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This study deals with one of Nicholas Sparks' novel entitled "*The Last Song*". *The Last Song* is a romance-tragedy novel that tells a story of Veronnica (Ronnie) Miller's life. She is a seventeen years old girl who feels as if her world is crumbling around her when her parents get divorce and her father moves to Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina. The divorce of her parents really hurts her and this condition leads to every conflict that happens in her life.

Therefore, this study is aimed to find out and describe the conflict faced by the main character and how the conflict affects the action of the main character in this story. There are two research questions in this study. The first is to find out the kinds of conflict faced by Ronnie as the main character in this story. The second is to know the conflict faced by the main character based on Abraham Maslow's theory of the Hierarchy of Human Needs and how the conflict affects the action of the main character. In this study, Abraham Maslow's theory consists of five levels, they are physiological needs, safety needs, love and belongingness needs, self esteem needs and self actualization needs.

The method that is used in this study is descriptive qualitative method. The primary data of this study are gathered from the novel and it is supported by secondary data like library research, internet, and article.

The results of this study are: (1) There are two kinds of conflicts faced by the main character in this story, they are internal conflict and external conflict. (2) It is found that the unfulfilled needs of the main character are causing conflict in her life and it affects every action that she takes.

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Penelitian ini membahas salah satu novel dari Nicholas Sparks yang berjudul "*The Last Song*". *The Last Song* adalah novel tragedy romantic yang menceritakan kehidupan Veronnicia (Ronnie) Miller. Dia adalah seorang gadis berusia tujuh belas tahun yang merasa dunianya hancur setelah kedua orang tuanya bercerai dan ayahnya memutuskan untuk pindah ke Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina. Perceraian kedua orang tuanya benar-benar menyakitinya dan kondisi ini membawanya pada setiap permasalahan yang terjadi dalam hidupnya.

Oleh karena itu, penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menemukan dan menjelaskan konflik yang dihadapi oleh karakter utama dan bagaimana konflik tersebut mempengaruhi setiap tindakan/perbuatan dari karakter utama di dalam cerita. Ada dua pertanyaan yang dirumuskan dalam rumusan masalah. Pertama, untuk mengetahui jenis-jenis konflik yang di hadapi Ronnie sebagai karakter utama dalam cerita ini. Kedua, untuk mengetahui konflik yang dihadapi oleh karakter utama berdasarkan teori Hierarki Kebutuhan Manusia dari Abraham Maslow dan bagaimana konflik tersebut mempengaruhi tindakan/perbuatan karakter utama. Di dalam penelitian ini, teori Abraham Maslow terdiri dari lima tingkat, yakni kebutuhan Fisiologi, kebutuhan rasa aman, kebutuhan akan kasih sayang, kebutuhan akan penghargaan dan kebutuhan akan aktualisasi diri.

Metode yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah metode deskriptif kualitatif. Data utama dari penelitian ini dikumpulkan dari novel dan didukung oleh data sekunder seperti riset pustaka, internet dan artikel.

Hasil dari penelitian ini adalah: (1) Ada dua jenis konflik yang dihadapi oleh karakter utama dalam cerita ini, yaitu konflik internal dan konflik eksternal. (2) Ditemukan bahwa kebutuhan karakter utama yang tidak terpenuhi menyebabkan konflik di dalam hidupnya dan ini mempengaruhi setiap tindakan yang dia lakukan.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Literature is one of human works that is written to express the feelings and ideas of the authors, or the experiences of the readers. As Hudson (1963) (in Indayani, 2006) said that literature is one of the author's ways to express his ideas, experiences and thoughts. There are so many kinds of writing literary works, one of them is novel. According to Hawthorn (2001) "novel is fiction prose or table of considerable length (now usually long enough to fill one or more volumes) in which characters and actions representative of the real life of past or present time portrayed in a plot or more or less complexity". In other words, we can say that novel is a long literary work with great amount of details in every page that tries to reveal the features of human life. The authors try to portray the portrait and the presentation of human action, such as what people think, say and do in the society.

The Last Song is a novel by Nicholas Sparks. *The Last Song* tells us a story about Veronica Miller (Ronnie) and the summer that she spends with her father at Wrightsville beach, North Carolina. Ronnie is a seventeen years old girl who hates her life after the divorce of her parents. Ronnie hates and blames her father for leaving his family without explanation. She has not talked and seen her father for three years. Ronnie really has no desire to spend the summer and reconnect with her father. However, the summer that she hates ends up being an opportunity being an opportunity for her to learn and gain new appreciation about family, love, friendship and forgiveness.

Every good story has the conflict on it because if there is no conflict in the story, there will be no point to the story. By adding conflict in the story, the readers may be curious to read and look for the cause and effect until the end of the story. This explanation entails two reasons why the writer is interested to analyze this novel:

First, it presents the conflicts that are generally found in our daily life, such as the divorce of the parents. Parental divorce may cause some problems to the children such as lose confidence, less communicative and emotional upheaval to be dealt with. Therefore, Parental divorce may affect every action that the children take in their life in terms of their physical or mental activity. Secondly, from the conflict that is presented in this novel, we can take some powerful messages and wonderful life lessons about affection,

patience and kindness. Throughout this novel, we can see that love and patience can change everything. They can make a better life, they can change hatred becomes tolerance and understanding. The readers also can learn everything about life, family, love, faith, forgiveness, and salvation. Based on the reasons above, the writer is interested to do a study on *“An Analysis of Conflict Affecting the Action of the Main Character in Nicholas Sparks’ Novel the Last Song”*.

1.2 Research Questions

- a. What kind of conflicts that are faced by the main character in the novel *The Last Song*?
- b. How are the conflicts affecting the action of the main character based on Abraham Maslow’s theory?

2. Research Method

2.1 Research Method

In this study, the writer used descriptive qualitative method. As Aminuddin (1990) in Annisa (2016) stated that this method describes the qualitative information accurately, either the information about the characteristics of something, situation or phenomena. In addition, this method is a method in which the results are in the form of phenomenon description not numeral.

2.2 Method of Collecting Data

In order to collect the data, the writer takes some steps: reading the whole novel repeatedly, underlining the quotes, sentences or paragraphs that show the main characters’ conflict in the novel, selecting the data, by eliminating the information that are not relevant to the topic of the research and analyzing the collected data.

2.3 Method of Analyzing Data

There are some steps to analyze the data: classifying data that appropriate with the statement of the problem, classifying the conflicts by categorizing them into internal and external conflicts, analyzing and describing the conflict based on the theory of hierarchy needs by Abraham Maslow and how those conflicts affect the action of the main character, and writing the conclusion of the result of the analysis.

3. Finding and Discussion

3.1 Ronnie's Internal Conflicts.

- a. Having to spend the summer with her father.

The internal conflict happens when Ronnie is going to visit and spend the summer with her father in Wrightsville beach, North Carolina. Coming down to her father's place is not on her to do list. She hopes that she could spend the summer in Manhattan with her friends. In this case, she has to struggle with her own heart because she really does not want to spend the entire summer with her father. But, she knows that her mother will force her to do this.

- 1 *"she'd felt like a prisoner being transferred to a rural penitentiary. She couldn't believe her mom was actually going to make her go through with this. Ronnie was so enveloped in misery..." (page: 7)*
"She shook her head. She really didn't want to be here. God knows she wanted nothing to do with any of this". (page: 14)

The sentence *'she'd felt like a prisoner being transferred to a rural penitentiary'* shows the feeling of being trapped of helplessness. Ronnie feels disappointed and unhappy about this situation. She is annoyed that her mother forces her to do this. She does not want to be in her father's place because she hates him for leaving his family without any explanation. Spending the entire summer with her father is such a torture for her.

- b. Accusing for stealing

Another internal conflict happens when Ronnie is accused for stealing some things in Music store by Blaze. Blaze is the girl that she meets the first night she moves to Wrightsville beach, North Carolina. At first, Ronnie and Blaze are friends but then Blaze starts getting Ronnie into trouble because of jealousy. Blaze is jealous of Ronnie because Marcus (her boyfriend) likes Ronnie. Blaze put some CDs and half a dozen of the signed 45s in Ronnie's tote bag when they were in Music store. Therefore, it looks like Ronnie is the one who stealing those things. Because of this incident, Ronnie is arrested.

- 2 *"she'd been waking up in the middle of the night and finding it impossible to go back to sleep. It wasn't that she was terrified of going to prison—she doubted that she'd be locked up—but she fretted that these crimes would follow her forever. Would she have to reveal her history to a college she might*

attend? Did she have to tell her future employers? Would she be able to get a job teaching? She didn't know whether she'd attend college or even wanted to become a teacher, but the fear remained. Would this haunt her forever?" (page: 276)

She felt torn by conflicting emotions. She is afraid that these crimes would follow her forever. She is afraid it will haunt her forever. Everything is too depressing to believe.

c. Ronnie is falling in love with Will

While spending the summer in her father's place, Ronnie meets a boy named Will Blakelee and ends up falling in love with him. Ronnie has to face the truth that Will would be leaving for Vanderbilt.

3 *"she awoke feeling anxious. As always, she was acutely conscious of the fact that another day had passed, meaning one less day left with Will." (page: 346)*

She is worried to think about what will happen to her relationship with Will when the summer ends. She feels nervous every time she thinks about how many days left with Will.

d. Ronnie's father is sick

Ronnie also faces the internal conflict after knowing that her father has stomach cancer. She feels so frustrated.

4 *"She wanted to do something to make this nightmare go away. She wanted to turn back the clock to the moment the turtles had hatched, when all was right with the world."... (page: 375)*

When she tries to build the relationship with her father, she knows the truth that her father had a cancer. She feels completely overwhelmed. She hopes that she can turn back the time to the moment when everything was fine.

3.2 Ronnie's external conflicts

a. Ronnie against another character

1. Ronnie against her father

Ronnie and her father argue a lot. They argue about many things, but most of the conflicts happen when Ronnie hears her father playing the piano. She hates that her

father always play the piano. She thinks that he has an ulterior motive, perhaps to forge a bond with or convince her to start playing again because she has stopped playing the piano since the divorce of her parents. She hates the piano because it is something that she shared with her father in the past. It remains her to the happy moment in her life and she hates it.

5 *“Well, it makes me feel sick. Don’t you get that? I hate the piano. I hate that I had to play every single day! And I hate that I even have to see the damn thing anymore!” (page 108)*

The divorce of her parents really makes her disappointed. Therefore, she stops playing the piano to hurt her father because she knows that piano means the world to her father. Ronnie feels sick every time she hears her father playing the piano because it remains her of something that Ronnie and her father used to share in the past.

2. Ronnie against Blaze

The conflict starts rising between the two of them because of jealousy. Blaze is jealous at Ronnie because Marcus (Blaze’s boyfriend) likes her and pays her more attention. she tries to take a revenge on Ronnie by accusing her for shoplifting because she knows that Ronnie has a record of shoplifting.

6 *“You have to tell the police what you did,” Ronnie said without preamble. “I didn’t do anything. And you’re the one who got caught.” Ronnie felt like shaking her. “You put those forty-fives and CDs in my bag!” “No, I didn’t.” ... (page:133)*

3. Ronnie against Will

The conflict between Ronnie and Will happens after Ronnie knows the truth about the fire in the church. The church that burned down several months ago.

7 *“I know it was wrong,” he said quietly. “And I’ve felt guilty about it. I can’t tell you how many times I’ve wanted to go to the police.” ... “Go! You’re leaving anyway, and we’re never going to see each other again. Summers always come to an end. We can talk and pretend all we want, but we can’t change that, so let’s just end it here and now. I can’t handle all this right now, and I can’t be with someone I don’t trust.” ... (page:390)*

Ronnie feels disappointed to Will for covering up what Scott has done. She is really angry because Will is hiding the truth from her.

4. Ronnie against her mother (Kim)

The external conflict between Ronnie and her mother happens when Ronnie does not want to go back to New York. She insists to stay with her father, she wants to take care of her father and she wants to spend more time with her father. She really cares about her father after knowing the truth about his condition. On the other hand, her mother wants Ronnie to come back to New York with him. Her mother (Kim) attempts to dissuade her by telling her that it is not her responsibility to take care her father. Ronnie tells her mother that Steve is her father regardless of the fact that he had an affair but Kim's guilty face betrays her secret. Now that Ronnie knows the truth about her parents' divorce. As soon as she looks at her mother's facial expression, she realizes that her mother was the one who had an affair.

8 *“It wasn't Dad who had the affair, was it?” she said slowly. “It was you.” The realization hit Ronnie with an almost physical force. Her mom had the affair, not her dad. “That's why he left, isn't it? Because he found out. But you let me believe all along that it was all his fault, that he walked out for no good reason. You pretended it was him, when it was you all along. How could you do that?” Ronnie could barely breathe. (page: 400)*

She knows that it was not her father who had the affair, it was her mother. Ronnie's shock quickly turns to anger. She cannot believe that her mother had let her believe it was her father who had left for no reason at all. She is upset that her mother has been lying to her regarding the affair, a lie that was part of the reason she refused to talk to her father for three years. Now that she demands to stay with her father and spend more time with her father.

b. Ronnie against nature

We can see the element of nature in this novel such as beach, turtles, and raccoon. In this novel Ronnie has the conflict with nature when she tries to protect the turtle nest in the beach from the raccoon. She has to sleep in the beach in order to protect the turtle nest. All of her body was aching when she wakes up in the morning. Ronnie has never been sleeping in the beach before, but she did it to protect the turtle nest from the raccoon.

- 9 *Her first thought upon waking was that everything hurt. Her back was stiff, her neck ached, and when she got the courage to sit up, a stabbing pain coursed through her shoulder. (page: 123)*

From the statement above we know how struggle Ronnie is. She has to sleep in the beach although it is uncomfortable. She helps the turtles that are in dangerous situation. She protects the turtles from the wild raccoons that tried to eat the eggs of the turtles.

c. Ronnie against environment (social)

There is always a problem in every relationship. It is also happened with Ronnie and Will relationship. They love each other but they cannot resist that they different in many things, such as their socio-economic class. Will's mother knows that Ronnie is just an ordinary girl who comes from a broken home family. She does not sure about Ronnie's future. She also knows that Ronnie needs to face a charge of shoplifting. After knowing all the fact about Ronnie, Will's mother seems unhappy about their relationship.

- 10 *"Will, honey... don't you get that she's not good enough for you? You've got your whole future ahead of you, and the last thing you need in your life is someone like her. I've been waiting for you to figure it out on your own, but obviously you're too emotionally involved to see the obvious. She's not good enough for you. She's low-class. Low! Class!" (page: 317)*

Will's mother says those words because she does not like Ronnie. She thinks that Ronnie is not good enough for Will. She thinks that Will deserves a better person than Ronnie. When she knows that Will's mother does not like her, she begins to think to not see him again. She thinks that she should end up her relationship with Will.

3.3 The Application of Maslow's' Theory on the Action of the Main Character.

a. **Main character's physiological needs**

These needs include the needs of food, drink, clothe, sleep and oxygen. In this summer Ronnie and her brother have to spend their time with their father in Wrightsville beach, North Carolina. Although Ronnie comes from an ordinary family, she can easily fulfill the physiological needs. It is also told that Ronnie's father make a breakfast for his children. Ronnie is having breakfast with her father and her brother. Her father makes a

vegetarian breakfast burrito and offers Ronnie a cup of coffee. Ronnie becomes a vegetarian after the divorce of her parents. At first, it is difficult for Ronnie to get the food that she wants because her father does not know that she is a vegetarian. It is also difficult to find a restaurant or cafe that sells a vegetarian food. From the quotation above, it is shown that Ronnie is able to buy some foods like cheeseburger, French fries and other foods from those restaurants, but she will not eat those kinds of foods because she would feel herself getting nauseated. Therefore, after knowing that his daughter is a vegetarian, Steve (Ronnie's father) tries to make some vegetarian foods for her. Now that Ronnie is able to fulfill her needs for food as a vegetarian.

- 11 *As she approached, he took down a plate from the cupboard and added a tortilla, then scooped some of the mixings onto it. He offered it to her. "Is that enough?"*
"Plenty," she said. (page: 130)

From the explanation above, it is clear that the main character can fulfill the physiological needs and she has no major problem to fulfill the physiological needs. Therefore, physiological needs of the main character are fulfilled.

b. The main character's safety needs.

In *The Last Song* novel, the main character feels the threat of danger in mental form after the incident of shoplifting. In this novel, Ronnie is accused to steal some things in Music store. This incident happens when Ronnie meets Blaze in Music store to explain that she has no feeling for Marcus. However, Blaze does not want to believe everything that Ronnie has said. Therefore, she set a trap for Ronnie by putting some CD's into Ronnie's tote bag.

The owner of the store presses the charge against Ronnie. Ronnie feels anxious and worried about this incident because she can get convicted in a felony. However, Ronnie's father tries to help her daughter by finding a lawyer for Ronnie. It can be seen in this quotation below.

- 12 *"Are lawyers expensive?" "Good ones are," he said. "Can you afford that?"*
"Don't worry. I'll figure something out." (page: 205)

Ronnie's father tries to protect her by searching a lawyer for Ronnie. Steve knows that a good lawyer is expensive, but he wants to give the security and protection for his daughter. The process to fulfill this safety need leads Ronnie to reconnect and open up her heart to her father. She begins to have a respect to her father. She never yells at her father or says something rude like she used to do. This incident also helps Ronnie to be a nice and caring young woman. Although Blaze has done a bad thing to her, she does not hate her. She still helps Blaze when Marcus throws a fireball to her. Ronnie and Will help Blaze and bring her to the hospital. After that moment, Blaze finally tells the truth to the police. She admits that Ronnie does not do anything. She comes to Ronnie's house and apologizes to her. Now that Ronnie is free from the charge. She is free from the feeling of fear, anxious and chaos that have haunted her this summer. Therefore, the safety needs of the main character are fulfilled, she can fulfill the safety needs such as the need for protection and security, job, shelter and also the need to free from the feeling of fear, anxious and chaos.

c. Main character's Belongingness and Love needs.

When her parents decided to get divorce, she felt that her parents only care about themselves. After the divorce of her parents she never feels the love again, she cannot feel it again. The divorce of her parents really affects her and it changes her personality.

13 *“she'd never been in love, and sometimes she doubted whether she ever would be. After her parents divorced, she'd been kind of cynical about the whole thing...s” (page: 135)*

After the divorce of her parents, she does not believe in love, she does not believe that something good will happen. It is shown from the sentence '*she'd been kind of cynical about the whole thing*'. Her parental divorce really breaks her heart, it seems that no one has ever loved her especially her parents. Therefore, Ronnie tries to fulfill her needs for love and belongingness by making friends with the wrong crowds. She often spends her time with her friends at the club, but she does not care about it, she just wants to belong to someone else. Spending the summer with her father make her realize that her

father is a good man. She learns how to love and to be loved. She knows that her father loves her and her brother so much.

14 *“I will always love you, and I will always love Jonah.” (page: 414)*

The quotation above is taken from the letter that Steve (Ronnie’s father) wrote for Ronnie after the divorce. Ronnie realizes that her father will never stop loving her and her brother. From the explanation above, it can be concluded that love and belongingness needs of the main character are fulfilled. Although at the beginning her relationship with her parents, especially her father is not good, she realizes that her parents never stop loving her.

d. Main character's esteem needs.

First, the needs to gain appreciated by herself. Before the divorce of her parents, Ronnie lives happily with her family. She is very close to her father. Her father teaches her how to play a piano and she has an incredible talent in playing piano and composing music. Therefore, she is invited to perform in Carnegie Hall, a famous concert hall in New York when she was fourteen years old. It was Ronnie’s greatest achievement at that time.

15 *“It was one of the pieces she had performed at Carnegie Hall four years ago” (page: 8)*

It is a remarkable achievement for such a young player. However, after her father leaves her and her family, Ronnie does not care anymore about playing piano or composing a song. Until one summer, she has to spend the summer in her father’s house. She does not want to go, but she does not have a choice because she is still 17 years old. Ronnie really wants to get the freedom to choose. No matter how fiercely Ronnie has begged or complained about the summer, it is useless because she is still 17 years old. She hopes that she would turn 18 soon. Legally, she will be old enough to make her own decision. As the story developed, Ronnie finally gets her freedom, the right to do whatever she wants because she turns 18 years old. Ronnie’s decision to take care of her father is the first important decisions she makes as an adult. Ronnie refuses to come back

to New York and wants to stay with her father. No one can change her decision and tell her what she needs to do or does not need to do since she is 18 years old now.

- 16 *“I’m staying and I’m not going to discuss it. I’m eighteen now and you can’t force me to go back with you. I’m an adult and I can do what I want.” (page: 399)*

This time Ronnie gets the right to choose everything that she wants. Second, the needs to be appreciated by other are very important for the main character. In this novel, Ronnie can fulfill these needs. Because of her talent in playing piano and composing a song, Ronnie got the appreciation from Julliard School. She got a scholarship from Julliard School. But she is not sure to take it or not.

- 17 *“maybe you could go to Juilliard.”
“I know I could. They still write me. They’ve promised me they’ll make room if I change my mind.” She felt a surge of irritation. (page: 256)*

The administration and teachers at Julliard promise to make a room for Ronnie if she changes her mind. However, Ronnie has not decided yet because she is not sure this is what she wants to do. From the explanation above, it can be concluded that the main character (Ronnie) is able to fulfill the esteem needs. She gains the appreciation from herself during the summer that she spends in her father’s place. She also gets the appreciation from the others because of her ability in playing piano.

e. Main Character’s Self actualization needs.

In the beginning of the story, it is shown that Ronnie can actualize herself before her parental divorce, she can actualize herself with her father’s presence. She has an incredible talent in playing piano and she can actualize the potential that she has by having a wonderful performance in Carnegie Hall. However, when her father leaves her, she stops playing the piano and swears to not play it again; it is like she lost herself. She is not sure about what she is going to do with her ability in playing piano. She does not know what she needs to do with her life. She does not know how to actualize herself. Instead, she turns to be a rebellious girl

- 18 *Gone was the all-American girl he remembered, and in her place was a young woman with a purple streak in her long brown hair, black fingernail polish, and dark clothing. (page: 20)*

From the dialogue above, it can be seen that Ronnie really lost herself. She becomes a rebellious girl as her escapement from the reality of her parental divorce. One day, Ronnie has to spend the summer with her father. She has never imagined that the summer she spends in her father's place will be the process toward the true self actualization for her. She has been through so many complicated situations during the summer that she spent in her father's place. All of these situations help her to be more mature, especially when she knows her father's disease and the reason why her parents got divorce. She has grown in her thought and her soul. As the thanksgiving passes, Ronnie finds the unfinished song that her father was working on in the summer. She works on it and tries to finish the song for her father. She tells him that she completed his song and she wants to play it for him. She plays the piano for the first after three years. She plays for her father as long as she could and she tries so hard to make it beautiful for him because she knows how much it meant for him.

19 *Leaning over, she kissed him on the cheek. "I finished your song," she said. "Our last song. And I want to play it for you." (page: 444)*

After the death of her father, Ronnie comes back to New York and lives with her mother and her brother. Ronnie has made a decision that she is going to audition at Julliard.

20 *"I think I'm going to audition at Julliard," she said slowly. "We'll see if they'll still have me." (page: 452)*

Ronnie is going to audition at Julliard. This is another way to actualize herself. She has opened her auditioned with the song that she has composed with her father. Since the audition, she has been playing three or four hours a day. The director has arranged to let her use the school's practice room. She begins to tinker with some fledgling compositions. From the explanation above, it can be concluded that the main character (Ronnie) can fulfill self actualization needs by finishing an unfinished song that her father was working on and auditioning at Julliard School. Although the process to fulfill the self actualization needs is not that easy, in the end Ronnie can fulfill these needs.

Conclusion

The Last Song is the novel that is written by Nicholas Sparks which tells about a girl named Ronnie. She comes from a broken home family. She has spent almost three years not speaking to her father because of his decision to leave her and her family.

From the analysis, the writer found out that the main character (Ronnie) faced both of internal and external conflict. In the second part of the analysis, the writer used Abraham Maslow's hierarchy of needs. The hierarchy of needs is drawn as a pyramid and consists of five levels. They are psychological needs, safety needs, love and belongingness needs, esteem needs and self-actualization needs. From the analysis, it is known in the beginning of the story it is not easy for Ronnie to fulfill those needs, especially the safety needs, love and belongingness needs, esteem needs and self actualization. After the divorce of her parents, it becomes a problem for Ronnie to fulfill those needs because she loses her father figure. However, the summer that she spends in her father's house really change her and help her to fulfill those needs. She becomes a mature, caring and loving girl. She becomes a better person and a better daughter for her parents.

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