

## **FRIENDSHIP IN GROOM'S FORREST GUMP**

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**Abstract:** The purpose of the research was to reveal the friendship in Winston Groom's "Forrest Gump". The author uses a qualitative method to this research. The data collected in this research from two sources, primary sources and secondary sources. Primary sources is Groom's *Forrest Gump* and secondary sources are the other books and data from internet that related to this research. Psychological approach is applied in analyzing the data to reveal the friendship in the novel. The result of this research is contribute the values of human life, especially about friendship in social interaction, respect each other, and build a good relationship in people life. Especially the friendship between Forrest and his bestfriend which shows loyalty, sacrifice and mutual understanding, because the story of the novel reflected about the human life especially about the friendship. The implication of this study is to enrich the knowledge of the writers and the readers about the main character's friendship that in Groom's *Forrest Gump*. Moreover, it can be a reference for the students of English Department who are attracted to observe the similar research. Therefore, this research can conclude the novel, *Forrest Gump*, to show the forms of the friendship of the main character.

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Humans are social creatures who always interact with other humans (Rorintulus et al, 2022). This means that fellow human beings will need each other. Humans form social groupings among others in an effort to maintain life and develop life. As social beings, humans need life support from God, from family and no less important is from friends. Building friendships with friends is very important in living life.

Throughout one's life, friendships play a vital and important part. For instance, friendships have many advantages on an emotional, physical, and intellectual level, to the point where those who have them may be healthier and live longer (Parker-pope, 2009). Human life requires friendship in life because it can provide benefits and influence to become a better person (Rorintulus et al, 2022). Friendship is obviously important in our lives, both because it can influence who we are as people and because the specific concern we feel for our friends must fit within a larger set of issues, including moral ones (Helm, 2021).

Friendship is being friendly in relationships with others. Usually friendships are established when they have similarities such as having the same age, hobbies and pleasures. Every person in a friendship will always provide a hand and offer encouragement as the two of you through both good and tough times. Everyone can be happy as a result of friendship since everyone can share in all aspects of life when they feel like it.

Almost everyone in this world has a friend. Friends can accompany us in all conditions both joy and sorrow. Without friends, maybe our lives will feel empty and do not know where to tell when we have problems. However, friendship cannot be formed just like that because everyone has different personalities, has different life backgrounds, ways of thinking and even a way of looking at life is different. Therefore, it requires effort, time, good interaction, and of course trust is not just from one person so that friendship can be established properly.

Literature consistently examines the social and cultural developments (Sabudu, 2020) and (Tatipang, 2022). Literature is something created via the process of imagination that imitates or reflects real life, according to one definition (Tampi et al., 2018). Winston Groom, a popular writer of his time and author of the novel *Forrest Gump*, presents how a child who has a deficiency from birth makes friendships and shows the true quality of friendship with his friends. Forrest is a boy who is different from other normal children because he has an IQ or a below-average level of intelligence and even tied his shoelaces he has difficulty, because his shortcomings are not

uncommon he is treated badly by other children, until his mother told him to stay at home and rarely gave him time to play outside for fear of Forrest being treated badly by other children. But Forrest's life gets better after he makes friends after he gets to know his friends, Jenny, Bubba, and Dan. Jenny was the only child who would have been friendly with him as a child who always advised him to stay away from children who treated him badly, after growing up Forrest was friendly with Bubba and they forged an extraordinary friendship and had a positive impact on themselves and others. Although having shortcomings does not mean Forrest cannot achieve success and cannot have friends like other children because behind the shortcomings he has there are advantages that he has that other children do not have one of the advantages that he has is one of the advantages he has is to have an extraordinary friendship with his friends.

Based on the aspects that have been read, the researcher observes and analyzes *Forrest Gump* by Winston Groom. Based on this, the researcher is interested in reviewing the friendship of the characters in *Forrest Gump* novel because of the importance of friendship without looking at the shortcomings that a person has, an example of the extraordinary friendship of a child in the novel, the figure of a child who has shortcomings and limitations unlike other children. Then the researcher chooses this novel because he considered that even though he had shortcomings, behind his shortcomings, he was a strong, full of spirit, kind, patient, loyal figure, and always gave support to his friends. The researcher chooses the friendship based on the consideration that *Winston Groom's Forrest Gump* novel has previously studied this aspect. The friendship that the characters play to build their friendship is expected to increase the reader's knowledge about friendship so that the reader can appreciate the meaning of friendship.

## **REVIEW OF LITERATURE**

### ***Friendship***

Friendship is a relationship that involves pleasure, sacrifice, mutual acceptance of spontaneity and attention (Hall). Friendship is either a virtue or involves virtue

(Aristotle). According to Aristotle in (Nicomachean Ethics, Book VII) distinguishes three types of friendship, namely Friendship of Utility, Friendship of Pleasure, Friendship of Virtue. First Friendship of Utility, this friendship is based on what two people do to stay connected or establish a relationship with each other. This friendship can end quickly because this friendship expects reciprocity from both parties, if one party does not reciprocate the other party will also not do it or let the relationship.

These two Friendships of Pleasure are friendships based on happy activities that are done together and with only temporary emotions. Friends you meet while watching a favorite music concert make you and the friends you meet get the same happiness. Aristotle calls this the friendship of youth. This friendship is short because it happens suddenly. These two types of friendships are categorized as low friendships because they only care about their own interests. And the third is Friendship of Virtue, this friendship can be said to be true friendship.

This kind of friendship is what many people want in their life. This friendship can encourage a person to be better. This friendship is a friendship that makes people care about each other without any specific purpose or goal because they are always there and fight in times of trouble or joy so that the friendship is very strong and lasts so long.

In *Forrest Gump* is novel friendship is shown through what the characters do and believe and they make that friendship very valuable. They are characters who have extraordinary friendship in Winston Groom is *Forrest Gump* novel. they are Forrest, Jenny, Bubba, Dan. Forrest who has always been loyal to his childhood friend Jenny, Jenny who accepts Forrest no matter his shortcomings and becomes Forrest's first friend, Bubba, Forrest's best friend, they meet again during military training and always tell his dream to Forrest, Dan who is almost desperate to live life because they could not give their best when fighting for the united states in vietnam but Forrest managed to motivate and encourage them so that they became friends is an example of how people can have friendship in Winston Groom is *Forrest Gump*.

## **RESEARCH METHOD**

The method use in this research is qualitative descriptive research method. According to Nasution the qualitative descriptive method is a method used to analyze or describe the results of research but cannot be used to draw conclusions more broadly. Qualitative descriptive research methods are research methods used to explain or describe variables, facts, phenomena, and circumstances that occurred during the study and reveal actual events (Damopolii et al., 2020).

The researcher uses two methods for gathering data to create this study, namely: primary source, the novel *Forrest Gump* itself as a source of information, and the books, journals, websites, and other information from external sources that support research are considered secondary sources.

In analyzing the data, researcher focused on the friendship analysis of characters in Winston Groom's *Forrest Gump*. In analyzing the data researcher uses psychological approach. The nature of psychological approaches, according Meyer's opinion, "is a technique based mainly on the assumption of the existence of a human unconscious"—those implicits, desires, and sentiments that a person is ignorant of but that affect emotions and behavior.

The researcher applies the above approach and theory in this study, which means that the researcher focuses on analyzing based on the description and psychological aspects as understood from the theory above. Through a psychological approach, researchers can explore the thoughts expressed by characters that affect the way characters behave and interact with other characters.

## **FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION**

Forrest is a character in *Forrest Gump* who has a below average level of intelligence or mental retardation which was categorized as an idiot by people at that time but could be successful like normal people. he became a soccer player, joined the army and fought in Vietnam, participated in and won several tournaments such as chess and ping-pong championships, to build a successful shrimp business company.

*"I been a idiot since I was born. My IQ is near 70, which qualifies me, so they say. (Groom's,p.1).*

According to Santrock (2009:255) "mental retardation is a condition that begins before the age of 18 that involves low intelligence (usually under 70 in traditional self-administered intelligence tests) and difficulty in adjusting to everyday life". The effect of mental retardation on a person makes his condition limited and the development of one's intelligence is delayed in such a way when compared to the average normal person in general, accompanied by limitations in adjustment behavior, this condition lasts during the developmental period. Mentally retarded children often have a history of delays in development. Delays in speaking,sitting,crawling or walking,language disorders,social interaction, and limitations in understanding (Natasha Marrus, 2018; St, Pickles,Durkin, & Conti-Ramsden, 2011).

Forrest Gump is categorized as a mentally retarded child who can be educated (educable). The child has a language disorder but is still able to master it for daily speaking purposes and for clinical interviews. Generally they are also able to take care of themselves although the rate of development is slightly slower than normal size.

*"Now I'm slow-I'll grant you that, but I'm probly a lot brighter than folks think, cause what goes on in my mind is a sight different than what folks see. For instance, I can think things pretty good, but when I got to try sayin or writin them, it kinda come out like jello or somethin. (Groom's,p.2)"*

Based on adaptation of (Kirk & Gallagher, 1986:125) but behind the limitations it has mentally retarded children, they show perseverance and a good sense of empathy provided they get service or treatment of a conducive environment. According to (Sigar, Rorintulus and Lolowang, 2020) "People who live in good environments develop fantastic attitudes, but people who live in unfavorable environments can have negative effects on them."

Forrest has a simple and honest perspective in living life, even though he has a difference from normal people in looking at it the world and are treated differently by some people but Forrest has the same spirit even more than a normal person, always

tries hard and certainly doesn't complain about his circumstances and shortcomings, so that even in the midst of limitations Forrest can still achieve.

*"Let me say this: bein a idiot is no box of chocolates. People laugh, lose patience, treat you shabby. Now they says folks sposed to be kind to the afflicted, but let me tell you-it ain't always that way. Even so, I got no complaints, cause I reckon I done live a pretty interestin life, so to speak". (Groom's,p.1).*

Based on what the author has explained in the previous chapter, it is the friendship between Forrest and his best friend Jenny, Bubba and Lieutenant Dan that the author will reveal in this analysis. so the author proves in the friendship between Forrest who has a deficiency since birth, namely a low IQ, can make friends with normal people or who have no shortcomings since birth. According to the story, Forrest and his friends show true friendship by the things they do for each other. For example, they accept each other's shortcomings, they understand each other, they show loyalty and sacrifice, they fight together, protect each other and also trust and motivate each other.

### ***The Frindship of Forrest and His Best Friend***

Friendship enabled human to do such things for in friendship, human will love one another (extracted from the prophet Khalik Gibran 1984 (first published 1962). In friendship men will learn to share ,to patient,to understand,to loyaly,and to protect each other. In the novel,the author described Forrest and his bestfriend,with every differences in their relationship as a bestfriend.

Every individual no matter how strong or intelligent he or she will need help from others. Every individual, both male and female, wants friendship in his life. Not only in adults, but friendship can also be established since childhood. Children play for a long time or hang out together, even friendships that begin in childhood can form very close relationships into adulthood. Friendships during childhood can help build social relationships and learn to support and appreciate each other.

In this novel, part 1 shows how the friendship between Forrest and one of his best friends, Jenny, was established when they were children.

*Except for Jenny Curran, who at least didn't run away from me and occasionally allowed me walk next to her as she went home after class, the other kids never played with me or did anything other than pursue me or make me yell so they could make fun of me. (Groom's,3)*

From the explanation above, it shows that as a child Forrest had difficulty getting friends or making friends because other children often treated Forrest badly because of the shortcomings that Forrest had, but Jenny was the only child at school who at that time wanted to be friends with Forrest without seeing what Forrest lacked, Jenny was a child who at that time understood the situation that Forrest was in and did not stay away from Forrest or do anything bad to Forrest. So from the beginning of their friendship, Forrest became very loyal to Jenny, whatever the circumstances Forrest was going through.

*Everyone was going out that night, but nobody invited me to any, so I went down to the basement. I was sitting there for a while when I heard this really wonderful music coming from upstairs. I'm not sure why, but I decided to see what it was. Bubba was playing a mouth organ while sitting in his room. He had broken his foot during practice, rendering him unable to play and without a place to stay. He allowed me to sit on a bed and listen to him as he played his harmonica; we didn't interact in any other way. I asked him if I may try it after about an hour, and he responded, "Okay." I had no idea how it would affect the rest of my life. (Groom's,18)*

The paragraph above describes the beginning of the friendship between Forrest and Bubba occurred when they were in university, Forrest and Bubba were selected as football players for their university team, and when their team won their first game, their university team celebrated it by having a party at their university, but at that time Forrest did not attend and celebrate their team's victory because he did not really like



parties and chose to stay in his dormitory. Then Forrest heard there was a beautiful sound of music that sounded in the dormitory at that time, so Forrest looked for where the sound of the music came from, finally Forrest managed to find where the sound of the music came from and Forrest saw Bubba there playing a musical instrument, namely the harmonica. At that time Bubba was also not present at their university party nor did Bubba have any friends at that time. So that at the beginning of their meeting they became friends, Bubba and Forrest had something in common, namely they were often shunned by people because they were considered strange people. At the beginning of their meeting, they immediately became friends because of their compatibility, Forrest believed Bubba was a good friend and could change Forrest's life. It was at this time that Forrest finally knew what it was like to have a best friend.

*There was a man named Dan who had been blown up inside a tank and was located close to my home. He was completely burned and had tubes running throughout his body, but I never once heard him scream. He speaks quietly and quietly, and after a day or so, he and I became friends. Dan is from Connecticut, and when they picked him up and threw him into the Army, he was a history teacher. But because of his intelligence, they sent him to officer training and promoted him to lieutenant. Dan was different from the majority of the lieutenants I knew, who were roughly as simple-minded as I was. (Groom's, 39-40)*

The friendship between Forrest and Lieutenant Dan occurred when they both met in the hospital when they were both being treated for war wounds, Lieutenant Dan, who at that time was suffering from severe burns, shared the same treatment room with Forrest. Forrest saw that Lieutenant Dan was a person who had high spirits and had a positive aura so that he should be used as a friend, so that when they became friends and exchanged stories, Lieutenant Dan gave understanding to Forrest that it was their risk to face problems and challenges and do something about it. sacrifice while at war even it has to lose a loved one though.

## **Loyalty**

Forrest Gump is a man who is very loyal to his friends, including his childhood friend, Jenny. From the very beginning Forrest and Jenny met Forrest dedicated to showing loyalty to Jenny.

*"I'm real happy bout the game, but I'm wonderin if Jenny Curran is watchin, an if she is thinkin of me. (Groom's,30)"*

The quote above shows that Forrest feels very happy because he can watch his university football team and his team can win and show a good game, but behind that Forrest keeps thinking about his friend Jenny because they haven't seen each other for a long time because Forrest has left university and has to join the military service.

*"One thing I done tho, was I wrote a letter to Jenny Curran in care of my mama an axe if she can get Jenny's folks to send it to her-whenever she is. But I ain't heard nothin back." (Groom's,36)*

While attending military service, Forrest was eager to hear from Jenny and how she was doing, so Forrest tried to contact Jenny by always writing letters to be sent to Jenny even though letters from Forrest had not received a reply.

*"That night, as I was lying in bed, I was contemplating Bubba and how much he might have enjoyed the shrimp as well as our shrimp boat in general. Bubba, po ole. The following day, I asked Dan how Bubba could get a kilt and what kind of shoddy natural law would permit it. He gives it some thought and says, "Well, Forrest, let me tell you that none of these laws much appeal to us. Nevertheless, they are laws. Similar to how a tiger's jump on a monkey in the jungle is awful for the monkey but advantageous for the tiger. That is simply how things are." (Groom's,41)*

From the explanation above, it shows Forrest's loyalty who always thinks of his friend Bubba even though Bubba is no longer with Forrest because Bubba has died on the battlefield, Forrest always thinks of Bubba and their dreams when they have

finished from the army. Forrest was deeply saddened by Bubba's passing and couldn't believe that Bubba was gone and that all of this could happen to Bubba.

*"After that, I was lying in bed contemplating when it struck me. When they discharge me from the Army, I will already know what to do! I'm going to my house, find a small pond close to the Gulf, and raise some shrimp there. Now that Bubba is gone, I might not be able to purchase a shrimp boat, but I can go up into one of the marshes and get some wire nets, and that is what I will do. That would have pleased Bubba. (Groom's,41)*

Forrest really wants to realize Bubba's dream as a form of loyalty to his friend, which is to realize Bubba's dream to build a shrimp company, so that before Forrest left the army, Forrest had prepared his plan by trying to learn how to raise shrimp, so that his business plan he could immediately do and work. smoothly after he had finished from the army and returned home.

*"I have writ a bunch of letters to Jenny Curran but all of them done come back "Addressee not Known." (Groom's,71)*

The quote above explains that Forrest always tries to communicate with Jenny and always faithfully writes letters to Jenny. Forrest doesn't give up despite the many letters he has sent to Jenny and even though Forrest doesn't know where Jenny is.

*Forrest," I say. "Yeah? I previously had a friend named Forrest. Many years ago." Who are you called? I axed. Daniel, he says. "Dan? Dan? -hey, hold on a second "I says. I threw away my waste bag and went to lift the feller's bag, and there he was! He is sitting on a small wooden cart with roller-skates on the bottom because he has no legs. He had to be twenty years old, and I hardly recognized him. But he was there. Old Lieutenant Dan was there! (Groom's,97)*

The conversation above describes the reunion between Forrest and Lieutenant Dan who had not seen each other for a long time, but they did not forget the

togetherness and friendship, Forrest was surprised and also very happy and did not expect to be reunited with Lieutenant Dan.

*"I have known you since the first grade, Forrest-nearly thirty years-and have watched you grow up big and strong and fine. And when I finally realized how much I cared for you-when you came up to Boston-I was the happiest girl in the world." (Groom's,119)*

The paragraph above shows the friendship between Forrest and Jenny that has lasted for a long time from when they were small until they have become adults, and their friendship can last a long time not apart from Forrest's loyalty to always trying to maintain his relationship with Jenny so as to strengthen their relationship, so also Jenny very happy to know and be friends Forrest.

*"I thought maybe I should start the tiny side business, too, and start making something of my life, but all this time I have been thinking of Jenny Curran up at Harvard University," the speaker said. I took a bus to the train station and tried to decide what the correct thing to do would be the entire way there. However, I told them that I wanted to travel to Boston when it came time to purchase my ticket. Sometimes, you simply can't allow doing the right thing get in the way. Jenny's letter had the name of the little venue where she claimed to be performing with her band, The Cracked Eggs, even though I only had a post office box as an address. (Groom's,55)*

The explanation above explains about Forrest who always thinks about Jenny, when Forrest has finished carrying out his duties in the Army Forrest really wants to meet Jenny because his mind is not calm if he has not met Jenny, so before starting his shrimp business Forrest first looks for Jenny to meet even though Forrest only have a few clues where Jenny is.

*Mister Tribble said, "Well, good luck, Forrest," and he shook my hand. Please keep in touch and let me know how things are going after receiving my card, ok?*

*I accepted the card, gave him another handshake, and apologized for leaving because Mister Tribble was a kind guy, and I had disappointed him. Mister Tribble was still standing on the platform as I settled into my seat and peered out the window of the train. He waved goodbye to me with a raised hand just before the train departed. So off I went once more, and for a very long time that night, all I could think about was returning home, my mother, po old Bubba, the shrimp business, and of course, Jenny Curran. More than anything else, I hoped I wasn't such a crazy person. (Groom's,137)*

After Forrest parted with Mister Tribble who is one of the people who are very good to Forrest, Forrest again feel sad and lonely. Forrest thought back to the people he loved so much, namely his mother and also his friends so that Forrest really wanted to go back to his house to be able to meet them again, Forrest loved them so much that Forrest did not forget about them and had a dream to make them happy.

*"However, I told him why I had arrived there. I told him about my and Bubba's plans to start a small shrimp business, how I had met the old gook while I was in the hospital and he had shown me how to grow shrimp, and he seemed really interested and began asking me a lot of questions when all of a sudden there was a huge squawkin set up in the yard. (Groom's,140)*

From the quote above Forrest shows his loyalty to his best friend by trying to realize the dream of his friend Bubba who died on the battlefield when they were together in Vietnam, Forrest kept his promise to realize Bubba's dream to build a shrimp company, Forrest came to Bubba's father and discussed the plan with Bubba's father. because Bubba's residence is suitable for raising shrimp and also Forrest wants to ask for help from Bubba's father.

*"I finally feel like I belong someplace, an am doin a honest day's work, an I figger that when we get the first shrimp harvested an sold, maybe then it will be all right to try to find Jenny again, an see if she is still mad at me." (Groom's,142)*

After quitting wrestling, Forrest started his new life by working shrimp farming his dream job with Bubba. Forrest had realized what Jenny had said that he should quit his wrestling job because it wasn't good for him. Finally Forrest managed to do what Jenny said and managed to do a better job, and after getting the results of Forrest's efforts and work, Forrest plans to meet Jenny again as a form of loyalty and want to prove to Jenny that Forrest has become a better person and also want to apologize to Jenny because Jenny had stayed away from Forrest because of Forrest's plan with Lieutenant Dan to trick their wrestling manager when Forrest was still a wrestling actor.

*"I can't believe it sometimes," she say. "We've knowed each other nearly thirty years now-ever since first grade." The sun is shinin thru the trees, right on Jenny's face, an they might of been a tear in her eyes, but it never come, an yet they is somethin there, a heartbeat maybe, but I really couldn't say what it was, even tho I knowed it was there." (Groom's,157)*

The paragraph above shows the friendship of Forrest and Jenny which has been 30 years since they were children, even Jenny almost couldn't believe their relationship could last that long and it was all because of Forrest's loyalty who always thought of Jenny and always looked for Jenny wherever Jenny went.

### ***Sacrifice***

When Forrest and Bubba were in Vietnam following the military service of the American Army and one night while they were walking in the Forest suddenly the enemy attacked them, when they were about to prepare to retaliate against Forrest's enemy attack when Bubba was not there, so that at that time in danger forrest trying to find Bubba who had separated but forrest has not been able to find bubba.

*"We are crossing this rice paddock when suddenly people are hurling insults at us from all directions. When people are screaming and getting shot, someone yells, "Fall back!" So I grab my machine pistol and join the others in sprinting toward some palm trees that at least appear to be able to shield us from the rain. When I glance around for Bubba and he isn't there, we have sort of built a*

*perimeter and are getting ready to begin preparing for another long night. (Groom's,37)*

*"Somebody say Bubba was out in the rice paddy an he is hurt, an I say, "Goddamn," an Sergeant Kranz, he hear me, an say, "Gump, you can't go out there." But shit on that-I leave the machine gun behind cause it jus be extra weight, an start pumpin hard for where I last seen Bubba." (Groom's,37)*

The paragraph above describes the sacrifice Forrest tried to find Bubba but didn't find him but Forrest got information from someone that Bubba had been in the fields and without thinking anymore Forest went straight to find Bubba, Forrest didn't care and ignored his commander's orders not to go to the rice fields where Bubba was injured because too dangerous but Forrest still went to help Bubba.

*Bubba, who has been struck in the chest twice, is there. I tell him, "Bubba, it going to be okay, you know, because we need grab that shrimp boat and all," and I carry him back to where we've set up shop, where I lay him on the ground. Bubba is looking up at me and saying, "Fuck it, Forrest, why this happen?" as I look down and notice my shirt is covered in blood and bluish yeller gunk from where he is harmed. What the heck am I going to say, then? "Forrest, you play me a tune on the harmonica?" Bubba yelled at me after that. Therefore, I take it out and begin playing something. Bubba then asks, "Forrest, would you kindly play "Way Down Upon the Swanee River," and I respond, "Sure, Bubba." I had to clean the mouthpiece before playing, and as soon as I do, there is still a lot of shooting going on. I know I should be holding my machine gun, but hey, I played that song. (Groom's,38)*

The paragraph above states about Forrest trying to help Bubba who has been injured by encouraging Bubba by telling their shared dream of building a shrimp business, Forrest really cares and loves Bubba as his friend, the sacrifice here is seen when Forrest tries to help Bubba without thinking about his own safety, and At that time Bubba asked Forrest to play the harmonica for him in the midst of a dangerous

situation and a shootout was going on. Forrest complied with Bubba's request without caring about the danger and safety in order to encourage Bubba.

*As luck would have it, I was shot in the ass sometime throughout all of this. Even now, I can't recall it. We were all in terrible health. I have no idea what transpired. Everything is a mess. The machine gun is all that's left. I no longer gave a damn. I just curled up and started crying after going to a spot behind a tree. Bubba is gone, the shrimp boat is gone, and the only friend I've ever had (apart from Jenny Curran, whom I also screwed up) is him. If it weren't for my mother, I might have simply passed away there from old age or something else; it wouldn't have mattered. (Groom's,38)*

The quote above states that Forrest's feelings are so sad because Bubba's death is one of the worst things that Forrest has ever experienced in his life, because only Bubba is his best friend who is so close and understands him when Forest is far from his mother and Jenny. Forest had tried his best to sacrifice himself to help Bubba so Forrest was hit by a shot but Bubba still couldn't be saved.

*"I find the address of the place Jenny might be at, an go over there, but ain't nobody home. I waited on the steps for most of the day, then, bout nine o'clock at night, a car pull up an some folks get out an there she is!" (Groom's,66)*

The quote above states that as a friend Forrest always sacrifices himself even his time, Forrest is willing to sacrifice himself and also part of his time to find Jenny and meet Jenny.

*"I asked why once more, but she said, "Do it anyhow; you'll find out later. You obviously want to bring me joy." Then Jenny, the chains, myself in my uniform, and the other people set off together. It is a sunny, clear day, and when we arrive at the Capitol, there is a crowd there with all the police in the world and television cameras. Everyone is yelling, shouting, and giving the police the finger. After a while, I noticed some more men wearing Army uniforms who had*



*gathered together. As they got closer to the Capitol's steps, one by one, they started to remove their medals and throw them. Some of the individuals were in wheelchairs, some were lame, and some lacked arms and legs. Some of them simply hurled their medals onto the stairs, while others threw them quite forcefully. Someone taps me on the shoulder and tells me that it is now my time. Jenny nods when I turn to face her, and I continue up there by myself. (Groom's,67)*

The paragraph above explains about Forrest's sacrifice to make Jenny happy so that Forrest is willing to sacrifice his good name as an army veteran and also Forrest sacrifices the medal of appreciation he ever got when he was in the army, all of which Forrest sacrificed when obeying Jenny's wishes to join the demonstration and for participating in the Forrest demonstration. was arrested by the police and thrown in jail for throwing his medal and his medal hit the head of the American Senate until he fainted.

*"Jenny Curran-Jenny?" a man's voice said when I called the Chicago number after borrowing another \$1 from Dan. "Oh, yeah, I do recall her. a cute little asshole. It's been a while." You are aware of her location? "She claimed to be leaving for Indianapolis when she left this place. The future? landed a position at Temperer." "Where at?" "tire factory Temperer They do make tires for autos, you know." I thank him and go back to speak with Dan. "Well, I've never been to Indianapolis, he said. I've heard the fall is pleasant there." (Groom's,100)*

The conversation above explains about Forrest's sacrifice because Jenny had left Forrest and Forrest always tried to find Jenny again in an effort to maintain his friendship with Jenny. Forrest is willing to make such a tiring journey to be able to find Jenny again.

*"So that very day, we began. Bubba's dad drove me home after we went shopping for supplies in town. He offered us the use of his boat while we fixed up our own, so Sue and I spent our first night in the tiny fishing hut that night.*

*The roof was leaking like crazy and it was raining a little, but I didn't mind. I just went out and fixed it the next morning. . Making the hut presentable, repairing the rowboats and duckboards in the marsh, and laying the mesh nets around one of those ponds took over a month to complete. Finally, the day has arrived when we are prepared to add some shrimp. I recently purchased a shrimp net, so Sue and I set out in the rowboat and spent the majority of the day dragging it about. We probably had fifty pounds of shrimp in the bait well by that evening, so we rowed up and unloaded them into the pond. They are dancing on top of the water while swimming about and having a blast. My, such a beautiful sight! (Groom's,142)*

The paragraph above is about how Forrest is trying to build a shrimp breeding place and trying to make his friend Bubba's dream come true. Forrest struggled from the ground up to be able to build a successful shrimp company, Forrest sacrificed his time and energy to keep the promise of his dead friend Bubba.

*"Well, after that, I done a couple of things. First, I called Mister Tribble an tole him that anything I got comin in the srimp bidness, to give ten percent of my share to my mama an ten percent to Bubba's daddy, an the rest, send it all to Jenny for little Forrest." (Groom's,157)*

Forrest really respects and loves his friends, even though Bubba has died but Forrest has not forgotten their promise and dream to build a shrimp company together, Forrest managed to realize their dreams and the shrimp business can be very successful. Forrest is also very concerned about the life of his friend Jenny, who is so contributing to Forrest's life, the sacrifice here is seen when Forrest is willing to sacrifice giving the best for his friends, Forrest is willing to sacrifice his property that he got from his shrimp business to Jenny and her son, and also Forrest share every share of the company's profits with the Bubba family because Bubba came up with the idea. A sacrifice and friendship of forrest cannot be measured by the material alone.

## ***Mutual Understanding***

Forrest really understands the conditions that Forrest and his friends are experiencing, as military members Forrest and Bubba must always be ready and alert when the enemy suddenly attacks them, and one night when they were on guard Forrest and Bubba understood each other's situation together, they the two of them shared shelter together and also shared the food they had, not only that Forrest also played the harmonica to entertain himself and also entertained Bubba. So Bubba also distributed candy sent by his mother so that Forrest could enjoy too. In this case Forrest and Bubba understand each other as seen from the paragraph below.

*That evening, Bubba and I get together, share a foxhole, and eat our C-ration dinners. I then pull out my harmonica. Bubba had given me a couple songs to play. There in the jungle, playing "Oh Suzanna" and "Home on the Range," it sounds rather scary. Bubba received a small box of sweets from his mother, including pralines and divinity, and we both indulged. And I'll tell you this: Divinity definitely brought up some memories. (Groom's,36)*

*"In the meanwhile, Bubba and I have a plan for when we leave the Army. We're going to return home, obtain a shrimp boat, and start the shrimp fishing activity. Bubba is from Bayou La Batre and has spent his entire life working on shrimp boats. He suggested that perhaps we might borrow money, take turns serving as captain, live aboard the boat, and have something to do. Bubba has it figured out. (Groom's,37)*

The quote above describes Bubba's plan to invite Forrest to build a shrimp company after they leave the army. Bubba was so excited to share his dream with Forrest and had already thought of preparing the needs to build all of it, as a friend Forrest can make Bubba comfortable and can feel Bubba's passion to build a shrimp company together. Forrest understands Bubba's feelings so well with his plan that Forrest also supports and agrees with Bubba's plan.

*After about a week, they transferred me to another area of the hospital where everyone was placed in order to recover, but every day I returned to the intensive care ward and settled in with Dan. He enjoyed the songs I occasionally played for him on my harmonica very much. My mother had given me a package of Hershey bars, which I finally received in the hospital. I wanted to share them with Dan, but he is only allowed to eat food that is inserted through tubes, so I couldn't. (Groom's,40)*

As a friend of Forrest's understanding of the condition of his best friend, Lieutenant Dan, who was being treated at the hospital for being seriously injured during the Vietnam war, Forrest visited Lieutenant Dan every day to comfort him so that Lieutenant Dan was excited about his recovery period and not frustrated with his condition.

*She said, "Forrest, you need to stop doing this." "I am concerned about you since all you do is play and lounge about all day. It is not wholesome. I believe you should take some time off. We don't have any gigs scheduled in Provincetown after tomorrow, so perhaps we could take a vacation. perhaps travel to the mountains." Just a nod from me. I'm not even certain I heard everything she said. (Groom's,64)*

The conversation above is about Jenny who really cares for Forrest, Jenny is worried about Forrest who has almost no rest practicing playing music for their concert, so Jenny understands the state of Forrest and intends to invite Forrest to relax with a vacation to calm Forrest before their concert.

*"Jenny-it's me, Forrest." She don't say nothing, so I start tellin her how sorry I am bout what's happened. I tell her I ain't gonna smoke no more dope, nor play in the band no more on account of all the bad temptations." (Groom's,66)*

The quote above is about Forrest who knows and understands that Jenny is annoyed with Forrest because Forrest is doing things that Jenny doesn't like so Jenny is

annoyed with Forrest, Forrest understands his best friend so Forrest goes to find Jenny to apologize, sees Forrest's efforts and understanding Forrest, Jenny forgives Forrest so that their relationship becomes good again.

*"Yes, I do in fact recall that instance. I believe that I was still in this hospital. I considered going there by myself, but I suppose I wouldn't have thrown my awards in the trash. Look at this "he say. He unbuttons his jacket to reveal all of his medals—purple hearts and silver stars—on his shirt. There must have been ten or twelve total. He responded, "They remind me of something." "The war is obviously a part of it, but I'm not really sure what that is. Forrest, I've lost something much more significant than my legs. It is, if you will, my soul or spirit. Where my spirit once was, there is now nothing but a blank—medals." (Groom's,98)*

The paragraph above describes Lieutenant Dan who understands the disappointment that Forrest feels to the government in his country so that in the past Forrest had thrown away his award medal as a war veteran for participating in a demonstration with Jenny, but Lieutenant Dan explained to Forrest that it was the wrong way because he did not appreciate Forrest's own struggle. Lieutenant Dan helped Forrest by providing an explanation so that Forrest remained enthusiastic and proud to have been part of his country's military force.

*"Jenny is not too keen on the rasslin bidness on account of she say I might git hurt, an when I say nobody gits hurt cause it's all put-on, she say, "Then what's the point of it?" It is a good question that I cannot rightly answer, but I am lookin foward to makin us some money anyhow." (Groom's,105)*

When Forrest was about to become a wrestler, Jenny didn't want Forrest to do the job because it was too risky and dangerous for Forrest and could injure Forrest, but Forrest still tried to do the job and explained to Jenny that he did it in order to earn money for their living together.

*Dan, he approached me and said, "Here, Forrest, take this money," before handing me the \$2,000 that Mike had given us for fighting. Mr. Professor I respond, "I don't want it." Dan says, "Well, you better take it because that's all we have." I say, "You keep it." He said, "At least take half of it." "You must have some travel funds, after all. get you to your destination" "Won't you accompany me?" I axed. He replies, "I'm afraid not, Forrest." "I believe I have already caused enough harm. I slept very little the night before. I'm wondering how I persuaded you to accept our entire wager and how I persuaded you to continue raging when it should have been obvious Jenny was going to lose it on us. And it wasn't your fault that The Professor beat you up. You gave it your best shot. I must take responsibility. I simply am not good." (Groom's,120)*

The conversation above explains about Lieutenant Dan who wants to give all the remaining money they have collected during Lieutenant Dan and Forrest working together to be rasslin to give to Forrest. Lieutenant Dan is very sorry that their plan lost a lot of money from their hard work and also Jenny stayed away from them, Lieutenant Dan really blamed himself for everything that happened, but Forrest as a friend still understands and understands his friend Lieutenant Dan so he doesn't want to fully blame Lieutenant Dan for what happened what they experienced and encouraged Lieutenant Dan. From this the author wants to say that if we want to be true friends we must understand each other, meaning that in friendship everyone will help their friends to understand each other's problems, motivate each other and together overcome problems in life together.

### ***The Impact of Friendship***

If we talk about the impact of friendship from Forrest and his best friend we have to divide into two, the positive impact and the negative impact.

### ***Positif Impact***

The positive impact of friendship in *Forrest Gump*, Forrest can be a successful person because he built a shrimp business in Bubba's hometown in Bayou La Batre and the shrimp business that Forrest built could be very successful because he kept a promise from his friend Bubba who had a dream of building a shrimp business that told to Forrest when they were still following the military service in Vietnam. So that from that business Forrest can become a successful shrimp entrepreneur and have a lot of money, so that his success has a positive impact on the people around Forrest including his friends. Forrest gave jobs to several of his friends who didn't have jobs and also Forrest shared the profits of his business with his friend Bubba's father as a tribute to Bubba who had an idea, and also shared the profits from the shrimp business with his friends since childhood, Jenny and her son so that their lives would be better.

Another positive impact Forrest and Lieutenant Dan made peace and accepted their respective shortcomings because lieutenant Dan had a traumatic event while on the battlefield he had to lose both his legs due to severe injuries so that Lieutenant Dan was frustrated to live his life again, but because of his friendship with Forrest, Lieutenant Dan can get back into his life and make peace with himself. Likewise, Forrest despite having shortcomings unlike other normal people Forrest can accept his shortcomings because of his friendship Forrest to get a lot of experience to live life and can be very proud to live his life. Like the quote from *Forrest Gump* below.

*"Well, so what? I may be a idiot, but most of the time, anyway, I tried to do the right thing-an dreams is jus dreams, ain't they? So whatever else has happened, I am figgerin this: I can always look back an say, at least I ain't led no hum-drum life. (Groom's,158)"*

### ***Negatif Impact***

The negative impact of Forrest's friendship can be seen when Forrest reunites with Jenny to apologize because forrest has done some bad things according to Jenny that hurt Jenny's heart,but Jenny had abused the situation and Forrest's loyalty by

inviting Forrest to join the demonstration with Jenny and telling Forrest to wear his army uniform when going to the demonstration. This had a negative impact because Forrest became disregarding his status as a respected man in the army military for participating in demonstrations with Jenny wearing his uniform and became disregarding his struggles and sacrifices during the landlift because he preferred to listen to the will of Jenny. So while participating in the demonstration Forrest was thrown in jail for throwing his army tribute medal in protest and hitting the head of the U.S. senate unconscious so that Forrest was arrested and put in jail for several days.

## **Conclusion**

The friendship between Forrest and his best friend shows elements of friendship such as loyalty, sacrifice, and mutual understanding of each other that they show. Forrest is a person who is so loyal to his friends, it is seen when Forrest is always loyal to think of his best friend and always faithfully seeks his best friend Jenny, wherever he goes tirelessly, so from this loyalty Forrest's friendship with Jenny can last decades. Forrest also shows the sacrifice in his friendship as he sacrifices himself in the war to go to help and save his best friend Bubba who has been hit by gunfire without thinking about the risks that will occur to himself. Forrest also sacrificed his property that he got from his successful shrimp business to give to his best friend Jenny and his best friend's Bubba father. Forrest gave his property to bubba's father as a form of loyalty and forrest's promise to bubba who had a dream of building a shrimp business company in his yard, but bubba had died first in the war. And also in the friendship of Forrest and his friends understanding each other despite having different backgrounds they understand each other regardless of the differences between them, so that they can unite through the bonds of friendship.

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