

III.4. WHAT THE MAIN CHARACTER DOES

III.4.1 The Activities of the Main Character

In analysing the activities of the main character as described in the story, the writer makes a table of the main character activities while he is staying in New York for six days. By making this table, it becomes easy to know what the main character does.

Date	Section	Activity
Thursday	1	One morning late in September of the year 1955, Yep Muscat came to New York to make money by his writing.
	2	He called his ex-wife's apartment. There were his daughter named Rosey, his ex-wife named Laura, and his ex-wife's servant named Jenny MacDougal. They welcomed him kindly.
	3	He met Larry Langley who offered as an agent for him as the famous author but he refused it.
	4	He was informed by a New York producer's secretary named Jessica that My Money changed to Kiss Kiss Kiss since it had no plot. He met Piper who was as a chief of World Alive magazine. He would pay his play ten thousand dollar. It would be paid to the tax collector.
	5	Laura invited him to have dinner at her apartment.
	6	He came to her apartment. It was a nice apartment. His children and ex-wife looked happy living there. They had dinner together. He stayed there until late night.
	7	Laura visited him at the simple hotel where he stayed. She suggested him to move to the good one.
	8	He drunk with Laura at El Morocco. They talked about the kids. He made a decision not to take the kids from her. He wanted Laura and the children come back to San Francisco, but she refused it. He accepted Laura's offer that they would be friends.

Friday	9	He had a breakfast with his old friend named Zak.	
	10	He called Laura's apartment to invite the children to go but they had gone.	
	11	He talked to a New York producer named Zamlock who would buy his play. He invited him to have dinner but he refused it since he liked to go with his children.	
	12	He phoned Rosey. He talked much and joked with her.	
	13	He studied The New Yorker to find out what would be likely to be the most fun for Rosey and Van.	
	14	He and Zak at Foley's, watching Shag Shamsoyan nailing boxes, working like machine.	
	15	He was accompanied by Zak to go to dentist named Doc Levy since he had toothache.	
	16	Zak had a nice, long time to talk with Yep at the Bowery after twenty five years hadn't met each other.	
	17	Yep and Zak had a nice, long time to talk with Yep at the Bowery after twenty five years hadn't met each other.	
	18	At night, when he was wide-awake, he got a phone from Laura telling that Van was throwing up. He and Van talked much via phone. Finally, his pain gone.	
	19	He was informed by Larry Langley that Zamlock had gone to Boston. He was delighted to have the entire day free for Rosey.	
	Saturday	20	He counted his cash, there was very little. He called his old friend Archie telling that he and Rosey would come to see the baseball game. He bought a bouquet of baby roses for the little girl, Rosey. He also ordered some roses for Laura. He went to Laura's apartment to give the roses to Rosey. When he reached the place, there were Jenny, Rosey, and Van. He made a joke that made them happy.

- 21 On the first day of October, he went out with Rosey. He was really happy since he could hold his daughter hand. It could make his toothache gone.
- 22 He brought Rosey to the Plaza to have lunch. They met Zak and his ex-wife's son named Juan. They had lunch together. This time, Yep adviced Zak to help him to solve the problem he faced.
- 23 He walked beside Rosey and Zak beside Juan. He said to Rosey that he loved her much.
- 24 He invited the two children to go to have dinner. He of fered an invitation to Laura but she refused it since she was busy in the stage. She wanted Kitty permitted to join with them. Rosey didn't agree with that. It made Laura angry. Yep had Rosey to ask sorry to her mama because of her false. She did it. Before went, he teached Laura how to act in comedian play.
- 25 He invited the children, Zak, and his son to watch the baseball game. Zak bought the five tickets, forty dollars each. It was not surprising since he had the biggest uranium mines in Utah. He told a story to Rosey about his experiance with Van to find uranium. They didn't find any since they didn't have a Geiger counter, the important tool used in looking for uranium.
- 26 He and the children had a dinner at the Archie's restaurant, the Black Sea.
- 27 He explained to the children about the vaudeville, the real American theatre.
- 28 He and the children saw the orchestra. They talked about their mama who divorced their father.

	29	He and the children saw the vaudeville. The play was exciting the children.
	30	He phoned Laura who at the backstage. She was happy since she could act well in the stage as he teached her. He made his play better as Baragaray wanted.
	31	She said to Yep that she wanted to be herself, to be free, not to live her husband. He adviced her that the divorce made the children were broken.
Sunday	32	Sunday, the second day of October, Yep got to the bar at the Great Northern it was half past twelve night. There at a little table in the corner was Zak, drinking too much. It made him sick, that's why Yep gave him an advice not drinking too much champagne. He supported Zak to have a firm heart to face the bitter fact in this life. He said that we had to love especially our family and every one else imagine that they were our family since everybody in a family needed everybody else. It really helped him to face the problem frankly. He thanked Yep for his wise advice.
Monday	33	Baragaray's backers still didn't like his play, even with the character, even with the plot thickened. Rosey took her dancing lesson Monday afternoon. After the lesson, he took Rosey and Miss Mac Dougal to Rumpelmayer's for tea. He saw Laura in the play Monday night.
Tuesday	34	He got unnice experiances this time. He had to give back one thousand dollar to Zamlock. He thought that his play was too expensive to be paid ten thousand dollar. The novel he had had sent to the editor of the big megazine came back.

III.4.2 A Descriptive Analysis of the Main Character's Time to His Separate Family

From the table above, the writer will analyze the time of the main character especially the time spent with his separate family living in New York.

Many sections of the story tells that he enjoys the time among his separate family. They shows that most of his time is spent for his separate family.

When the first time he comes to New York, he calls his separate family's apartment soon. He is happy since he can talk to his daughter, and his ex-wife. They welcome him warmly via phone. The story divides his time to eight sections when the first day he comes to New York from which five sections tell about his time to the separate family. Those are section two, five, six, seven, and eight.

In second day, Friday, the story divides ten sections to tell about the activities he does while he is staying in New York. There is four sections describing his time to his separate family, such as section ten, twelve, thirteen, and seventeen.

In third day he lives in New York, Saturday, there are twelve sections telling about what he does to his separate family. From section nineteen until thirtien write it.

Monday, for five days he has stayed in New York, he still gives his time to his separate family as described above.

The last day, Tuesday, before he leaves to San Francisco, he tries to give his attention to his separate family.

From the first section until the last section, section thirty third, there are twenty two sections which show the activities of the main character giving his attention to his separate family. This fact states that most of his time is spent to his separate family while he is staying in New York. Even as he can give attention and share love to them he is happy.

The story tells that actually, he comes to New York to make money from producer. Yet, this aim doesn't let him to be busy and wash much time to achieve such thing. He likes to be together among the children and gives attention to his ex-wife, Laura.

The description of the main character's time to his separate family as showing above reveals that he still loves them eventhough the separation has occurred. He doesn't just use his opportunity to give attention to his beloved children while he is staying in New York but he also likes to spent the time to share his love and attention to his ex-wife. The divorce doesn't make him to be

far away from his separate family and ignore them. The separation doesn't change his love. How deep his love shared to his ex-wife and beloved children, it seems that the separation has never occurred.

He is still able to love his ex-wife who has divorced him and separated him from his beloved children. It is because she has thought intuitively about his love feeling to them. He realizes then that love is important in this life and it should not be delated by the divorce. That's why, it supports him to have good heart as depicted by much of his time is spent to his separate family while he is in New York.

III.4.3 A Descriptive Analysis of the Way the Main Character Treats His Separate Family

From the table above, the description of the way the main character treats his separate family can be analyzed. By this analysis, the personality of the main character can be established.

How big attention he gives to his separate family can be seen when the first day he comes to New York. Soon he calls Laura's apartment to start his activities while he is staying in New York. "Safe at home again, he thought. Now, let me see-where do I start? He went to the phone ... He asked for his son" (p.6:sc.2).

By asking the children as the first time he comes to New York, it shows that he still takes care of his children even though the separation has occurred. It describes his deep love feeling to his children.

He is good, responsible father. Since the separation has occurred, he has sent money to his separate family and paid their taxes.

"Not very much, but don't forget I've got a lot of debts to pay, including the house, including a lot of crazy shopping bills you run up during the divorce, including taxes and back taxes, including doctors' and dentists' bills for you and the kids".

(p.45:sc.8)

Those descriptions reveals his feeling that he is responsible to his children and his ex-wife. He doesn't want they are broke because of many kinds of taxes. That's why he has sent money and paid their taxes.

One more quotation below supports the statement above. He wants to pay his separate family taxes even though he is broken. To make them happy, he tries to get money from the producer and the editor who buy his play. He charges them ten thousand dollar for each play and wants all the money will be paid to the tax collector. "Now, are you sure you want the tax collector to get it all? I'm broke, but I do. That's silly, Yep. No, it

isn't..." (p.59:sc.10).

He states clearly that he comes to New York to make money in order to help them to pay their taxes eventhough he is broke. From this occasion, it shows that Yep has a good heart since he gives money to Laura who has divorced him and has separated him from his beloved children. Although he is broke, he will pay their taxes. According to his friend, to pay their taxes while he is broke, it is a silly thing since giving his money while he is broke means that he ignores himself. He doesn't agree with that statement. He believes that what he has done to his separate family is right. So, he orders his friend to give the money he gets from his play to the tax colector to pay his separate family taxes.

Actually, he loves his beloved children and his ex-wife. It has described before by calling his separate family as soon as he comes to New York and giving them money in order to pay their taxes. He has done it as the divorce has occured. The separation among them as if has never happened. It shows how big his love and attention given to his separate family. It is because his conscience supports him to have a firm heart to accept the divorce so this bitter fact hasn't made his heart break and to have a good heart so he still loves them eventhough the separation has occured.

III.4.4 The Way He Treats His Ex-Wife

It describes the way he treats his ex-wife named Laura while he is staying in New York for six days.

Laura has divorced him and has taken the children to New York, while he has been living in San Francisco. Actually, he loves them and they are meaningful in his heart. That's why, the separation makes him unhappy.

He was a kid of twelve, running in Fresno. Then he was older, but he was still running-in San Francisco. Then in New York.

Well, hell, he'd run all right, but he'd always laughed, too. But now he wasn't laughing anymore (p.51/sc.9).

The quotation shows that now he wasn't laughing as before. It is because he has to face the problem in his life. Eventhough the separation has occurred and makes him sad, he doesn't heat her or never treats her badly. It can be seen from the accidents below which shows the way he treats his ex-wife kindly, nicely, politely, and wisely.

When he takes a rest on the bed, the telephone buzzes. It is Laura, she asks him whether she is here or not when he visits the children. He answers politely: "I'd rather you were. I think they like to see the four of us together now and then. When does your play open?"

(p.9/sc.1).

What Laura asks to him whether she is there or not when he visits the children shows her guilty feeling because of the divorce she has made. She thinks he hates her so he doesn't want to meet her when he visits the children. That's why, she asks him such question. Yet, what his answer to Laura is different from her thought. He says to Laura wisely that he hopes she will be there when he visits the children since he realizes that they need their parents love after three months they have separated. He doesn't hate Laura who has made him sad by the divorce. Yet, he is kind to her and wants now and then they will be together again. It is because he knows that the children need their parents love.

From that description, it can also reveal that he is good father. He doesn't care about the separation that makes him unhappy, but he is carer to the children's need of their parent's love. He tries to make the children not to be broke because of the divorce. That's why he hopes that Laura will be present when he visits the children so they will enjoy the time together as before.

Nothing in the story tells that he hates Laura who has divorced him and has made him sad by this separation. He even likes to fulfil what Laura wants. It is showed by three accidents below:

(1) Laura wishes that he can come to their apartment before Van backs from watching baseball game. He says shortly: "I'll start walking, now" (p.28/sc.5).

(2) Laura asks him to move from the Great Northern hotel to El Morocco to talk about the children. He says calmly: "Come on. I'll take you to El Morocco and you'll feel better" (p.40/sc.7).

(3) Laura hopes that he doesn't mind to come to watch her play at the stage and to give her a wire. He agrees with that. "You'll come to the opening?" "Yes" "And send me a wire?" "Okay" (p.47/sc.8).

By showing what he does in order to fulfil what Laura wants, it becomes clear that he still loves his ex-wife eventhough she had divorced him.

One moment, he and his ex-wife talk about their children at El Morocco. He hopes that Laura doesn't mind to go back and bring the children to live again at the house in San Francisco which is bought to them. It is because he knows that the children now live in the apartment which is not as good as the house which he has bought for them in San Francisco and the children likes to go than stay at such apartment. Yet, she doesn't agree with that. She is even worry if he will take the children to San Francisco. It has never happened since he states clearly that he won't take the children to live

together in San Francisco. He makes a wife decision to Laura. He says wisely: "Of course not, because I want my kids to be with their mother, always" (p.45/sc.8).

That description shows that he loves his ex-wife. He lets the children to live together with their mama in New York while he stays in San Francisco eventhough he is happy if he spends the time with the children.

His love shared to his ex-wife named Laura can also be shown from the later description. He has teached Laura how to act in a comedy play well since she will act such part at the performance.

They must be idiots. The pitch of your voice is entirely wrong. It's flat. You're in a comedy, I take it. A farce, perhaps. That means your voice should be pleasantly artificial-it's got to be something like singing. You can't just talk when the proceedings are supposed to be giddy and ridiculous. You've got to move lightly, quickly, a little madly. Now, put a little music and madness into your voice, and into your muscles as you move, and do it again (p.179/sc.24)

He teaches Laura with a pleasure. She is happy when he can teach her such action so she can increase her capability to play at the stage. The condition of Laura's home becomes warm because of his attention to her and

since he has never done a bad thing to her eventhough she has divorced him. In this case, it shows that actually he is a loyal husband. It is because his love and attention to his ex-wife has never changed because of the divorce she made. This statement is supported by the following description.

He really loves Laura. It happens when Laura is very happy about her good performance and thanks to him for his teaching to her. At the happy moment, she asks him: "Do you love a little?" "A lot." "A great big lot?" "Yes" (p.222/sc.33).

He is able not to hate Laura who has divorced him and has separated his beloved children to him. He is even told like to spent the time by giving his attention to her. It shows that he has a good heart.

He is a wise man. He advices Laura about her wrong decision wisely. He explains her that what she wants to be free, not to live her husband's, it is the way she understands herself. The separation way is only valuable for her, but not to the children since they needs their parents. It is a selfish decision. "That's meaningless. You want to be free because you believe that that's the only way you can learn to understand yourself, or the only way you can learn to grow the way you believe you ought to grow" (p.229/sc.31).

He knows that actually what she wants is to be rich, famous actresses. When she is her wife, she doesn't get all what she wants. She feels that he makes her as a child wife, whom only stays at the house. She can't do it, so she takes unwise way, that is divorcing him. Later he advices her how to get what she wants by the wise way.

It goes like this. You want to write a play, so you can appear in it, so you can seem great, so a lot of people will know about you, so you'll have all the money you need, so you'll be free, so you can well, write another play, so you can be all those things all over again. But the things that's underneath it all is love-generally wanted and not recieved, or given and rejected. Eventually, it comes back to love. And love's a big order, as you know (p.232/sc.31).

By giving such advice to Laura, he hopes that Laura will do what she wants by taking a wise way such as to be a famous writer not divorcing him. So, she can be famous and will get much money from her writings. Later, he explains to her that what her wish to be rich and famous woman should not to be her only aim in this life so she can do anything to achieve such aim such as divorcing him. Yet, love is more important thing beside the two

things above. So she won't divorce him if she knows that the children need their parents love.

III.4.E The Way He Treats His Children

It describes the way he treats his beloved children living in New York with their mama.

He takes a big attention to her daughter whose name is Rosey, so it isn't surprising that she keep hoping his present to come to New York. She says via phone: "Papa!" the girl said. "I was hoping you'd come to New York, and here you are!" (p.7/sc.2)

He promises to come to see them at their apartment when he calls her. "They talked three or four minutes. He promised to drop by early in the evening when Van would be home from the second game of the World Series" (p.7/section 2).

He treats Rosey lovely when the first time he meets her at their apartment after so long time they haven't met one another. "... Rosey flung herself into his arms, and squeezed with all her might. ... Oh, Rosey" (p.30/sc.6).

He accompanies the children to watch tv at night when Laura goes out. "Laura went along ... to be at the theatre in time..., and he and the boy and girl went into the small study just across from the dining room, and

there they watched television..." (p.32/section 6)

He is good father. When his daughter makes her mother angry, he has her to ask apologize to Laura. "Rosey, don't you make me mad, please. Say you're sorry, Rosey, the father said. I'm sorry, Mama." (p.176/sc.24).

He gives a big attention to his daughter. He calls Rosey and invites her to go. He offers his daughter the entertainment place where they can go or she likes that he chooses the place. It shows that his love to his daughter doesn't decrease although the separation has occurred.

We could go to lunch, and then to a matinee. We could go to the zoo in Central Park. We could go to the Modern Museum and see the paintings, and then the movie. It'll be a very old one, you know-a movie I probably saw when I was your age. Do you want me to decide where to go? (p.76/sc.12).

He wants to show how deep his love to his daughter and it doesn't change just because of the separation. That's why, when he besides her he states clearly that he loves her much better than he loves his son. Yet, he can't explain this fact.

Nobody could ever like anybody as much as I like you, Rosey. ...More, even, than you like Van, and I know how much you like Van. Yes, even more than I

like Van... Because you're girl, and a father has got to love his daughter more than he loves his son. He's just got to (p.172/sc.23).

He tries to protect Rosey when her mother will give her a spanking. It happens when she is rocking and knocking many times, but Laura doesn't like it. "Leave her alone. If we don't understand her, let's not punish her" (p.151/sc.21).

He loves his daughter much. Beside her daughter makes him very happy. "He forgot the hole in his jaw,... He forgot everything but love, the love that flowed from his daughter's hand into his own" (p.154/sc.21).

He enjoys the time beside the children to watch the vaudeville theatre. "But being with his kids, having them beside him, made it wonderful" (p.208/sc.28)

He tries to make the children understand about the separation that has occurred between him and their mother and about their mother whom likes to wash almost her time to be at the stage. So, they can understand about what's happened to them clearly. He explains about it honestly and wisely.

No. I never hit her, but she hit me a couple of times with a book... Why, Papa? ... She didn't mean any harm. She was unhappy... What did she want? ... She wants Papa. Does she, Pop? In a way, yes. But

not married. Divorced. But not too divorced, either. Just divorced enough. Mainly, though she wants to be on the stage. Why? So he can be a little girl all the time, the way she wants to be a little girl. Lots of friends, and money (p.210/sc.28).

He also loves his son, Van. The separation doesn't change the close relation between he and his son. It can be seen when the first time he meets Van after long time haven't met one another, Van welcomes him warmly.

Well, here comes your son, and my old pal Kitty Delmonico. The boy must have heard their voices because he shouted a greeting before the door opened. Yep opened the door, ... kissed the top of his son's head (p.31/sc.6).

The warm and nice condition appears as the son says a greeting to the father and the father kisses the son. They have not met for many months but the separation doesn't change their love relationship.

The following accident can describe how nice he treats his son although the separation has occurred among them. He gives his son a present when he has a birthday. "You were in New York-twelve years and four days ago. I'll be getting you a birthday present, of course" (p.32/sc.6).

He likes to spent the time for the children. It happens when the producer, Zamlock invites him to have dinner. he refuses it. He misses with his beloved children since he has not met them for many months. That's why. he can't accept his producer's offer to have dinner dinner outside since he wants to spent the time with the children. "I'm not sure I can make it. I've been separated from my kids for three months, and I've had in mind spending tomorrow night with them" (p.74/sc.11).

He talks much with his son to help him to erase the headache he gets after watching the baseball game. His beloved team plays badly at this game and it lose. After long time talking via phone, his headache gone.

Van? Hello, Papa. How do you feel? I guess I got a little too excited at the game... That's too far to worry about. Tomorrow when you go out there with Kitty just watch the game, and let them win or lose... That's the only thing that's the matter with him. He's fine. He just loves that team, as so many others do, and it makes him sick when they don't play way they should. Touch his feet and let me know if they're cold (p.124/sc.18).

From these accident, it can be known that he keeps his love to his son, so he gives attention to him pleas- urely as he is sick although he has not met him for many

years. He likes to listen to his son speech carefully about his unhappy feeling knowing his favourite team lose at the game. He gives a wise advice to him, that is how should he behaves when he watches his favourite team play so it doesn't make him sick. He feels happy by his attention so he can erase his feeling of sorry which makes him sick.

He gives a big attention to the children. He reads the entertainment news to find what the interesting entertainments are offered this time. He likes to go with his children. He wants to enjoy all night with them. He finds that there will be shown the baseball game. He decides that he will invite the children to watch the baseball game and have dinner at the good place named Palace.

He studied The New Yorker to find out what would be likely to be the most fun for Rosey, but nothing looked very promising. The only thing going on right now is the World Series, that'all. I'll just have to take her there. After the game, I'll take them both to dinner, and then to the Palace (p.84/sc.13).

The description about the way he treats his children shows the readers that he is a good father. How big love he shares to them. They are meaningful in his heart,

so he likes to spent most of his time among them while he is staying in New York. The separation seemes not a prevention thing for him to give attention to them.

He is a responsible father. Since the separation has occured he has sent them money and has helped them to pay their taxes. When he visits them at their apartment, he gives good attention to them, so they never feel sad because of the separation among them.

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION