

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

The character of Humbert has been analyzed in the previous chapter. It finally comes to conclusion that Humbert had undergone a psychosexual deviant related to his behaviour which sexually interested in little girls. He is said to suffer pedophilia according to psychological point of view.

Humbert's pedophilic behaviour was caused by some accidental and tragic events in his early life. The first shocking was dealing with his mother's death when he was three-years-old. This made Humbert's psychological development distorted. This condition continued to Humbert's preadolescent time, when Humbert found Annabel to whom Humbert devoted his entire love and energy of his childhood. Not very long after that, Annabel also died. This event became the second mournful incident that changed the whole of Humbert's life.

Although Annabel had died, the memory of her remained in Humbert's mind. Since then, he became a pedophilic person, because his psychosexual development was blocked in his thirteenth-year, the process of fixation happened, and Annabel became Humbert's fixated sexual object. By the presence of Lolita, the girl that he considered as the reincarnation of Annabel, Humbert's tendency as a pedophile was upraised.

As a pedophile, Humbert behaved like other normal people. He married twice, the first was with a matured woman, Valeria, and the second with a widow (Charlotte, Lolita's mother). He decided to do so to cover his real

desires upon little girls. But these desires hardly appeared as a 'real' sexual intercourse related to the fact that Humbert, as a pedophile, was psychosexually immatured. His desires were satisfied only by touching and embracing Lolita's body, and Humbert never did no more than that.

Humbert's pedophilic behaviour certainly brought effects to Humbert's life. To 'defend' Lolita, Humbert was willing to murder Quilty, Lolita's husband. He believed that shooting Quilty was not a crime for Quilty had abandoned Lolita in debts and poor condition (for Lolita was pregnant at that time). Humbert assumed that the only crime that he had committed was 'raping' Lolita.

Instead of the conclusion, the analysis comes also to two findings:

1. That a pedophile actually wanted to live just like other normal men. If he can choose, he prefers not to be a pedophile because it against religious, moral, and social values. Without Humbert himself realized it, deep down his heart, Humbert wanted to be just a normal person. It is proven by Humbert's ability to live 'normally' with Rita, who was obviously a matured woman, after Lolita left him behind. This fact means that pedophile can be helped by psychological treatment as long as the person is willing to be helped by a professional in psychological therapy.
2. That a pedophile can be dangerous due to his possessive mind toward a little girl that he considers as his lover and this clearly appears in Humbert's case dealing with his crime by murdering Quilty. Humbert regarded Quilty as his competitor and Humbert felt jealous upon him.

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