

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of The Research

As humans, our behavior, thoughts and actions are a product of our psyche. In order to understand why do we behave, in this way, recognizing the formation and structure of the human psyche are needed. Psychology is usually used to find out how the personality of a character in a literary works, such as novel, legend, myth, stories, and movie. When a director makes a movie, the characters and personalities as a psychological activity displayed through the right resolution are described. In this matter, the characters in a movie with various types also presented by the director, so that literary works will describe the human soul through their fictional characters.

According to Ahmadi (2015, p. 3), literature that can be studied through a psychological perspective can also use literature that is categorized in electronic literature, namely literature that has appeared on the big screen or movie or indeed films that are used as psychological studies. It was strengthened by an idea scientific psychology can be used in literary studies. Psychology as the study of human character can be used comprehensively to understand the characters contained in literary works. In current development, literature is not only associated with the genres of novel, short story, drama and poetry. Psychology literature can use the

category of electronic literature, that is movie used as psychological research.

Bad Boys for Life which is an action movie wrapped in comedy that was released in 17 January 2020 was chosen as a source of the research data. This movie was directed by Adil El Arbi and Bilall Fallah. This movie tells the story of two friends named Mike Lowrey and Marcus Burnett who have worked together for decades in the Miami police force. Due to their age, both of them have to consider many things in making decisions, even regarding the family. The two main characters have different personalities namely Mike has a fearless character and never give up, while Marcus has a coward character which is inversely proportional to Mike. The difference of the two main characters' personality makes the writer interested to look over it. The movie was generally well received by critics and grossed \$426.5 million worldwide, becoming the third highest-grossing January release of all time. It was also the fourth highest-grossing film of 2020 and the highest-grossing film in the franchise.

This movie has adequate data availability which later is analyzed with the psychoanalysis theory proposed by Sigmund Freud which consists of three aspects, namely id, ego, and superego. Id is a fundamental trait to achieve something, while the ego exists to fulfill the Id desires. On the other hand, the superego tries to determine whether something the id or ego wants to achieve is worth doing or not. An example of the id, ego, and superego interaction can be illustrated through a person on a strict diet who is tempted

by a box of delicious cake. The id impulsively desires immediate gratification by eating cake. At the same time, the superego reminds the person of their commitment to a healthy lifestyle and instills feelings of guilt for considering breaking the diet. The ego mediates between the id's cravings and the superego's moral standards, potentially allowing the person to eat just slice cake as a compromise, demonstrating its role in maintaining psychological balance amidst conflicting desires. As a result, by these three levels of human psyche or personality, people behave can be clearly describe.

Among several movies, this movie is selected as the research object because it has a complex plot and is able to attract the attention of the audience with unexpected scenes. This movie answers the emotional needs of the audience through joy, sadness, and tears. The success of the actors in playing their roles has made this movie eagerly awaited by fans of the Bad Boys sequel.

In conclusion, the relevance between psychology and literature is the big reason for the writer to do this study. In other hands, the writer also wants to make a deepened analysis of the three levels of the human psyche in literary works, especially in main characters of movie that represents of id, ego, and superego which is the theories by Sigmund Freud in this study. Additionally, the writer will also analyze the most dominant of psyche of the main characters in this movie.

B. Question and Scopes of the Research

Based on the background, the writer structured this study around the following questions:

1. Question of the Research

- a. How is the representation of three levels of Psyche of the main character in Bad Boys for Life Movie 2020?
- b. What is the most dominant of psyche of the main character in Bad Boys for Life Movie 2020?

2. Scopes of the Research

Among aspects of psychoanalysis, the writer focuses on three levels of human psychology through dialogues and scenes from the main characters Mike Lowrey and Marcus Burnett in Bad Boys for Life Movie 2020. The author uses the theory of psychoanalysis proposed by Sigmund Freud (id, ego, superego) theory of the three levels of the human psyche.

C. Objective and Significance of the Research

Based on the research questions described previously, the study has two objectives, which are describe as follows:

1. Objective of The Research

- a. To identify the representation of three level of psyche of the main character in Bad Boys for Life Movie 2020.

- b. To identify the most dominant of psyche of the main character in Bad Boys for Life Movie 2020.

2. Significance of The Research

This research is expected to be useful in the literature field. Theoretically, it is hoped to be an acknowledgment for the readers about the three levels of the human psyche in a literary work and it is hoped that the research can also make it easier for future researchers to find ideas and obtain information about the human psyche.

Practically, the study can be used as a reference to give a contribution to the readers and future researchers to better understand the three levels of the human psyche not only in literary form but also in real life.

D. Operational Definitions

To avoid ambiguity, the writer described the meaning of the important words used in this research. They are as the followings:

1. Three Levels of Psyche

It is defined as theoretical structures that describe the functioning and interaction of a person's mental life, namely, Id, Ego, Superego.

2. Character

Character is the identity of each person because every human being has a different character.

3. Main Character

The main character is a character who has an important role in a story, this character is the character most told, both as the perpetrator of the incident and who is subject to the incident.

E. Systematization of the Research

Systematizing research means presenting it in a well-edited form. This research is divided into five chapters:

Chapter I is Introduction. This chapter is talk about the background of the research and the purpose of the researcher choosing the research. This chapter also contains questions, and scopes of the research, the objective and significance of the research, operational definitions, and systematization of the research. The summary of the research is also included in the points mentioned above.

Chapter II is Theoretical Description. This chapter is containing the theory that researchers use to analyze data. It consists of psychology literature, psychoanalysis, definition of movie, elements of fiction, characters, characterizations, & relevance research. This chapter also describes the previous related research that has been done.

Chapter III is Methodology of Research. This chapter is describing the research methods, research procedures, data collection techniques, data analysis techniques, and data sources in the form of primary and secondary data. The research method specifically informs the reader about the time and place of research and the type of research being conducted. While the

research procedure describes the procedures that have been carried out to achieve results, such as preparation, implementation, and completion.

Chapter IV is Data Analysis. This chapter is about data collection from Bad Boys for Life Movie 2020. After that, the research continued by analyzing the data that has been obtained from the movie and other resources that discuss three level of human psyche. Therefore, the interpretation of the research results is carried out on the data.

Chapter V is Conclusion and Suggestion. This chapter is containing a summary of the topic or a brief description of the overall results of the discussion or analysis from chapter 4. As well as providing recommendations regarding the significance of the research, this section also contains suggestions for further research on the three levels of human psyche.