

## CHAPTER IV

### CONCLUSION

There is nothing permanent in human's personality. Love and hate, faith and religion are having possibility to change in someone's personality and so does dignity. There are always some fluctuation in its shape and its degree. Childhood experience, education, social condition and character are some of the most influential factor in shaping dignity.

Todd as the main character in *Flying Home* is one good and clear example of how complicated the way he has been through to shape his dignity and how hard the temptation he face when he is already find it. As someone who born as a black in the time where racialism and discrimination become two of the America's most famous policy, it is very hard and almost impossible to make his dream come true.

Born without a father beside, him in a poor black family and raised only with his mother and his grandmother, he never received an encouragement and enough support to believe in his faith that he will have a plane model in the future. But although he didn't get any support, there is a strong will and faith in his heart to make him believe that flying is the most meaningful act in the world. And then the childhood's dream inspires him to be a pilot because airplane is too expensive to buy for him. Later on he raises his ideal that he will be equal with the white if he can fly because pilot is very rare at that time.

Prejudice and discrimination which Todd experienced in his life is growing its tension when he reach his dream to fly an airplane. At first he feels so proud because he thinks that although he is black he cn fly aan airplane. Bit later he feels humiliated because everyone (the black and the white) look at him and pleased simply because he is black who can fly. They never share the proud and the accomplishment that Todd made. He feels that he is being treated as a monkey doing tricks not a human. And then the usual discrimination is something that Todd took everyday when the white officers put the blame upon the whole race. He feels that he can be himself.

When the first order to fly an aeroplane is coming, he is very proud. He wants to proveto the white thaat he has dignity and also ability. But then an exaggerated dignity makes him bellittle the possible ccident that might happened to him. He makes a mistake and his plane crashed to the field owned by a white named Dabney Graves. Along with the crashed of his airplane, his dignity is also torn apart because he has depend on it as the only dignity he has in his life.

When an old man named Jefferson and his son Teddy,found him then the mockery is begin. In the beginning, Todd mock the old man in heart as another useless and meaningless maan and he is proud of being much better than him. He thinks that the old man is just like other ignorant black men who never shared the respect and the spirit of gaining a better future like Todd. But then the old Jefferson told him a story which Todd considered as a mockery for him because it touch a sensitive thing: the Black is usully making a careless and reckless mistake when they are free and blessed with valuable gift. Although the old Jefferson tell

ground as the old man tells him a story about himself who experienced died and goes to heaven. He wants to regain his dignity when he reminds his childhood experience about the plane model. But when he tries to do that the landowner comes and orders him to leave the field immediately. At this time, he feels like a man without dignity. He is not conscious about everything surrounds him. When he is aware he feels stronger than before after experiencing humiliation and harshness he never imagine before. There is a light of hope in his mind to regain his achievement and mostly his dignity just like when he saw a flaming gold eagle fly to the sun.

Todd is an interesting portrait of someone with two opposite sides of dignity. He uses his dignity as an Air Force Training Pilot for his capital to face the White's discrimination, humiliation and harshness represented by Dabney Graves and the white officers.. But in another sides, he uses his dignity to condescend and belittle his own race represented by Jefferson and his son, Teddy.

Dignity in Todd's personality is also a knife with two sharp edge that is not only ready to stab and hurt other men but it also can hurt its own master. He will use it to ashame other men lower than him anytime. But in the same time it will make him to act recklessly and ends him with accident and ashame himself.

**SYNOPSIS**