

Social Injustice in a Selected Collection of Faulkner's Short Stories

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Abstract

The research tackles certain human conditions that many of the giant writer's pens included in their literature. This research tries to provide accurate explanations concerning the effect of society on human life. The arena of this research is William Faulkner's group short story puts x-ray on the society's functions a foul play , against human being , this unfair game results a great divergence in human trajectory.

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المخلص

يتناول البحث مساله مهمه تناولتها الكثير من اقلام عمالقة الكتاب وهي الحالات الإنسانية التي يتعرض لها الانسان نتيجة مروره وتأثره بظرو الحياة المختلفة ،وتأثير العائله السليبي، بل و في أحيان كثيره تأثير المجتمع السليبي أيضا على هذه الحالات ، يتناول البحث عدد من الحالات الإنسانية في مجموعه من القصص القصيرة للكاتب الأمريكي وليم فوكنر ، ومعاناة هؤلاء الأشخاص من قسوة العائله بشكل خاص واحيانا المجتمع بشكل عام ،مما يلعب دورا عظيما في مصيرهم المحزن .

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Introduction:

Society in general and family in particular play a vital role in either alleviating human life or destroying it. The focus here will be on the latter role .Society appears here just like a wild forest and a violent wood in which man loses his human right and is left frail and aimless .The research traces new injustice that is played at the hands of the assumed protectors. Man is stultified at the hands of family and society. The pain and injustice, of closed persons seems vital since the victimizers have authority and power over their weak victims.

Society has a fatal power in deaden human's soul to such extent of leaving it insane and aimless in a world that needs strength to be lived normally. .Tracing this pain via indulging in various stories to have evidences and may be remedies for this destructive injustice .Home and social rules participate in pushing man to be a weak person who has no decision or power to be active or at least true human .

The union of interior and exterior injustice can achieve the deadly blow on man .Faulkner introduces new vision about the familial horror which can be more painful that the social one .Having different victims with different events and stories can be effective evidence of the

destructive role of some families over their members. Besides, the family injustice man falls as a victim of a social violence and human discrimination. Class and color are vital means of achieving this injustice. Social traditions of some societies aggravate the human blight .Man should endure facing interior and exterior war.

1- " A Rose for Emily"

Miss Emily was the hero of Faulkner's short story " A Rose for Emily ", she was an old southern woman who trapped in a society bent on forcing to stay in her role . throughout her miserable life miserable life , she clinged to the old ways , even when she tried to break free , the cruel society obliged her to die alone in a seemingly haunted house, the corruption of that woman relied on the ill- treatment that she faced from the society around her ,beginning with the family (her father)and ending with her neighbor, relatives ,and the town people in general , whom they terribly affected her life. As far as we read the story , Emily was an only child ; of a restricted father where she lived throughout her life under the shadow of his echo ,as well as the shallow of the old traditions , old fashioned behavior that the aristocratic people were covered with.

Beginning with the father who was the prominent effective element which directly caused her destruction, he played a complete control role on her life when he was alive and continued his controlling from beyond the grave

, during his life , he was successful in creating a monumental characters by using his aristocratic rules upon her, as it was evidenced in this speech that the narrator began the story "When Miss Emily Grierson died ,our town went to her funeral , the men through sort of respectful affection for a fallen monument." (Faulkner's R.E. 300) In essence, Miss Emily was an immortal monument , which stands as the last representative of the southern values , Though her economic circumstances were grim , since her father didn't leave for her any source aristocratically ruins of her family , although this faithfulness played a main role in her tragic destiny at the end of the novel. of money that may help her, but she was still faithful to the old.

Her father played a successful role in creating a creature who completely lived in alienation world, separating from the outside sociable manners of life , actually the dominant father went far to make sure that she didn't have any friend , lover or a husband unlike other girls in her age under the excuse that no one of these young was suited to their aristocratic statue ."None of the young men were quite good for Miss Emily" (Faulkner,R.E.322)Faulkner successfully drawing a portray to the father , confirming his unusual domineering ,and perhaps capable of deep cruelty , even towards her only daughter , the result was that each time she wanted to escape , eventually trapped by his father's statue, one might think that she was too weak to take any kind of decision in her life or even to

stand against her father's will during his life and even after his death , she refused to believe that her father died , because he was the only world that she knew , he represented to her the whole universe around .First , he started separating her from friends , then he successfully attempted to push away from any lovers, and even suitors , which means that each man proposed to marry her , the father completely rejected him under the claim of them being ordinary people , who were away from the blue blood of the aristocratic , so it was difficult for these suitors to fulfill their old traditions.

Actually, with the moment that her father died , she showed her astonishment towards this tragic event more than sadness, she didn't believe the death of her father , which means that she lost the ability to run her life, since he was the main source of her existence as well as her communication with the world around, cause she understood her life according to her father 's microscope, after the death of her father , the ladies of the town came to Miss Emily's house in order to offer their condolences , the women observed that she had "No trace of grief in her face ." (Faulkner's ,R.E.311) the town people also realized during the funeral of his father that she looked like a ghost , showing inability to either feel or demonstrate appropriate behavior or emotion, during which Miss. Emily insisted to the visitors that "her father wasn't dead."(Faulkner, R.E.312)

"When the ill individual suddenly no longer has to cope with managing external stressors and they succumb to the psychotic symptoms that have been latent." (Sataton, 275) when the days passed rapidly after her father's death, she also began to avoid contact with the people outside, and this was another psychotic symptom became documented against her. "She went out very little, after her sweet heart went away, people hardly saw her at all." Faulkner's *R.E.* 314) She felt neither emotionally, nor mentally well, she kept on her sickness for a long time." She was used to such kind of life and greatly dependent on her father spiritually, so when her father had passed away, she was unable to survive civilly, on her own. As a result, she kept herself in seclusion, refusing to adopt the changing environment that surrounded her, even after his death, Emily's father played a huge role in her life, the crayon portrait of her father, which appears repeatedly in the story symbolizes his continued presence in her life." (Scherting, 233)

Both of her loneliness and her isolation occupied a great part of her delusions, that led to her mental illness necrophilia, that eventually led to her destruction. On the other hand her society, instead offering any kind of help to maintain the painful sane, they persisted to transform her into insane person, because these people avoid confronting Miss. Emily about any important concerns, such as the terrible, such as the terrible smell that was emanating from her home, which itself becoming more

"detached , superseded and forbidding "(Faulkner R.E.327)as a result of the death of his beloved Barron Homer who was eventually, the town people found his corps lying on a bed inside Miss. Emily private bedroom.

Actually, from the beginning of the story, the narrator took notice to portray Miss. Emily in front of his reader as a punctual person , through emphasizing that she was a version of her father's personality , with the same old-fashioned , and old-tradition , her father cared to sow these traditional seeds in her personality ."A live, Miss Emily had been a tradition a duty, and a care, a sort of hereditary obligation upon the town." (Faulkner, R.E.312) Emily described here as an object or a thing passed on from generation to generation , actually , passing across these generations rolled a great part in her down fall..

Another vivid incidents ,that portrayed Emily's character stuck to the statue of her aristocratically woman whom she inherited and learnt from her idol father was that ,when the tax collectors came to her ,informing her that she should pay taxes , she had the believe that there were new taxes in Jefferson ,and she didn't even realize how the northern industrialization invade the city of Jefferson .New generation began to dominate the wide fields of life, road pavement ,electricity and so on. She still remained in her traditional old monument, and that is clear when she wrote a note to Mr. Sarty "A note on paper of an archaic shape, in a thin, following calligraphy in faded ink, to the

effect that she no longer went out at all. The tax notice without comment." (Faulkner, R.E.314) from her hand writing which was belonged to the traditional ways, to her stationary to her way of dealing with the new tax collector, one definitely realized that such kind of character was still living in the dusty past, the past that she arrested herself inside it, just like a jail that one couldn't escape, refusing any attempt to escape her old spirit from this nightmare she denied all modern aspects of life around her, and even she prevented the workers to put a mental box for e-mail attached to her wall house.

Her society also played a great role in pushing Miss. Emily for being insane this society always looked upon her as an ancient typical statue that they tried to avoid, it was one of the most important sources that pushed her gradually to her mental decline, by leaving her alone with her black past memories in an empty large mansion with an old black servant only. "The women mostly out of curiosity to see the inside of her house which no one save and old man servant –a combined gardener and cook-had seen in at least ten years."(Faulkner, R.E.322)

People in her town assisted in condemning her illness, they found to confirm Emily's insane , by claiming that this was a constant disease that all the Griersons family had , as a result to their old aristocracy statues, a kind of statue that cost them a lot ,and unfortunately Miss Emily had to pay in one way or another for this cost , the cost of belonging to the Grierson's family, as if the town people

accused Miss. Emily for something (that was the nephew of aunt Wyatt who suffered mental illness throughout her life she didn't get to choose . "People in our town remembering how old Wyatt, her great aunt, had gone completely crazy at last"(Faulkner, R.E.322)

So Emily was set as a symbol of a tradition , a member from the noble upper class, which clung to a certain , special values , she was mythologized as a pure angle not a human being who had the right to love and be a married woman ,and when the northern day laborer ,Homer Barron had a kind of trendy feelings towards her, all the southern people expressed their rejection against this affair ,under the excuse that Emily in doing that , she definitely broke down all the southern conventions and rules, the whole people town stood against her and even that "Of course a Grierson wouldn't think seriously of a Northern , a day laborer."(Faulkner,R.E.321), the minister's wife wrote to Miss Emily's relatives in Alabama to come and stop her disgraceful behavior , so that the old fashion southern conventions not only affected Emily's thoughts and feelings but also these conventions drove her towards his tragic end .As well as caused her miserable destiny.

Such society prevented her to live as an ordinary, normal woman, and even when she tried to , they immediately came and deprived her away from achieving her dream as a woman to be loved and married , the old southern conventions arrested her once more to be deserted alone in this life , to be merely a statue ,without

spirit. A very severe treatment that changed her to be a criminal one, and killed her beloved in order to give a rebellious message to her society beginning with her dominated father and ending with the town people, in her disturbed mind, she believed that, at last she could live a life that she always dreamed of it, by killing Homer and sleep beside his corpse to fill -up her desire.

"What Emily has done seems grotesque primarily because she is a woman indeed a lady in society with restrictive standard for what a lady might properly do. Faulkner sees Emily as a woman victimized and betrayed by the system of sexual politics, who nevertheless has discovered, within the structures that victimize her, sources of power for herself." (Staton ,75) indeed such a tragic ending for a pure angle character like Emily, who was born pure and innocent, but this pure child was corrupted by the old rigid southern society that surrounded her which led to her complete destruction after she passed through a lot of disappointed and defeated situations.

William Faulkner was a giant in the realm of American literature, through the character of Homer Barron, the writer truly reflected the brutish southern society after the Civil War, this fierce war caused the bitter conflict between southern tradition and the northern industry; the relationship between the past and the modern generation, actually the modern north accepting advance and rejecting the traditional past, the emergence of this conflict proved

the truth that the development of society was the interaction between the modern and the past ,fantasy and reality life and death ,change and eternity.

The appearance of Homer Barron revealed the rootless of the southern descendants ,they realized deeply that the northern industrial development betrayed the whole south with their traditions and regions , in return the inherited southern conventions and values denied the new life, in fact , the old southern stubbornly rejected the aggressive invasion of this new life; this rejection obviously made them suffering for a long time from loneliness and bitterness of separating the new life that the northern dominated after they won the civil war against the southern . Homer Barron , was a man whom Miss .Emily probably murdered , represented an agent of the northern invasion to the southern people who surrounded Emily by their humanized statue, these people considered the appearance of Homer as one of the greatest obstacles which came from the north and gallivanted in the defeated south ; since the town people in the south defeated by the northern , they hated the Yankee which was a symbol of the north to come and invaded their old beliefs.

Homer, as a matter of fact, also represented the lower social statues, in this case, he absolutely didn't have the right to build a love relationship with their monumental woman (, i.e., Miss. Emily) who previously mentioned as their pure angle. being left alone , after her father's death, she would become humanized by their terminal society ,

she lived in her isolated world ,like a bird in a cage , that all people saw it ,but none of these people dared to enter this ghostly cage .

When Homer Barron arrived at Jefferson as an employee in one of the construction companies that invade the south with their new civilized business , Emily incidentally fell in love with this Yankee who came with the new industrial development . This love considered to her as a symbol of lifetime of happiness and a hope for future life , but unlikely , this graceful feelings stood against the traditional current back then, disregarded and entirely deserted the essential differences and pride between their social statues , Miss . Emily believed that in creating such a love affair with this northern man , she might be escaped from all the rigid rules that fate throw her in it , so that , she engaged in a love relationship with Homer Barron , dreaming for a better future happy marriage , she devoted all her feelings to Homer ,considered him as her knight who came on a white horse, escaping her from this miserable life , to a different settled one, away from her loneliness . She planned to marry him and finished all the arrangement for their wedding, but Emily's dream was crashed away once again by the tragic reality.

Once again society played a devastating role, the southern with their selfish nature as well as hatred to the winning northern, tried for one reason or another to corrupt and even break down this kind of relationship for nothing but to prove and emphasized their hatred through

the character of Homer for no crime, just punished him for his northern roots. how dare that this Yankee northern established such kind of relationship with their idol tradition .

Eventually, the town people began to gain any opportunity to drag his name to the dirt. First of all , they were gossiping that Homer likes men , they claimed that "He liked men "(Faulkner ,R.E.3),which means that Homer was a homosexual person , he spent his night drinking and making illegal relations with men , the town people grabbed any opportunity to spoil Homer's reputation. By this rumor (liked men) , it isn't necessary mean that he was homosexual , perhaps ,he liked to spend almost his time drinking with other men in the club for a kind of entertainment , but the malevolent people in the south ,with their rigid rule society rejected this matter and considered it as a shameful thing .

Anyway, there was another kind of gossiping, which also effected severely Homer's name, when they said that he wasn't the kind of man who sought for love and marriage, or even aiming to be a responsible father , he was nothing more than a playful boy who wanted to waste his time with Miss . Emily and treated her a possessed puppet ,then he got rid of it , and then threw it away. In this sense , Homer Barron , was also a black sheep of oppressive society that ambushed any occasion to betray his statue , all his crime was that his root belonged to the northern invasion which the defeated southern inherited a lot of

hatred against them after the civil war, these people refused to confess that the northern smashed them , on the other hand , they also couldn't forget the storming of the industrial northern that really digging in their defeated souls ,and Homer Barron definitely considered as one of these main role in her tragic destiny at the end of the novel. of money that may help her, but she was still faithful to the old.

" Homer is a classic victim, because he is guilty for unpardonable crime against the community ,he was born in the north, which in the world of Jefferson ,Mississippi since the day of the civil war , has been a capital of offense." (Gruella , 49) we have come to understand that his presence in Jefferson , the south at that time exactly, and no other places suggested a reunification of north and south after the civil war; and he himself was an agent of progress and industrialization that existed in a rigid southern community , so it was a great challenge to accept such kind of personality among them , cause such kind of person was firstly played a great role in reminding them with their old , tremendous , shameful defeat , secondly , the presence of this character represented as a mortal memorial that was present every day in their life, and definitely , was transformed as a monument that always remembered them of their contradict personality which Faulkner honestly tried to portray to his southern society, he concentrated on the idea that the south accepted the

advance of the new generation , but at the same time, they still stuck to their restricted values.

Despite all the judgmental gossips ,Emily insisted to keep their love affair both of them walked together in the sunny Sundays in his "Yellow -Wheeled buggy ."(Faulkner, R.E.323) " A foul smell emanates from her old home , causing some men from the town to sneak into her yard to sprinkle it with lime , Emily herself goes through profound physical changes growing fat and grey headed " (Faulkner, R.E.344)here , Emily probably poisoned Homer by arsenic that she had already bought from the pharmacy, she couldn't marry him ,she preferred to commit , may be even suicide with him ,in both cases ,she committed such a terrible crime , but through this crime she achieved two things , first of all , she believed in her illness mind that doing such a terrible crime ,enabled her to possess Homer Barron forever for her , and the second she found her relief in committing such illegal incident which stood as her ill-reaction towards the ill-treatment of her society throughout her life , Emily betrayed both in her life , when her father completely dominated her to the range that he vanished her personality , as well as the society which prevented her to marry Homer Barron who considered to her the last chance in her life to survive, to feel that she was still alive like any normal person .

So that ,Homer Barron became really a victim of both , his Yank appearance and a victim of Emily's mental mind who was devastated that the second man (Homer Barron)

in her life was going to leave her , because after the incident of her father's death (the first man in her life) ,she had a trouble allowing his body to be removed from the house , by killing Homer, at least , she could ensure that by killing Homer means that he would remain with her as long as she chose , the point of murder was supposed to be allowed because she had purposely gone to the pharmacy to buy arsenic.

As a result , Homer Barron appeared in such a complex time and place, the southern society that didn't forget their revenge and their defeated at the hand of the northern after the end of the civil war , plus his relationship with monumental woman which was considered it also as a risk , that led to his destruction . Homer also was a victim of the circumstances around him.

2- "**Barn Burning**"

Abner Snopes was the father of a family , he worked as a sharecropper in the Aristocratic Colonel De Spain Barn , He tried to live a peaceful life , because he was a father of three children and one daughter , but the southern community didn't let him live peacefully , because of the illegal , darkness documented background , unfortunately , Abner was one among almost many people who lived in the old-line society in the south of America, exactly at the time , when the traditions and values were being effected , changed and challenged to the worse by new northern

people values in the story " Barn Burning "which Abner Snopes played a great effective role in it .

Abner Snopes lived during the period of Great depression, with the emergence of northern industry , so that, Faulkner explored the individuals of human beings ,when they lose their faithful communication with the society and its moral values. Through the tale of Abner Snopes , Faulkner tried to explore the downfall of the society at that time and the terrible changing that definitely tortured natural pure instinct in human being due to the horrible changes that this period witnessed after the civil war , the new construction companies that came from the north , the defeat of the south , their invasion and domination by the north , all these elements caused rapidly the destruction of morals in the society.

Investigating his background , we found him a simple man who suffered poverty as a result of the capitalism which dominated America during (1800-1900) , the Capitalism authorized each and every branch of life back then Abner Snopes was one of the victimized members who belonged to this era, he failed to live a pure ,straight forward moral life , the circumstances that surrounded him at that time , caused his bad affect .such terrible circumstances that obliged him to be transformed into a horses 'thief .we conclude that his participation in the civil war as a mercenary rather than out of loyalty or patriotism; then then he began to steal horses from the military themselves during the war ,perhaps this was the

main reason for being shot by the southern white themselves , this caused him a serious injury with limp that effected deeply in his mental illness throughout his life.

All these detestable circumstances changed and challenged him as a human being ,he rebels against what he saw as the injustice as well as unfairness of this monstrous situation in America, this situation actually corrupted and violated everything around them as a normal human being , led him to ultimately self –defeating actions, like burning barns and soiling Colonel De Spain's rug , he was a thief and a coward even before the end of the civil war , but now he absolutely isolated himself from his pride and morals ,identity and his human sense, due to the new equality , financial values that invade his world ,he felt completely blame the world for his terrible actions ,he violated and condemned his moral rules thoroughly in order to be a statue with which it was able to go on with the new world's values; without showing any kind of regret that he may be shown to himself.

Every time Snopes tried to live in peaceful , descent way, the equality of society crushed him away for one reason or another , by the end of the civil war , he tried to live as a white sharecropper with his responsibility as a father of three children and a wife , he chose to settle in one location and never last left ; but once more the society punished him , the stubbornness of the Law man Mr. Harris and trade man Colonel De Spain urged him to leave

the place, for a crime he didn't commit "No , Harris said violently ,explosively ."Dame nation ! send him out of here !Now time , the fluid world ,rushed beneath him again , the voices coming to him again through the smell of cheese and sealed meat, the fear and despair of the old grief blood."(Faulkner, B.B.311)

The violation, and the exploitation that he faced throughout his experience in life and even his serious injury in the heel left him with the limp made him found it as excuse for a personal objection against the society , but because he was a father and he was responsible for his children who urged him go forward to this society and interact with those people who saw in him the seeds of evil, to deal with his conflict Snopes deludes himself ,seeing every wrong and misery that injustice to him in his mental illness , as a result , he began to find his relief in hurting the upper class in one way or another , he even began to justify all evil things that he had committed , because there was a sheer –gap between the rich and the poor would lead to a hatred towards the rich.

His tool of destruction was fire , he didn't want to kill anybody , but the problem was that he still participated in society from his situation as a father of family , but his impotent and his current search for revenge , created from him a monster , a violent person towards everyone who comes in contact with him , and unfortunately , all his horrible actions came to his mind as a revenge and not an evil thing. "When such a separation occurs in a

community, one can feel that he doesn't belong and because he doesn't belong that the only way the higher class will give him the time of day is if the person acts out and tries to prove that he doesn't need law and conventional society ."(Hills , 429)this inability to function in society, hair trigger want to retaliate against anyone that point out when he was responsible for a situation makes it easy for Snopes to feel free to violate society's rules . so that , " Barn Burning " is justice and legal in his destruction ,mental mind ,and Abner Snopes in this analysis was a victim not a criminal, because in his disturbed mind , he still saw himself as a man forced to deal in corrupted world. The impoverished condition of the family pushed them to struggle hard to survive in a rich -dominant society.

Abner was a poor white sharecropper that he tried to live a peaceful life but his mixture with the upper class such as Mr. Harris , the Law man as well as Colonel De Spain whom they represent the upper rich , treated him as a tiny creature, out of sensation, not a human being , out of flesh and blood .definitely , all these brutal actions ,betrayed him, embraced the evil with him , which led to his alienation from the higher class in society , eventually ,he began to justify to his mind that any brutal act against this upper rich was something fair and justice , transformed him into a great ugly avenger.

As a matter of fact, Snopes in "Barn Burning" resisted all these injustices he could bear or justified the detestable

circumstances around him, he failed to find a legal way to deal with such terrible situation that fate had put him in, which eventually led to his downfall. Society will remove Abner Snopes selfish, victim, seeking revenge personality and pushed him to face reality that he was a demon who rejecting but still working within his community, which caused him to be ruined and faced his destructive destination.

The story conflict in " Barn Burning " revealed these individuals who had resisted these injustices and consequently ,cause their inevitable downfall Sarty Snopes ,was one of the individuals who had suffered a lot , he examined the conflict and witnessed the injustice that fell down upon the destination of his family , the injustice caused both he and his father , the father who was also a victim of class discrimination, he was a poor sharecropper who suffered the cruelty of the rich people , As Abner ,the father was a victim of class ,of inequality, and injustice ,Sarty the son dealt with the severe conflict throughout the story between his morals and his loyalty , to his father who had already a victim of circumstances that unfold in that time, Sarty in "Barn Burning "gave up his father and seems that he followed the traditional values that Faulkner's message which was equality and sympathy should be spread among all human being .

Throughout the story , we would see that Sarty's internal conflict caused against his father harsh , frustrated behavior , we understand from the incidents that he

always abused his wife , his sons ,and his daughter ,and almost all the people who were in touch or around him, as a result , Sarty lived under the fear ,frightened ,betrayal authority of his father , Abner Snopes, actually , Sarty loved his father because of the single fact that Abner was his father , no matter ,how evil a father was a part of deep down inside because Abner Snopes did nothing but abuse anyone whoever loved him throughout the entire story.

At the beginning of the story, in the court scene ,the little boy (Sarty) defended his father strongly ,even he praised him, because his father fought the enemy for the survival of his country , the little Sarty admired the courage of his father ,but he still remembered his harsh face "Crouching, small for his age , small and wiry like his father in patched and faded jeans even too small too small for him uncombed ,brown hair and eyes grey and wild as storm scud, he saw the men between himself and the table part and become a lone of grim faces, at the end of which spectacles beckoning , him. He felt no floor under his bare feet; he seemed to walk beneath the parable weight of the grim turning faces "Faulkner, B.B.310)

Such an amazing description for a little boy who was standing in front of the justice court , asking from him to confess the truth against his father who supposed to be accused for burning the barn of Mr. Harris ,a little boy was chosen by the cruel hands of fate to stuck in this harsh ,difficult situation ,a very poor dressing with bare feet ,uncombed hair that confirmed the poverty of his family ,

and above all the poverty of the father who already justified to himself to do everything even it was illegal in order to survive in this cruel society , in order to increase his poor ability to serve his family , on the other hand , the boy totally lost his sensation, full of fear frightened from the awful condition that fate put him in. These people in the court ,asked from him to pull his blood relationship of his accused father for the value of society, forgetting that the same society ,was the main responsible in transforming his father into a criminal. In addition to his sights towards his father , who definitely abused him , in case that he said anything against him ."His father stiff in his black Sunday coat donned not for the trial but for the moving ,didn't even look at him .He aims for me to tie , he thought again with that frantic grief and despair .And I will have to do hit."(Faulkner, B.B.311)

Sarty was always blind respect to any of his father's behavior ,no matter whether this behavior was right or wrong ,legal or illegal ,in order to keep his father's dignity and reputation .Even in the court ,the boy said nothing but never agreed with his father primitive revenge activities, but as a little boy , he had to follow the religious and social principles which taught him to be an obedient son, complete loyalty to his father specifically and to the family rules generally ,that's the main reason in his preferring to be blind and silent under the pressure of his harsh father, so that , the boy keeps repeating this speech admiring the falsity brave of his father in the Civil War" He was brave !

He was in the war in Colonel Sartoris cavalry "Faulkner, B.B. 312) His father on the side was also quite confident that his son never betray him ; that's why the father didn't even look at him .

As a matter of fact , there was another important element that Sarty adopted blind obedience to his father , actually the dominant of the puritanism ideology throughout the southern region in America at that time following this ideology ,one should respect father's absolute authority and all the family members should be submissive to the head of the family , no matter what they did or how they behaved, their words were so powerful that everyone should follow them without discussion, from this point , we can justified Stray's blind obedience to his father in his early childhood, due to the puritan principles at that time .

" In "Barn Burning" short story, Faulkner portrayed an accurate , inevitable tragic picture that eventually happened , when the traditional met the individual points of right and justice."(Fielder , 8) such a contradict society in the south, this society confirmed on the spirit of loyalty to the head members in the family , this in one hand, but on the other hand , the same society didn't recognize whether this head member follow legal rules or not.

The boy's consciousness gradually growing up to be an independent human being, and began to recognize the right and wrong justice around his society .Unlike his father, he grow with the sensation of a good boy, and in

many previous times ,Sarty tried to satisfy his father of getting rid his illegal activities such as barn burning activities, but psychologically speaking Abner Snopes , found his relief and justified himself throughout these activities , perhaps his son didn't recognize the cruelty against his father which was the main reason in transforming him into a criminal, but Sarty as an adult man now, actually , he believed that his father's activities were wrong , and according to the social traditions his father classified as a dangerous member , within all these inner conflict inside Sarty were floated on the surface , which was an important reason to the emergence of a later action, when Sarty tried to satisfy his father to stop going on his burning plans, the boy didn't lose hope that his father may be some days he could find goodness in himself , and realized the crimes that he had committed "May be this is the end of it .May be even that twenty bushes that seems hard to have to pay for just a rag will be cheap price to stop forever and always from being what he used to be.(Faulkner,B.B.322) At the mature understanding that Sarty had reached , he was still confirm to the respect and loyal to the authority of his father in the family, but he felt that he couldn't be blind towards his father's impetuous and even criminal actions that led hurting the others .

He passed through a long pave way of complex inner feelings, he felt that he was just like something trapped between the legal society standards and the loyalty to his

family bounds, finally his own standards of right and fair conquered against the old fierce blood .

At last, Sarty broke his silence, his aimless efforts to put any kind of limitations to his father's criminal actions; he lost his final hope to straighten his father's life style. So that by the end of the story , when Sarty informed Colonel De Spain about his father's intention get his revenge from him by burning his barn, Colonel De Spain became furious and he wanted not shoot only the boy but also the father, one can believe that Sarty wanted to protect his father , to prevent him going on his savage crimes , but unfortunately , he heard the gun shoot , which was an incident of his father's death by the gun of Colonel De Spain.

Eventually, and as a result of this foul incident , Sarty had to leave his own family , under the rules that punished him of the family itself, but with the satisfaction that he achieved his moral conquer against the injustice that his father cemented all his life, consequently ,he lost his blood roots and became rootless figure, wherever and whenever he went , throughout his life , people around always felt suspicious about his life background , being rootless was just like ghost ,one had no past ,no present and eventually no future, achieving justice and conquering the moral against the immoral values and principles cost him a high price, the world whipped Sarty with displeasure , for nothing just to fix on his moral principles that he had already taught him , but on the contrary , society deserted him for a crime that he never committed at all.

Both fathers and sons became victims of the inhuman, unconcerned southern society ;sons fell into the struggles between their own standard as an independent person and the thoughts rooted by fathers and society Nobody would happy and lived a peaceful life in such kind of society ,due to the suppression and neglect of individual conscience , a great gap was formed between the new generation and the traditional family , and that's why ,Sarty had to betray his family after a long period of mental torture .

3- " Dry September"

"Dry September ", may seem to be just a story about how a black man was wrongly condemned to death , it is also about the moral and social demise of woman who was no longer valued and wanted in the southern society in America. Minnie Copper was a white southern woman, she brought up deeply inside the southern old conventions, she felt that she hadn't got any place for her in such an old society, because woman over 30 without marriage ,made the people town invented various kinds of gossip around her, Minnie Copper was almost 40 ,unmarried woman , she lived with her aunt ,her permanent life based on certain ,familiar actions , for example , her day was divided into three essential parts , in the morning she swung in her porch swing ; in the afternoon ,she dressed and went shopping , then in the evening ,she dressed and went watching movies.

"Minnie had no choice, but to create a lie , Minnie's world ,offering no alternatives, encouraged Minnie's to consent to, even create ,her own victimization in the interests of consolidating white control."(Andrews, 51) So that, being a woman without marriage in such a rigid southern society was considered a kind of curse, because the basic logic in the southern community in this late 1920s and early 1930s in Jefferson ,Mississippi mind set, if the woman was unmarried , the world considered her as sex-starved and that was the main reason to give herself a permission to do anything that bring back white sexual attention once again .

The southern conventions that spread during that era was following a very restricted social law, the dominant of the man in society, prevented woman to deal with any activities throughout her life, she was only daughter in her father's house, then a wife in her husband's house, the only job for her was to take care of her husband as well as growing up her children, she hadn't any essential role outside her house. It was manhood society, so that marriage in this case, considered a secured shelter, at the same time, protecting her from the rude gossip of the town people who monitored each and every part of her life. "Man must be responsible individual in his personal life, but his personal life involves his responsibility as a member of the community."(Kerr , 30),under this speech, one can understand why Minnie Copper created such a terrible claim against poor Will Mayes , because her

society had inferior towards her ,since she was unmarried woman.

So that, the art of Faulkner was that human being should be under controlled by his human instinct ,applying them with the restricted demands of his society ,in order to be lived a calm ,peaceful life .Minnie Copper as a woman who belonged to a rigid society found herself passing 40 years without marriage .She began to compromise her personality to a strange things ,she never hesitate to do anything in order to appear as an ordinary ,wanted woman, first of all , she had a date with a widower who worked in a bank ,at the beginning ,all her friends encouraged her ,but when this widower escaped her away from his life , the same town people including her friends accused her of committing adultery sin with him. People accused her with their rough gossip, that social gossip prevented anyone to propose her for marriage, the existence of traditional society based on the rules ,definitely accused those who seek the guidance of their own conscience or who are excluded from keeping in touch with their fellows ,led to their isolation and alienation from these traditional society.

Sometimes, we found that society itself involved and accused to encourage their victims through their rumor, for example, when the bank teller visited Jefferson once a year for a (Christmas) bachelor's party at the hunting club, her neighbor saw him in the same party, " they would tell her about him ,about how well he looked and how they

heard her was prosperity in the city."(Faulkner, D.S.410), in fact the same neighbors tormented her about her affair with the bank widower, these women tried to find a husband for her , they thought she actually had needed when they taunt her about this banker man; the same women and according to their behaviors pushed her towards her strange manner with Will Mayes; these kinds of human beings were just as mixed up as she was ,and their confusion come out in dark ways. "It was twelve years now since she (Minnie) had been relegated to adultery by the public opinion."(Faulkner, D.S.204)

If we put in mind that their influence were strong enough over her, the result was that these gossiping woman were really successful in creating a great evil upon her , their bad actions that they tried to veil upon Minnie Copper raised many questions ,about their vital role to transfer her into mental illness which led to her guilt in Will's fate. Following social class evidence "Minnie was of comfortable people-not the best in Jefferson, But good people enough." (Faulkner,D.S.202),here the town people contradicted themselves ,they changed their opinion on Minnie, especially her school mates in school, with the rumor that had spread throughout the city about Will's tragedy with her , as if her schoolmates began to be aware of that they were of higher class than she only when this tragic issue floated on the surface ;as if her schoolmates wanted through this nonsense utterance to deny their

acquaintance of her , it was also an extra doses that pushed Minnie Copper towards her dark destination.

Another point of view, when Faulkner described her regular life routine,"Flicked away ;the screen gloved silver ,and soon life began to unfold." (Faulkner,D.S.204), Minnie Copper had both time and money , this suggested that she wasn't well off as the other people in her town, which means that she didn't work, or doing anything to support her life , one can conclude that she completely lived an empty life ,she was an aimless person or didn't have any kind of human interest in order to continue surviving in her life ,she seemed that she would feel lost in her life , in another words away from real life, she lived in her unreal life through the movies that she had to see regularly . As a matter of fact her running after watching movies, as if she wanted to escape from her real sad life towards the unreal dreaming life ,she saw life through the movies that she insisted to live in far away from her tragic life.

Minnie Copper tried to live her real private life that she had created to herself ,through the unreal world ,her circumstances , her town people obliged her to live in .A bitter tragedy affected her life ,her town people always called her "poor Minnie", "poor girl" , her society was the first accuser for her social decline, the southern white who rejected all new conventions , principles and values; they had their own belief which they are faithful to it ,no matter whether these beliefs were affected deeply a great

members in their society ." Dry September is more centrally concerned with gender than race."(Kerr,43)Minnie Copper was a victim not a villain ,becoming old without being married was a great sin in the southern white , when she was young wanted and beautiful lady , she lost her standards by becoming old unmarried woman , her society accused her for something out of her hands; it was a matter of fate which was unavoidable.

Will Mayes was a black man , who wrongly accused of attacking a white woman Minnie Copper, Will Mayes was another victim in "**Dry September**", he was a victim of both race and social standards ,Will Mayes was a poor laborer who worked in a company ,there were a lot of black men whom the southern of the Union had a huge crusade against them; he was a victim of lynching ,to be accused or disappeared without any court rule , lynching was considered ,by many anthropologist as one of the most painful aspects that society faced in the American past , this lynching testified to divide society according to the measure of race lines that had defined; in a very cruel violent way , the relationship between the races (white and black) meant to share the same land. "Scale of lynching and the severity of the scares it has left on American society , have caused both black and whites to struggle , to explain this grisly manifestation of human kind's capacity for hate and violence ."(Brundage , 2) However , the law lynch existed since the foundation of

American colonies , but it took many other kinds of punishment such as whipping, beating and insulting the black men , this violent against the black transformed into lynching , and the southern society started to be put into wider practice after the emancipation of the slaves the southern white found in practicing lynch law as a new way to control on the wide range of the people who wanted more rights and wanted to be equal to the white people, so this violence against the black became a rather widely employed from to control of the black people by constantly threatening them.

This grotesque action found a vital area in the south of the Union rather than the other parts ,one can justified this for one reason ,that the southern with their individualism , lack of confidence ,in the institutions to surface order , and possessed a kind of self-worth; which caused to enforce justice (or at least their visions of justice)on their own rather than depend law enforcement .People in the south ,justified their action depending on their minds (no matter whether this depending or this explanation right or wrong) the most important thing that this justification got forward together to their satisfactions. Therefore, it was a successful way for the southern to achieve their desire in controlling the black through the violent actions that they committed against African American.

Mr. McClendon was the typical example for the southern hatred against the black African with his furious

personality , you feel that everything about McClendon was described in a violent way from his features to his entrance "Ripping off his shirt ." (Faulkner, D.S.402) He too Will Mayes' shirt and threatens him to death. Another speech of McClendon confirming the southern discrimination against the black " What is the hell difference does it make ?Are you going to let the black sons get away with it until one really does it." (Faulkner,D.S.402)He didn't care whether Will Mayes attacked Minnie Copper or not , he just found excuse to condemn and accused the black people, he wanted to teach them a bloody lesson, so that , he assured their obedient and weakness.

Mr. Meclonden was successful on targeting Will's issue and transformed it as an accusation against all poor black men, since we understand that the southern people with their rigid rules, believed in their justice more than institutions of law ; they enforced the law according to their visions of justice away from the governmental laws. For instance , when Mr. McClendon claimed as many of the southern around him that they wanted to protect this " white woman " from this savage black man (Will Mayes) , kind of show in front of the others and a strong tool that he used to strengthen venom towards the black man , on the other side , when he returned back late to his home , he beat his wife for no reason , just as any faithful woman waiting for her husband , worrying for his late " half flung her across the chair " (Faulkner,D.S.412) Mr. McClendon

contradicted himself for one side, he wanted to protect the " white woman " because in the southern imagination , the white lady represented a symbol of honor and purity ; but he beat his wife who supposed to be also a white woman.

Will Mayes was a victim of rapid rumor that appointed against a black man beginning in the barber's shop , then rapidly spread all over the town. "Like a fire in a dry grass " it was very easy that this fire would be destroyed poor Will Mayes. The tragedy of Will Mayes began with the fabricating action from miss Minnie Copper, claiming that he tried provoking her, Which caused his condemnation. Minnie Copper was a white southern woman , during her youth , she had an attractive beauty, " How popular she had been a girl " then as she became old , these curious eyes had forgotten her , since her beauty deserted her, " Men didn't even follow her with their eyes anymore " as a result , her town people transformed her into a dusted tableau , after she had been the flourished flower among her friends and neighbors , this difficult ill treatment pushed her to accuse Will Mayes as away to recall her glorious past life , by doing so , she felt that she was still wanted and attractive no matter , what was the cost of this silly action.

Will Mayes was a good nigger man, as it was reported from Mr. Hawkshaw and no one contradicted him , he worked on Saturday night as " night watchman " , he was honest in his work , Will Mayes spoke to the men with defense , he begged them to believe him that he was

honest and never committed such kind of crime. He shouted " Captains", "Mr. John" and "Mr. Henry " , but unfortunately no one believed him . Almost all the people in town followed the white rumor more than the excuses of the accuser, especially if that accuser was a black man. However, Mr. Hawkshaw tried to justify Will Mayes by saying " let's get the sheriff and do this thing right", " find out the truth first" (Faulkner, D.S.411) Mr. Hawkshaw in his speech tried to get the law involved, perhaps Will Mayes could have a fair hearing, but the frustrated southern men with their furious accusation against the black as well as threatened by Mr. McClendon, the unmentioned consequences for siding with a black man. " Tomorrow when this town hears about how you talked tonight" (Faulkner,D.S.413).

Eventually, all these complicated events led to accuse Will Mayes without giving him a chance of even fair hearing. " Dust hung...above the land"(Faulkner,D.S.414) , the murder of Will Mayes was a universal event that can be happened anywhere not only in Jefferson, because the issue of racism and especially in the south portrayed a very complicated pictures " The moon was higher, riding high and clear of the dust at last"(Faulkner,D.S.414) referring to the end of Will Mayes with his unfair death.

4-The Evening Sun

One of Faulkner's greatest stories, the story portrays the cruelty of the white southern society, throughout the

incidents, Faulkner dramatized a black woman's progression from uneasiness to fear to uncontrollable sins and terror; which finally creates her inevitable murdered. The anguish of Nancy, a black servant who worked in Compson family was registered inside the consciousness of a nine-year-old boy, Quentin Compson, he was the narrator of the story. The tale evoked almost all the social, moral, and emotional horror against the blacks, it was conveyed the bitter agony that Nancy, (a black woman) faced throughout her life from the inhumane people in the south. For no reason, just because she was a black woman; so that according to the rules of the southern at that time, such kind of woman should be exploited by the white. Through the narrator (Quentin) of the story was not mature yet, but no one felt that his conscious tale as well as his senses and visions would never be simple, another particular thing that throughout his narrating, one also can understand the complicated morals and social problems that the blacks lived in "Faulkner structures this story about race relations around varying states of racial consciousness" (Volpe,77)

The center of the story was between Nancy and her husband Jesus; when Nancy's husband knew that his wife was pregnant and almost not from him, but definitely it was the sin of a white man. Nancy was a prostitute. She made sexual relationships with white men for certain fees. Although Nancy committed such an adultery sin but one can feel that Faulkner portrayed Nancy as anguished

victim for her society, one can be noticed her repeated speech throughout the story " I just a nigger, it ain't no fault of mine" (Faulkner, E.S. 309).

Throughout the story, the writer tried to draw the immortality of the white against the blacks, there were many incidents that the author not only conveyed but also confirmed the white's brutality, when Nancy was arrested, on her way to the jail, Nancy passes Mr. Stovall, a worker in the Baptist church, and she begins to say "when you are going to pay me, white man? It's been three times now, since you paid me a cent" (Faulkner, E.S.310). Nancy wanted her fees from Mr. Stovall for her sexual services, but instead of calming her, he knocked her down and kicked out several teeth from her mouth, a very severe brutal scene that a white man knocked a woman down and broke her teeth let her bleeding. Actually, both physical and mental torture had been achieved against this victimized woman (Nancy), and the southern distinction rules were clearly mentioned here, this notorious law which allowed a white man tortured a black woman, without being punished for his crime or even had the fear to be accused by the town people around him.

Another incident that when the jailer in the prison reported that he found Nancy trying to commit suicide using her clothes, inside her jail, he said " No nigger would try to commit suicide, unless he was full of cocaine, because a nigger full of cocaine wasn't a nigger any loner"(Faulkner E.S.311). Another important thing, that

Nancy had a lot of fear from her husband Jesus, since he had informed that his wife pregnant was a kind of guilt with a white man, Jesus responded furiously , with a promising future violence , another clear evidence, through Jesus furious speech " But white man can hang around mine, white man can come in my house, but I can't stop him, when the white man to come in my house, I ain't got no home" (Faulkner, E.S. 311) which means that, the society's rule definitely allowed to a white man to come inside private life and broke him down easily, he and his family through committing adultery sin with his wife, so that, it was quite easy and legal to accuse the black in one way or another, even for a crime that the black didn't commit, such a brutal picture that Faulkner tried to unveil the reality of his southern white which he belonged to, at that time.

Another incident that incident that indicates Nancy's mental illness, she was completely frightened from the razor of her husband Jesus, a lot of murderous ghosts in her imagination, a lot of frightened visions come to her mind, such, a terrible bad condition that any human being can be passed through , when she trapped in an dark world, as a result of her miserable life, in addition, to the threatens of her husband, when she told her story to Mr. Compton's children " she talked like her eyes looked watching us and her voice talking to us didn't belong to her. Like she was living somewhere else, waiting somewhere else" (Faulkner, E.S.324). Such a bad condition

that fate, put her in, she couldn't even collect her words, she spoke as if her mind was absent , or even completely lost , away from real life , fixated to her ill visions. Unfortunately, she accepted her damned situation, assigned to her by both black and white society , sat waiting for her death, that's why she always repeated " I ain't nothing but a nigger, Nancy said. " God knows. God knows" (Faulkner, E.S. 324) Her only crime, that she was her color , and the price she kept paying throughout her life.

Conclusion

Society and family have a role in destroying man. Family achieves power in destructing its members. The research sheds the lights on the sources of social injustice and proves the power of society injustice over man, one, because man under society injustice is powerless and under the authority of victimizers. This type of injustice is characterized with abnormality since it shows the divergence of human habit in protecting, not killing, their members. Faulkner draws the attention to different social injustice; interior injustice which is achieved at the family's hand and exterior one that is achieved by society. Faulkner trace "A Rose For Emily", " Barn Burning", "Dry September" ,"Evening Sun" new violence that is applied at the hands of assumed protectors who are turned into cruel whispers. This type of pain can usurp man's life and mentality to man as a crippled in a world that needs

physical and mental strength to enjoy common life within tracing such injustice there is a hint for having a power over such protectors and invitation to change some of negative social traditions. Faulkner invites reads to mediate in the destructive end of many heroes to find society and family responsible for such painful end. Faulkner proves via his stories that the victim of the family turns to be a victim of society that enjoys destroying the frail members who have no decision or role in life. Faulkner proves via these stories that violent home is the source of weak society. Social rules do not accept crippled persons and pushes them to the edge of insanity the mutual connection between home and society, both affect each other to participate in changing the human instinct of protection.

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