

Friendship in Never Let Me Go Kazuo Ishiguro

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Abstract: *The purpose of writing this paper is to associate a unique feature of friendship. It is postulated that Friendship is a relationship between two people in which each contributor values the other and successfully communicates this fact to the other. This feature of friendship, it is professed, clears up why friendship perform a key role in human is manifested that it accustoms pivotal insights of other writers on the topic. However happiness, why it is applauded by philosophers, poets, and novelists, and why it needs to seek friends. It throughout the novel Never Let Me Go explores the theme of friendship. A Hailsham the student know the importance of friendship. Friendship is presented here in a realistic way.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

Kathy H. is the protagonist and narrator in this novel. She is a carer. She is thirty-one-year-old lady. She is developing to soon become a donor. For nearly twelve years, she has worked as a carer. Even though she is a relatively young adult yet, she has outlasted most of her childhood friends. Kathy dwells her time looking backward, bringing back her memories of the people that she has left behind. These memories reflect that she has complex relationships with her Hailsham friends. Reflections of Kathy preserve the memory of Ruth and Tommy, both of them have already “completed. Never Let Me Go manifests what happens when without examining the moral involvement, a society is use scientific observational freely. Novel is about friendship and about pining for the past, as well as a novel which push the reader to enquire the principles of human cloning.

Kathy finds out from the reduction in her life by shifting to memories of the past. She keeps the memory of Hailsham long after it has closed, just as she endorses her memories of Tommy and Ruth long after their deaths. The novel’s title epitomizes this desire to hold on. The phrase “never let me go” is in some place between an appeal and a command. Kathy’s memories are her way of holding onto what she has lost in her life. However, recollection of Kathy is also tumbled down and scanty incomplete. She attempts to make sense of her memories. She narrates a process of recovery. She admits to set details aside and ignoring, revealing that memory is just as friable.

Narration of Kathy is ultimately a testament to the dignity and humanity of the students whom she remembers. Kathy, meanwhile, shares the memories of her loved ones with quiet dignity and tenderness. She is showing the depths of her humanity and friendship.

1.1 Friendship in Never Let Me Go

A friendless person is either a beast or a god who has transcended human nature. A friendless person is as lonely in a crowd. Friendship gives emotional support or relief by causing a friend to unburden his cares and problems to another. Friendship is so valuable that even monarchs and great men covet it. Friendless persons suffer great spiritual agony because they have none to share their joys and sorrows with.

Value of friendship is depicted all over the novel “Never Let Me Go”. Tommy’s and Kathy’s friendship. Is a quite a few key friendship in the novel. Novel concerns friendship very early when Kathy is being talked about how she gets to pick who she cares for. Kathy says how “the fact that we’d grown up together at Hailsham, the fact that we



knew and remembered things no one else did.” from the beginning of the novel it clears that their friendship is a great blessing. It diminishes the sorrows and increase the joys. Hailsham made them friends and it bonds them together.

It is the first time when Tommy’s and Kathy’s friendship is manifested near the pond. Kathy is a gentle and cooperative friend to Tommy. Kathy is called “Kath” by Tommy in this scene it shows that their friendship is closed. It exhibits that they have a jammed friendship as Tommy trusts Kathy as he says “Don’t breathe a word to anyway about this, right?” By frankly and informally communicating to his friend the anxiety and problems that torture his heart a person gets great comfort. Here friendship is like a medicine to the problems confronting a friend. In this scene it is shown how Tommy is dependent on Kathy.

Further on at the cottages Ruth is addressed by Kathy about the mimicking this then leads into a big argument between Kathy and Ruth. It is shown by this argument, their friendship has changed from Hailsham to cottages and now. At the end of their war of words Kathy says “she watched me carefully, then did a laugh, as though to say: ‘we’re still friends, aren’t we?’” this shows that they were disagreed with each other but Ruth doesn’t want to lose her best friend. There are many problems which a person cannot solve himself but his friend can solve such problems easily and successfully.

Kathy alters to Ruth's carer, after Ruth has given her first donation. They work together to freshen their friendship. After a considerable amount of time apart, the friendship among Ruth Kathy and Tommy is still strong. They shared their experience so they were closed. They cared a lot for each other. Later when Kathy meets Tommy for the first time in many years their closeness is obvious, “My heart had done a little leap, because in a single stroke, with that little laugh of agreement, it felt as though Tommy and I had come close together again” (Kathy)

Kathy actively searches for past students from Hailsham in the hope of being able to care for them. This shows that friendship is of real importance to her and that she has not forgotten the students she was at school with.

"She recognized that that is how friendships begin: one person reveals a moment of strangeness, and the other person decides just to listen and not exploit it."¹

Kathy is initiating herself in Chapter 1. It inaugurates her persistent and characteristic urge to look back on the past.. It also institutes the centrality of Hailsham, the school where Kathy grew up with her friends Ruth and Tommy. The memory of Hailsham provides as a benchmarks for all retrospection of Kathy. Her most important relationships are tackled here, and the source for many of her gleeful memories. Apparently, Kathy is not clocked ahead towards the future. Her life as a carer is defined by her attempt to hold onto Hailsham, as she both delves into the school through her disk and seeks out donors who also attended Hailsham. Here, Kathy also affirms that she has attempted to halt looking back, and soon after one of her donors asks her to share her memories of Hailsham then she stops resisting. She wishes to forget his own possibly prevailing childhood memories, Kathy examines herself lucky to grow up at Hailsham. The episode shows Kathy’s yearning to remember.

“There have been times over the years when I’ve tried to leave Hailsham behind, when I’ve told myself I shouldn’t look back so much. But then there came a point when I just stopped resisting. It had to do with this particular donor I had once, in my third year as a carer; it was his reaction when I mentioned I was from Hailsham.”²

If they need each other they will always come together and always be there to support each other, and forgive too. An unbroken friendship is shown throughout the novel, this remains with them even if donations and arguments. In the end they are honest and loyal to each other and have only the positive thoughts for one another. It is observed the endless friendship here.

“It should have been you two. I’m not pretending I didn’t always see that. Of course I did, as far back as I can remember. But I kept you apart. I’m not asking you to forgive me for that. That’s not what I’m after just now. What I want is for you to put it right. Put right what I messed up for you.”

When Kathy is guiding Tommy and Ruth back from their break to the boat. Car is parked by Kathy under a billboard featuring an open-plan office, where they have a serious chat about whether or not Ruth should have looked into the deferral whisper more completely. Here Ruth accepts that she kept Kathy and Tommy apart from one another consciously. Her speech is candid and straightforward, which is a little bit exceptional for Ruth. Responsibility is



taken directly by her for operating Tommy and Kathy, which she has not done before. This moment asserts that Ruth, imprecised as she may be, continues to have a deep well of dignity and modesty within her. It also shows her optimistic approach, and her quest to trust in possibility. Although the open-plan office once constitute Ruth is hopeful for her own future, it now represents her hopes for Kathy and Tommy.

"Friendship is certainly the finest balm for the pangs of disappointed love."³

These lines occurs at the end of Chapter 23. Kathy explains wretchedly the upshot death of Tommy. She imagined him arise on the horizon when she drove to a field in Norfolk. Return of Kathy to Norfolk describes her impossible wish to get back everyone and everything that she hasn't have lost. A fade and isolated echo of her previous trip to Norfolk seems all over, when Tommy and Ruth accompanied Kathy. Her "fantasy" is an old childhood fantasy about Norfolk, the place where Hailsham students used to believe that lost items could be recovered. But in these final lines, Kathy's fantasy is as restrained as her narrative voice. She does not let herself imagine more than a distant wave from Tommy, and pointedly states that her emotions are not controlled. Kathy's silent elaboration masks her deep woe and sorrow, much in the way that she has covered up the depths of her feelings and affection for Tommy throughout the novel.

"The fantasy never got beyond that—I didn't let it—and though the tears rolled down my face, I wasn't sobbing or out of control. I just waited a bit, then turned back to the car, to drive off to wherever it was I was supposed to be."

At the end of the novel the three friends have all chosen their own path. Kathy pencils in for them to meet up and go to this grounded boat. Their friendship is still there and strong even after so long. Ruth says to Kathy "Kathy, listen, Ruth said. You and Tommy, you have got to try and get a deferral. If it's you two, there's got to be a chance, a real chance." This shows Ruth is a very caring and warm - hearted friend and wants friendship of Kathy and Tommy to stay alive. The friendship between Kathy and Ruth has been strong throughout the novel.

"A good friend is a connection to life—a tie to the past, a road to the future, the key to sanity in a totally insane world."⁴

II. CONCLUSION

The friendships is complex in *Never Let Me Go*, but they're also very realistic and genuine., Kathy, Ruth and Tommy enjoys their company Just like in real life, friends fight, make up, cooperating, have misunderstandings, support one another, and accidentally or intentionally hurt each other's feelings. When she's younger, all these little tiffs and a slight argument get to Kathy. But as an adult Kathy looks past all that stuff that fills empty container, creates beauty in life. Her flashbacks about Ruth and Tommy show the ups and downs and fickleness of friendship. It is tough to get true and honest friendship.

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