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APPENDICE

1. Synopsis of *Catch-22* novel

Catch-22 takes place in Pianosa, Italy in 1944. At that time, World War II was raging and all the resources of every country were mobilized for the sake of victory and superiority in the war, and soldiers were no exception. The novel is a series of non-linear stories and memories told through the eyes of the main character, Yossarian, who holds the position of captain of a United States Air Force bomber squadron. Yossarian's squadron carries out many missions in dangerous areas with an ever-increasing death rate of squadron members. It was a requirement for soldiers to carry out flight missions as instructed by the Air Force bureaucracy and eventually return home. However, Colonel Catchcart continued to increase the number of flight missions for the soldiers up to the Air Force's prescribed limit.

Yossarian was well aware of this senseless situation. He then feigned insanity in order to be admitted to the Air Force base hospital so as to be deemed unable to perform the flight mission, which was his effort in escaping from the assignment without losing his privileges as a soldier. However, doctor at the United States Air Force Base Hospital stated that Yossarian could not stop taking flights due to the so-called "Catch-22" rule that says "A person must be insane to be prohibited from taking flight missions, but if he admits that he is insane, then he is sane enough to take flight missions".

The circular logic presented by the military bureaucracy seems to trap Yossarian to continue serving the wild desires of the military bureaucracy. While in the hospital, Yossarian is surrounded by several characters who have their own characteristics. Starting from the character Orr, someone who often piles apples in his cheeks like a squirrel and has a bad habit during flying, which is crashing his plane during a flight mission. next, a character named Major Major Major, who



motion only because of a personal administrative human error. Then, the officer at the base, Milo Minderbinder, a person who always seeks profit in any situation, he often negotiates with enemy bombing squadrons about

the prohibition of bombing certain places related to his business. Lastly, there is the character of the priest who is kind but always allows himself to be intimidated by atheists.

The novel *Catch-22* contains a series of attempts by Yossarian to sabotage his assignment in the hope that he can be permanently terminated from the agency. He remembers well the character named Snowden who died in his arms. Snowden as the co-pilot of the plane fought back with great effort when the plane was under heavy fire. After the incident, Yossarian suffered leg injuries and was hospitalized. He was eventually officially declared insane and instructed to go home, but due to an administrative error, Yossarian was admitted to the hospital without being sent back home, while another soldier with a similar name to his replaced him to be sent home.

Normally, the Air Force military bureaucracy sets the number of flight missions that must be carried out at 50 missions. However, as the chaos in the world worsened, the number of missions was increased to 80. This made Yossarian choose to go AWOL (Absent without official leave). Yossarian then headed to Rome and witnessed how the war had turned the great city into a land of jungle law, where people became anarchic towards each other. At that moment, Yossarian met a member of his squadron named Aarfy who had allegedly just raped and murdered a woman. The Military Police arrived at the place and found Yossarian and Aarfy. But unexpectedly, they arrested Yossarian for desertion to his institution.

Yossarian was brought before Colonel Catchcart and offered an attractive proposition. Colonel Catchcart offered to promote Yossarian to the rank of Air Force Major on the condition that he tolerate Catchcart's policy of increasing the number of flight missions and pretend to be friends with the air base commander, in return Yossarian was also allowed to return home. Catchcart also admitted that the increase in the number of missions was a strategy that he carried out with the

making himself more respected as a high-ranking Air Force officer and
gaining his promotion. In the end, he accepted the offer because he was
a *Catch-22* again. Some time later, he received news that Orr was back



on a flight mission, and his plane crashed on the mission. But apparently, Orr survived the accident and reached Sweden, a peaceful place to spend the rest of his life. Yossarian also got the idea to plan a similar scenario to be free from all the confines of the rules of his military institution, and follow Orr to Sweden. He felt that this was the only way to achieve his dream of a peaceful life.

2. Biography of Joseph Heller

Joseph Heller was born on May 1, 1923 in Brooklyn, New York. His parents were originally from Russia, namely Lena and Isaac Donald Heller. His family was poor, but Joseph Heller was still able to pursue formal education like other children. He began to show his writing talent from a young age. However, after he graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in 1941, Heller chose to work as a mailman and file clerk. A year later, he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps with a deployment to Italy during the World War II. He flew B-25 bombardier and completed a total of 60 flight missions. Heller was proud of his accomplishment of making it through his time in the military, despite the fact that most of his missions were ordinary flights over uneventful routes.

After completing his military service, he decided to attend the University of Southern California, followed by New York University, both of which he completed in 1948. In 1949, he earned his Master of Arts after completing his studies at Columbia University. Furthermore, he received a Scholarship at St. Catherin's College, Oxford before finally deciding to teach at Pennsylvania State University (1950-1952). He began his career in writing when he worked at Time Inc. for a short period of time, after which, he took a job at an advertising agency as a copywriter. It was during this period of his employment that he started writing one of his most famous novels titled *Catch-22*, in order to tell the untold stories in his duty as a soldier in the US. Army Air Corps. To this day, *Catch-22* is used as literature at The United States Air Force Academy in order to help officers

any form of dehumanization by the military bureaucracy. The literary wrote were always in the genre of Satire and Black Comedy. Apart from Heller also wrote various other types of literature, including Short Stories



with the title *Catch As Catch Can: The Collected Stories and Other Writings* (2003), Short Stories entitled *The Day Bush Left* (1990), Screenplays entitled *Sex and the Single Girl* (1964), & *Dirty Dingus Magee* (1970). On the other hand, Heller married Shirley Held in 1945, and had two children, Erica Heller and Theodore Heller. Heller divorced in 1981 and finally died on December 12, 1999, at the age of 76.

