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Manifesto of one's mastery in wilderness in Jack London's 'The call of the wild'

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Abstract---The call of the wild is a novel about one's mastery in wilderness. A domestic male dog which become a sled dog and reach it's mastery through the instinct of his ancestral wilderness. What are the difficulties he is going through his journey is the entire story. He did not find himself adapting to each difficult situation, but understood it and acted accordingly. The author mainly speaks about the survival, pride, transformation, trust, violence, mastery. We all know how to live our lives, but we cannot accept difficult situations. Here the author speaks about the survival of the fittest, Darwinian theory. We, the readers of Charles Darwin, are subjectively aware of the concept of human evolution and natural selection for the survival of the fittest. We can see Darwinism and Nietzscheism in his novel "The call of the wild". Author says that one who is adopting every circumstances and acted accordingly will be the master on his field. The protagonist male sled dog points out that every human being in the universe must remember the power of their ancestors. You have to accept every difficulty while you are in the universe and be flexible in that situation, that person is the master. Only a master can give a discourse.

Keywords---survival, pride, mastery, violence, trust.

Introduction

"The call of the wild" is an interesting and adventurous novel. The specialty of this particular novel is the protagonist, Buck is a dog. Jack London wrote this novel in 1903. Many movies has been taken from this novel. Only the original novel can give you the detailed and interesting factors than the movies which has

been taken from this novel. The main protagonist of this novel is Buck a dog who lives in California with his richest master.

Mastery in wilderness

Judge Miller is a wealthy person and Buck who lives with him is having a wealthy and luxurious life. Buck lives happily with his master. A drastic incident is happening in the life of Buck. One day a person called Manuel who is working in Judge Miller's garden had dognapped Buck and sold Buck to a person at Seattle. In that place Buck has been ill treated badly. Buck is a dog from one of the dog families called Saint Bernard. This breed Saint Bernard dogs are quite big in size and has a friendly nature with the human beings. These breed dogs are approximately weighs around one forty pounds or sixty three kilograms. Buck which has taken from the gardener is given to a dognapper and this dognapper had given Buck to a mysterious man named red sweater man. One of the dognapper removed the rope over Buck's neck. Suddenly, Buck started to attack that man. At that time the red sweater man took a stick and started to beat Buck. Red sweater man beat Buck continuously and Buck tries to attack him each time. But when the man beats Buck fast, Buck cannot attack him. Later Buck comes to know that he cannot defend himself from that man and feel down tiredly. This red sweater man is person who dognapped many dogs and sold them to other cities and countries for huge amount of money.

One day, two persons from Canada bought Buck and a female dog called Curly from the red sweater man by giving him huge amount of money. The dogs which are dognapped are taken to a snow region called Alaska in Canada. A very big shock has been waiting for Buck and his teammates who were landed at Alaska. An unimaginable happening happens before Buck's visionary. In Alaska dog's disturbances will be more. We can't see street or stray dogs in this snow region. Here the dogs are like wild animals and they are very dangerous. These dogs always stayed united like a team and will fight and hunt against other animals. Some wild dogs surrounded them to attack, when Buck and his teammates landed at Alaska. Curly was caught by those wild dogs and she was brutally killed by the wild dogs. Other dogs from Buck's team had frightened and those dogs stood in a frozen state while seeing that particular incident. The fearless dog named Spitz, husky breed smiled in a wicked way. Seeing this Buck didn't like Spitz, thereafter this incident. Until then Buck and Spitz don't even know that they will become awful enemies for each other in the future. The author answers to the readers about the dognapped dogs at Alaska in the novel.

People used dogs for traveling in the snow region. Which means seven to eight dogs are roped in pair one after another to a wheeled wooden vehicle. In our country we are using bullock cart likewise in those countries who are having snow region are using these trained sled dogs. But Buck is a domestic and peaceful dog. He is not a practiced sled dog. He is not a habituated dog of the new people, new sled dogs and the new climate of the snow region. Buck quickly learns about how to deal with cold, how to protect himself from the wild dogs and how to pull the vehicle with other dogs. With the ability of hardworking and practicing, Buck's body became harder and stronger. I mentioned previously in this story about the hatefulness of Buck and Spitz for each other. Buck and Spitz

attacked each other. Whenever they had chances they started to fight. The two dognappers talked about the fight between Buck and Spitz and they also said that one day one of the dog is going to be killed by the other dog.

One day when Buck and his teammates are resting in the camp some wild dogs came towards them. These wild dogs commonly came to the camp's place to hunt some food of the campers or the owners of the sled dogs. Huge fight happened between the wild dogs and Buck's teammates. In this fight many of the Buck's teammates got attacked severely. One of the dogs named Joe from the Buck's team gradually lacks vision and became blind during the fight. Buck and his teammates goes unbearable and hide themselves in the forest from the wild dogs. Next day, the hidden Buck and his teammates in the forest came to the camp place. When they came there, they saw that their food has been eaten by the wild dogs. Another day Buck and his teammates saw a rabbit while they are taking rest. A rivalry took place between Buck and Spitz to hunt the rabbit which became a huge tussle. Buck as a puppy is raised as a peaceful pet dog but Spitz as a small dog which was raised for wild life of the snow region has become rugged husky dog. At the starting state Spitz has more power to attack Buck but later on Buck found the weakness of Spitz and started to attack him. After a long battle Buck killed Spitz.

Author explained about how the peaceful pet dog killed the husky dog became a wild dog in the snow region in his novel. In the antiquity period, wolves wandered around in the forest and hunted their prey. Stone age man used these wolves for their own purposes and turned those wolves as their pet animals. These wolves became peaceful pet dogs and domestic dogs in our home during the evolution period. Even though these domestic pet dogs had the memory of their ancestors wild wolves which is the genetic memory and the characteristics of the wolves are registered deeply in their mind. These dogs came to know how to adapt themselves at a required time through their genetic memory. The story didn't stop here. In Buck's life many adventures and transformations is going to take place. Buck became the new team master for the sled dogs. He proved himself as a better master than Spitz. After some days the two dognappers decided to sell the sled dogs to another person.

Buck and his team sled dogs are handed over to a man who had a post office. There Buck and his teammates worked more hours and they had only few hours to take rest. Due to this all the sled dogs suffered severely by the body pain. One of the dog named Dave became completely sick. Due to the sickness of Dave the sled dog team were forced to leave him from their team during their journey. From this incident other sled dogs came to know only the fittest can be survived. Every living organisms of this planet have to know about the survival of the fittest. Only who knows to survive in the most difficult situation can survive in this universe is a predominant Darwanian theory. Buck a peaceful pet dog came to Alaska and there he turned to a sled dog in an unknown weather (snow) and wild wolves and the lots of struggles he transformed himself to a wild dog with his ancestral genetic memory and became the master of the sled dog to guide them is the survival of the fittest. From this journey, Buck came to know about the " Law of Club and Fang". Which means only the superior living being can control the other living being in this universe. In this universe if one want to survive he or she

should be superior and powerful than others. Buck started to learn these facts when the mysterious man known as red sweater man started to beat Buck and controlled him in the beginning of the novel. But the sled dogs did not know that they were only more powerful than human beings.

After some days the sled dogs became so tired. The post office man came to know that these sled dogs cannot have the power to work so he decided to sell them. Now Buck and his teammates were sold to three prospectors. Prospectors means one who is in search of mineral like gold, petrol and crude oil. In 1896 at Canada in Klondike a gold mine has been found by some people. From 1896 to 1899 many people started to traveled to the gold mine. The three prospectors were Hal, Charles and Mercedes from the family of gold rush who travelled to the gold mine in Klondike had bought these sled dogs from the post office man. But these three prospectors didn't have the knowledge of this gold mine journey, the snow region and the sled dogs. Buck and his teammates were entirely tired and at the same time the three prospectors ordered the sled dogs to carry heavy weights in the journey.

But none of the sled dog didn't even have the strength for one step forward because they were very weak due to tiredness. The three prospectors forced Buck and his teammates to pull heavy weight. On seeing this one of the prospectors started to beat Buck and his teammates. All the other sled dogs who were beaten were stood up and started to walk but Buck laid down on the ground. One of the prospectors saw Buck's condition and started to beat Buck again and again. John Thornton saw Buck's situation and worried about Buck. John pleases one of the prospectors not to beat Buck. He didn't listen to John Thornton words and beat Buck continuously. Seeing this John got angry and argument started between John and the prospector. Now Buck cannot open his eyes because he is severely injured, so the three prospectors left him and took all the other sled dogs with them in the journey.

Now, Buck is under the control of John Thornton. John Thornton is also a prospector. During his journey towards the gold mine he became sick so his friends left him at this camp place. Here, he is taking rest. John was having another two dogs with him. John and the two dogs were having friendly bond with Buck. All the Buck's owners were very powerful and superior to him other than John. John showed love towards Buck. This love made a strong bond between John Thornton and Buck. Within few days, Buck became a best friend of John. Buck had a fear that like other owners one day John Thornton will also leave him. After a long journey John and his friends found the gold mine. At that place, they started to camp. In the night time of a day while Buck was sleeping he heard a suspicious sound like someone was calling him from the forest. But Buck ignored this sound many times but unfortunately the sound or the call came repeatedly.

To find the call, Buck decided to go inside the forest. A big surprise was waiting for Buck who was inside the forest. In the forest Buck saw a small wolf. A good friendship bond began between Buck and the small wolf. Both of them wandered in the forest like brothers. But Buck came to the camp before sunrise. Thereafter, Buck had a habit of going inside the forest. Buck went to the camp two days once thereafter. When Buck was in the forest he started to hunt small animals to have

food in the forest. Till now, a month has passed Buck did not went back to the camp. He learned how to hunt big animals. When a group of big animals came Buck deviated one of the animals from the group with his hunting skills and killed the big animal and ate the flesh of the big animal. Buck himself adapted to the wild life. Buck became stronger and hunted a big animal individually with his hunting skills.

After few days Buck went to the camp. A big shock was there in the camp for Buck. Buck saw the dead body of the John Thornton, his two friends and the two dogs on the ground. After that incident Buck did an unimaginable thing in his life. When seeing the murderer of his friend John Thornton's death, without knowing of his own sense Buck got extremely angry towards the murderer. Buck started to attack that person. Buck killed that person. Buck was too sad of his friendly master's death. Another time Buck was hearing the same sound from the forest like the last one. But this time there was not only a wolf instead of that there was a group of wolves waiting for Buck. Buck joined with the group of wolves and became the "Master of the wild wolves" that is "Mastery in wilderness" who were waiting for him in the forest. Buck as a master of the wild wolves started to live in the forest.

Some rumors were started to spread over the countryside that there was an animal like wolf wandering inside the forest and this animal would be a soul of a devil and this was the idea of the people in the countryside. Some people told that in every year during the summer season a wolf like an animal came to the valley near the camp and that animal looked up at the sky and the nose of the animal looked like it touches the moon and that animal made a sad howling sound. After this, with his group this animal went back to the forest. From a peaceful domestic pet animal Buck adapted himself to the wild life and transformed himself to a wild animal and became "The Master" of the forest. Buck did not forget the love given to him by John Thornton so that every summer Buck came to the valley during summer and howled sadly.

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