doing a sexual activities with her husband. However, after Linda suffered from frustration she began to reluctant to have a sexual activity with her husband.

Even though she has a rich husband, but when her husband wanted to have sex activity with Linda seems shy and not interested having sex with her husband;

> *[…] "What's wrong, babe?" Because then I would have to say that everything's fine. It would be even worse if—as happened a few times last month—he put his hand on my thigh, slid it slowly upward and started caressing me. I can fake orgasms—I often have—but I can't just de cide to get wet with excitement.*
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> *I would have to say that I'm really tired, and he, never for one moment admitting that he was annoyed, would give me a kiss, turn over, and watch the latest news on his tablet, waiting until the next day. And then I would hope against hope that when the next day comes, he'd be tired. Very tired (Coelho: 3)*

Loss of interest suffered by Linda described in the novel is mostly about her reluctance to do sexual activity with her husband. However, Linda is also losing her interest to some other activities. She is reluctant

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to do her daily activities and expecting to lie in the bed for the whole times.

> *EVERY morning, when I open my eyes to the so-called "new day," I feel like closing them again, staying in bed, and not getting up. But I can't do that (Coelho: 1).*

The Linda's reluctance of doing her daily life is because what she does is always the same. New day for her is just new in terms of time but exactly the same in terms of chronological activities.

> *I WAKE up and perform the usual rituals—brushing my teeth, getting dressed for work, going into the children's bedroom to wake them up, making breakfast for everyone, smiling, and saying how good life is. In every minute and gesture I feel a weight I can't identify, like an animal who can't quite understand how it got caught in the trap (Coelho: 8)*

The repeated activities in Linda's daily life trigger a great boredom that by the time emerges the frustration. Linda's life is already settled. She has everything easily without any hard efforts to get them. Everything is likely has been prepared to her. Hence, although she is surrounded by the luxury and easiness, her life is flat. Wealth, luxury, easiness, and success are the things that have the same value. The opposite of those things are poverty, unsuccessful and so on. When the people's life is filled with the things of one kind only; for instance filled by the good things or the bad things only, their life will be imbalance.

Thus, Linda's life belongs to an imbalance life due to it is filled with the flat components. Even, Linda has been trapped to a monotonous life since she never tries to make her life or her way of life, different.

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When she has dinner with her husband, they always come to the same restaurant and order the same menu. Below is the evidence about it;

> *It occurs to me that I always go to the same restaurants and order the same dishes. Idon't even take any risks in this (Coelho: 6)*

Dinner in the same place with the same menu is a too small thing to consider. However, since Linda began to questioning everything, this topic means something. Her life is totally monotonous. Hence, when Linda feels she is really cannot beer at her boredom, she asked her husband to have dinner and told everything that she feels all the time;

> *MY HUSBAND has chosen a restaurant halfway between my once and our house. We've been there before. I like the food, the wine, and the atmosphere, but I always feel that we eat better at home (Coelho: 28)*

This quotation is tells about Linda's dinner with her husband and finally, she tells all of her depression every night;

> *Of course. My sadness has become so routine that no one notices anymore. It's really good to finally talk about it, but what I have to say runs deeper than that false happiness. I don't sleep properly anymore. I feel I'm just being self-obsessed, trying to impress people as if I were a child. I cry alone in the shower for no reason. I've only really enjoyed making love once in many months, and you know what time I'm talking about. I thought perhaps I was going through a midlife crisis, but that isn't enough of an explanation. […] (Coelho: 29)*

Linda's husband is really shock toward her wife's confession. He felt sorry to the Linda's unhappiness and he offered Linda to meet the psychiatrist or do yoga.

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After Linda tells about her depression to her husband then, her husband Suggest to Linda go to meet a doctor or psychiatry.

> *[…]"I can ask our doctor to prescribe some tranquilizers to help you sleep. I'll say they're for me. I think that if you could sleep properly, then you would gradually regain control of your thoughts. Perhaps we should exercise more. The children would love it. We're far too caught up in work, and that's not good (Coelho: 30)*

Linda has guessed what her husband will suggest, meet the psychiatrist or do the yoga. However, Linda loses her interest in doing Yoga.

> *[…] I begin my "meditation." People have been advising me to try it for ages. That was when they thought I was just "stressed." (I was stressed, but at least that was better than feeling completely indifferent about life.) (Coelho: 18)*
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> *I'm beginning to understand why I keep skipping my yoga classes. Duality of existence?A middle path? That sounds as unnatural as keeping my cholesterol level at seventy like my doctor is always telling me I should, and I started to get bored with this class, and want to end to this class as soon as possible (Coelho: 19)*

However, Linda decided to meet the psychiatrist. She makes a schedule to the three psychiatrists, but finally she disappointed toward what the psychiatrist suggestions. Thus, she promised to not come to the psychiatrist again in another time.

> *[…] I explain that I am having murderous thoughts, thinking about killing my husband in his sleep. He asks if one of us has a lover, and I say no. He understands completely and thinks it is normal. One year*

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of treatment, three sessions per week, will reduce this drive by fifty percent. […](ibid.)

Finally, she totally lost of interest to everything except one thing, has a sex with Jacob Konig, Linda's former boyfriend. This unlawful affair is previously assumed affected by the Linda's loss of interest according to the writer. The clarification of this assumption will be presented in the next sub chapter.

3.2.3.2 Physical Symptoms

a) Loss of Energy

Linda is a journalist who has life can judge perfect and happily, but she dos not happy. No wonder that she feels tired having a perfect life. Yet, there is not only physically but also mentally tired, as she has a lot of problems.

The fact is, I'm tired of having such a happy, perfect life. And that can only be a sign of mental illness (Coelho: 6)

Linda feels tired with her perfect life, because although her life can judge perfect she feels there is something empty in her life she feels bore with her daily activity.

I don't have the strength to say what I do or don't want to do. Why don't I just give up yoga once and for all? Why don't I go to a psychiatrist and start taking those magic pills? Why can't I control myself and stop thinking about Jacob?(Coelho: 19)

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Linda feels tired because she cannot forget Jacob she always think about him, she cannot find the way to forget Jacob she cannot find the way out from her problems, and she no longer able to cope it all.

b) Sleep Disturbance

Most of depressed people experience sleep disturbances, just like what happened with Linda, she is suffering insomnia. Linda cannot sleep at the night she spent the night with remembering about Jacob Konig. She always wakes up in middle night.

> *I WAKE at two in the morning and lie staring up at the ceiling—something I've always hated—even though I know I have to get up early to go to work. Instead of coming up with a productive question like "What's happening to me?"(Coelho: 5)*

> *Why can't I control myself and stop thinking about Jacob? After all, he never suggested he wanted anything more than someone to talk to about Saturn and the frustrations that all adults face sooner or later (Coelho: 25)*

From the quotation above, it is show that Linda's habit of insomnia and also talking with herself is a usual thing. Linda is definitely suffering sleep disturbance. Linda disturbed by the situation because almost every night she could not sleep well and always think about something which she should not to think about. She often thinks about Jacob Konig who can bring back something that had been missing from Linda.

From explanation above we can conclude, those are the depression symptoms that are found in Linda's symptoms of depression, from

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psychological symptoms they are; insomnia, loss of interest and from physical symptoms they are; loss of energy and sleep disturbance.

The problem in *Adultery* novel reminds the writer to one of the literary works written by Edwin Arlington Robinson. In his poem entitled *Richard Cory*, the author tries to characterize Cory as a central of the people's jealousy; Cory has what every people expected. Cory has a great wealth, perfectly good looking, admired by every people, and good personality. In the end line of the poem, Robinson gave a twist by telling that in a one calm night Cory put a bullet though his head (commit suicide). The script of the *Richard Cory* poetry which shows many similarities between this poetry and *Adultery* novel is quoted below:

Whenever Richard Cory went down town,
We people on the pavement looked at him:
He was a gentleman from sole to crown,
Clean favored, and imperially slim.

And he was always quietly arrayed,
And he was always human when he talked;
But still he fluttered pulses when he said,
"Good-morning," and he glittered when he walked.

And he was rich – yes, richer than a king –
And admirably schooled in every grace:
In fine, we thought that he was everything
To make us wish that we were in his place.

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So on we worked, and waited for the light,

And went without the meat, and cursed the bread;

And Richard Cory, one calm summer night,

Went home and put a bullet through his head

Linda and Cory have many similarities: they are rich and admired by many people. Besides, the writer also argues that both of them have the same problem: experiencing a great boredom which causing a depression. However, Cory took an extreme solution for his problem that is committing suicide while Linda is only committing an illegal love relationship to escape from her problem.

This unlawful affair which is emerged as the result of Linda's depression is the topic analyzed by the writer in this chapter. Before the writer analyzed the Linda's unlawful affair, the writer analyzed some of the symptoms of Linda's depression. It is done because the writer hypothesized that one of the symptoms of Linda's depression triggers her unlawful affair.

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