
**THE CHARACTER AND MORAL VALUE IN BIRDS OF PREY MOVIE
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ABSTRAK

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis karakter dan nilai moral dalam film Birds of Prey karya Christina Hudson. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode kualitatif yang bersumber dari teori Frankel dan Wallen untuk mendeskripsikan karakter dan nilai moral serta menggunakan pendekatan analisis data Arikunto. Karakter yang diamati dalam penelitian ini adalah Harley Quinn, Roman Sionis, Montoya, Black Canary, Huntress dan Cassandra. Telah diteliti dengan membagi tokoh protagonis dan antagonis, namun sepanjang penelitian ditemukan adanya tokoh kompleks dan datar dalam film ini. Nilai moral yang diteliti dalam penelitian ini adalah moral individu, moral sosial, dan moral agama. Moral yang paling banyak ditampilkan dalam film Birds of Prey adalah moral sosial dan diikuti oleh moral individu dan yang paling sedikit adalah moral agama. Film ini mengandung hal-hal yang berharga untuk dipelajari terutama tentang karakter dan nilai moral sehingga menjadi fokus penelitian ini.

Kata Kunci: Tokoh, Nilai Moral, Analisis Film.

ABSTRACT

This research's purpose for analyzing the character and moral values in Birds of Prey movie by Christina Hudson. This research uses qualitative methods from the theory of Frankel and Wallen for describing the character and moral value and also uses data analysis approach by Arikunto. The characters that have observed in this research are Harley Quinn, Roman Sionis, Montoya, Black Canary, Huntress and Cassandra. It has been researched by dividing the protagonist and antagonist characters, but along the research it has been found that there are complex and flat characters in this movie. Moral values that is researched in this research are individual moral, social moral and religion moral. The most kind of moral that has shown in the Birds of Prey movie is social moral and followed by individual moral and the least is the religion moral. This movie contains valuable things to learn especially about character and moral value and it makes the focus of this research.

Keywords: Character, Moral Value, Movie Analysis.

A. INTRODUCTION

Hamid (2016:4) explained that the most popular entertainment media around the world is movie. Movie has many interesting side people can see. Start from action, audio, visual, location, situation, technology and many more. Motion picture is combination between movement, words, music and colors. Hamid explained more how interesting the movie is. Hamid mentioned a lot of points that makes movie as an interesting mass media for the people. Movie also related to the music. Movie is part of literature, As Charles (2011:12) said that literature is works of the imagination or creative writing. One of the mass media that can influence a lot of people is the movie. Movie has its own power to tell the information, share the ideas, inspire, make the memory or recall the memory that has been passed before. Movie is also segmented. There are a lot of genres of the movies. Drama, mystery, romance, comedy, historical are some of genre of the movie. Tillar J (2012:7) stated that “Fiction does not have to be true. Nonfiction, therefore, is the opposite. It is writing that is true to facts and history. “ It supports that about how variety the movie will be. Every people has different taste of the movie, that’s one of the reason why there will a lot of variety in the movie. Birds of Prey movie that acted by phenomenal actress Margot Robbie as Harley Quinn gives a lot of attentions to the movie lover, yet this movie is a fictional heroic movie, this movie also relates the previous famous movie “suicide squad” and DC comic series.

In learning the languages, observing the character in the movie is one of fun the way to improve the skills. Normally there will be two major characters in the movie, villain character and heroic character. Bennet (2004:60) “The life of literature is characters: they are the objects of our curiosity and fascination, affection and dislike, admiration and condemnation.” Based on Andrew Bennet’s statement about characters, it is clearly seen that characters are based on people’s point of view. The reason that the writer said so because Andrew Bennet’s stated “our” and there are some supporting words like curiosity, fascination and the rest of the words of Andrew Bennet’s statement about the character. The villain character in the movie doesn’t always look like a crook person. That character sometimes appears as a nice person but in the end of the movie, the audience will be surprised that the character that the audience see is a villain character. This character is called complex character. As Kirsznner and Mandell (2020,22) said that Complex/ Round Characters. Complex/Round characters have nunny

realistic traits and are relatively fully developed by the author. Complex characters are more complicated, many-sided, and lifelike than the simple characters. They are as complex and as difficult to understand as individual living people. Complex characters are usually the major figures in a story. Otherwise, the villain character will look very evil since the beginning of the movie until the people who watch the movie become very angry by seeing that character action. This kind of character is called flat character, English novelist and critic E. M. Forster (2014: 49) stated that, fictional characters can be divided into two main categories: the 'round' and the 'flat'. Round characters, with multiple dimensions to their personalities, rich inner lives, and the capacity to develop, are the main focus of the narrator's interest and probably of the reader's, too. Flat characters are there to expand the fictional world surrounding the main, round, characters without drawing too much attention to themselves. It is explained that round characters and flat characters are supporting to each other. Round character is usually the main character in the movie, it will have a lot of complex personalities, behavior and dimensions. While flat character is always nearby the round character but without flat character the round character will not look superior. When comes to the character in the movie Lutters (2006:81) divides the character or role according to its nature into the following three points: a) Protagonist. The role of the protagonist is a role that should represent positive things in the needs of the story. This role is likely to be the most hurt, either, and suffering that will cause sympathy for the audience. The role of the protagonist is usually the central figure, the figure that determines the motion scenes. b) Antagonist. The role of antagonist is the opposite of the role of the protagonist. This role is a role that should represent the negative things in the needs of the story. This role is likely to be the most hurt protagonists. This figure is an evil character that will cause hatred towards the audience. c) Tritagonist. Tritagonist role is the role of a companion, both for the role of the protagonist or antagonist. This role can be a supporter or opponent of the central character, but it also could be a mediator or intermediary central figure. This position became the defender of figures that they accompany. This role includes the main supporting role. These characters can be found in any genre of the movie.

Discussing each character in the movie for students can improve, students' speaking skill. Students need to describe how each character in the movie looks like. Not only about the characters' behaviors, some students even can talk about the characters appearance. As there

are a lot of movies produce every time, there will be a lot of options for the students to discuss about the trending movie. The capability of the teacher in teaching English can be a benchmark for the students. The teacher who teaches students well sometimes it is not enough, teacher should understand the characteristic of the student and make the students interest in learning English. The good teacher will provide students with variety teaching medias that make students learn happily. They can use the newest movie or the move that's very famous to make the students comfortable in learning English.

Moral values that contain in the movie is something that's interesting to be discussed in the class. James Rachel (2003:1) stated that "Moral philosophy is the attempt to achieve a systematic understanding of the nature of morality and what it requires of us in Socrates words, of 'how people ought of live', and why. James Rachel is emphasizing that moral is the regulation between right and wrong. People live in the society will always attach to one another. Every people have different characters, different point of view, and different attitude. As a result, the lines between good and bad must be clear. According to Sharma (2015:15) the word 'value' is devired from the latin word 'valeo' which originally meant strength and also health, and the by natural transition, it came to mean being effective and adequate. Value is a mixture of three concepts such as ide, quality and supervening. Value can be defined as the principles that quite people's life, and have varying significance. Everything in this world always related to the value. As human as a social living the word "value" always there since the early age. From the definition above the word "value" strength, health by natural transition. So it is clear that value is naturally form. It was there before and it became principals of people's life. Value somehow determines what is good and what is bad from the society. Basically, moral value is a standard of which people define right or wrong. In learning moral values through the movie, people can see it from the main characters in the movie. Whether it is from their action, the way they talk, the way they dress or appearance or even the main character's personality in the movie. The actions that acted by the actress or actor in the movie consist of moral values, here people can simply see how they solve the problems and find the way out from the mission. This kind of action can be learned as moral value. Moral value in our society also governs how the way people talk. In the movie there are a lot of kind people so people can determine which one is the polite or impolite one. Here in the movie people can also learn about this. For the

teenagers they tend to adopt the style from what they see. One of the trend outfit can be from the movie. The way the main character dressed often inspires the teenagers. Actually, through the movie people can see that whether that kind of attire is right or wrong. Sometime from the movie people also know how to dress up in the certain era, but people need to be careful because dressing up for the specific era doesn't mean it will be fit now days.

Teachers can ask the students to analyze and observe the moral value in the movie by ask them to write in a composition. It can brush up the students' grammar and vocabulary so students can improve the writing skill. The moral value can be determined as According to Elya (2018: 290) She stated that moral value divided into: 1, Individual Moral is the attitude of the human to him/herself, meaning that humans have the right to make their decisions and spirit to do something or actions. 2. Social Moral is the attitude of the humans to others. The personal freedom is limited to the social freedom so, the relationships between personal and social is very close because when a person takes actions usually followed by the reactions from the others. Finally, people should respect each other. 3. Religion Moral is the attitude of the human to God by daily activities, meaning that all the activity is connected with the worship to God. People need to socialize from one to another. The way people act and treat other people sometimes based from how the way another people treat them, their own personal experience and what God told them to do so. That is one of the reason Elly divided the kind of moral value into three types. Because basically the way people treat each other based on definition above. Elya's theory is easy to understand and it can represent the whole moral values.

So based on the all the statements above Birds of Prey movie can be analyzed about its character and moral value. Yet it is a popular movie, this movie also has a lot of fans as Harley Quinn is one of the iconic characters in DC.

B. RESEARCH METHODS

This research uses Qualitative research, In qualitative research, the writer investigates the quality of relationship, activities, and situation or materials. (Fraenkel and Wallen, 2000:502). The writer uses descriptive research to further and deeper reseach. Descriptive research describes and interprets events, condition, or situation of the present. On the other hand, qualitative research is research method based on post-positivism and naturalist paradigm. It has some characteristics: (1) the objects observed are process and value; (2) most of data are

words; (3) when collecting data, the writer actively interacts with the data sources; (4) the data are analyzed inductively; (5) the result of the research cannot be generalized; (6) the research is subjective and related value (Nurkamto, 2004:3). This steps have been followed by the researcher as the method to analyze the Birds Of Prey Movie.

After all data were grouped in a table, each data finding was analyzed one by one based on the type and meaning of its moral and how's the character. Documents are records of events that have passed. Documents can be in the form of writings, pictures or monumental works of a person" (Arikunto 2010: 329). In this research, the writer used the examination of records as the data collection tool. The following steps were taken to gather the data in this research: 1. Watching the film many times to grasp the meaning and the whole narrative of the script. 2. Find the movie script in the internet 3. Learn the movie's transcript titled "Birds of prey." 4. Choosing the expressions of the language and defining the context of the situation in which these statements are made. 5. The linguistic variety of the descriptive words found in the film is established. 6. Collect all the expressive words in the film and include code for each expressive word in the script. For analyzing the character and the moral value in the Birds of Prey movie.

C. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Birds of prey and the movie, is a 2020 American superhero movie. It is based on the DC comics team the Birds of Prey. This movie distributed by Warner Bros and directed by Cathy Yan. Margot Robbie act as the main character "Harley Quinn" but she also contributed as something else in this movie. Margot Robbie is both of actress and producer in the movie. This movie is about how Harley Quinn and her friends, Montoya, Black Canary, Cassandra and huntress get her independency by defeating Roman Sionis. The female characters in this movie shows her emancipation towards variety occasion and finally the female characters can stand up on their own. It is very popular movie as it also won some awards like too. At American Music Awards, this movie won the best soundtrack, At Hollywood Critics Association Midseason awards, this movie also won Best Female Director and Best supporting Actor, At Critic Choice super award this movie won Best actor in super hero movie and also best actress in super hero movie and many more.

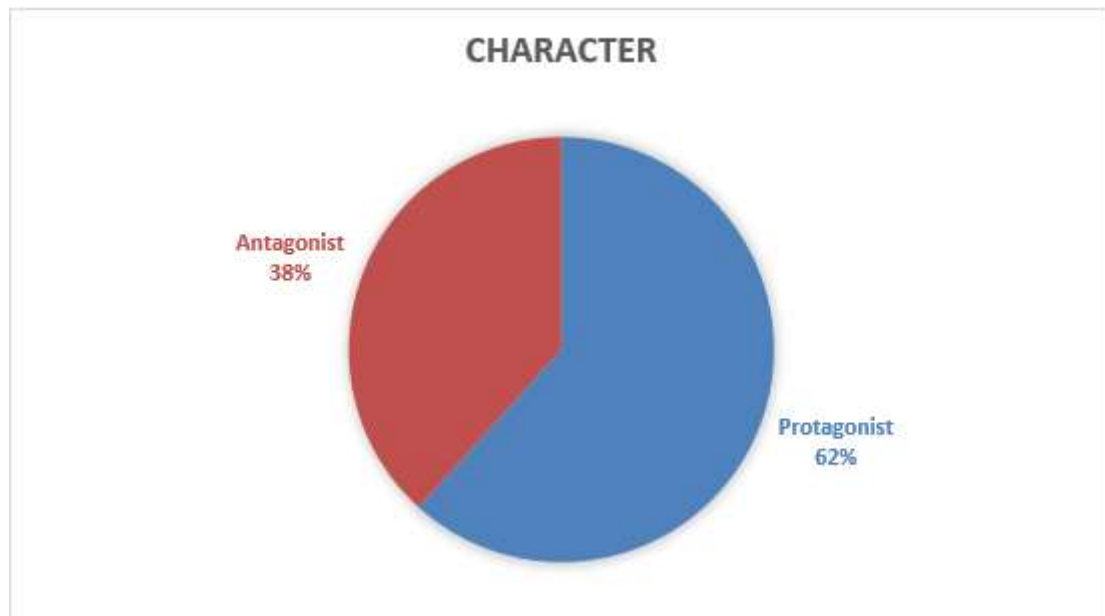


Diagram 1
Character Analysis Chart

The researcher decides to observe Harley Quinn, Roman Sionis, Montoya, Black Canary, Huntress and Cassandra because these characters are some characters who are interesting and represent the movie itself. Based on the diagram. It can be found that there are 62 % of protagonist and 38 % of antagonist. Along this research about protagonist and antagonist, the writer found two complex characters, they are Harley Quinn and Cassandra Cain. Both of them have similar childhood, they have bad memories of their childhood and the people treated here badly when they were kids. Harley Quinn is the main character in this movie, as she always narrates the movie from the beginning until the end. There are a lot of situations that Harley needs to face so it makes her acts differently towards others, and it supports that Harley can be concluded as a complex character. While Roman Sionis is purely antagonist character since the beginning of the movie. He always shows his badness side towards his surroundings. Montoya and Black Canary are the protagonist character who support the story well, Montoya is a good cop who always fight for the right While Black Canary is a helpful character as black canary always help people in the beginning of the movie until the end of the movie. While huntress seldom appears on the scene as she only care about how to defeat Roman Sionis' army.

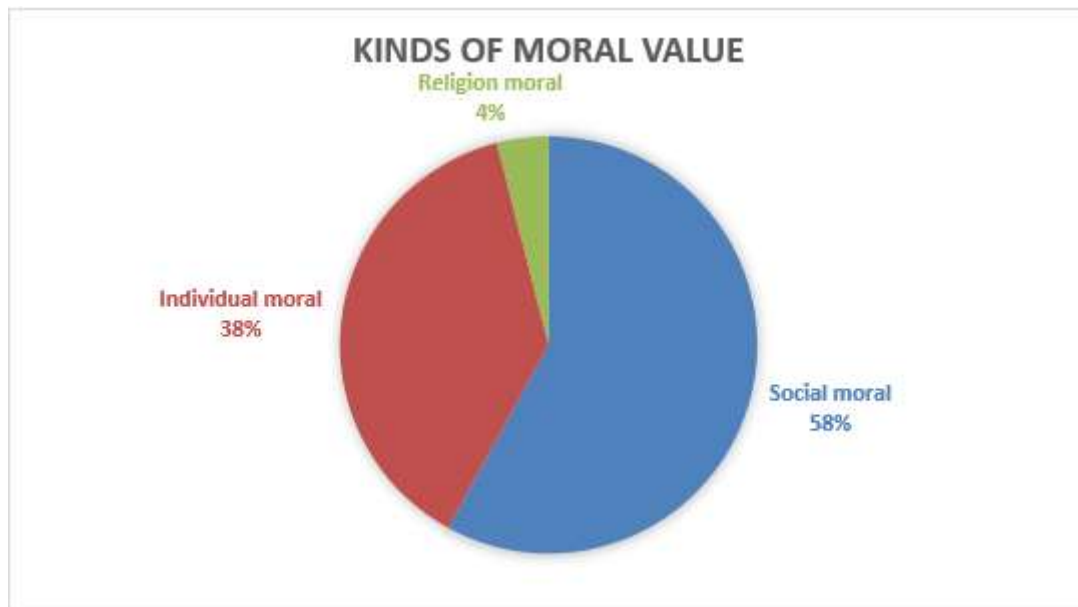


Diagram 2
Moral value Analysis chart

Based on Data Description, it can be concluded that the amounts of the moral value in the Bids of prey” movie by christina Hudson as follows, Social Moral 58% Individual Moral 38%, and Religion Moral 4%. In this movie shows that there are 58 % of social moral, it means that each character in the movie is able to handle how to deal with other people. They are able to see the situation clearly and find the best solution to get out from the problem. In this movie, there are some characters who have been betrayed by their trusted one like Harley Quinn and Montoya. But they can handle the situation well. Team work is also the behavior that often shows in this movie scenes, as it is as part of social moral. Montoya, Black Canary, Cassandra, Huntress and Harley Quinn work in the team work well. They can put aside their pride, their anger and their problem while they are working together. They know when to act solo, cover up for a friend and fight together. 38% in this movie shows the individual moral. Each of the character has their own freedom to do whatever they want. They are able to decide what is good for them and what is bad for them. Just like Harley Quinn either she can go back as super villain and join with joker or roman sionis, she decides to stand up alone and be independent woman and fight for the rights. Montoya also does the same way as Harley, than she always being a black sheep in Gotham police department, she decides to walk out and make her own

group with huntress and canary with the name "Birds of Prey". The religion moral is the least moral that shows in the movie. It is only about 4 %. It only shows when the huntress was a kid. She is praying on the church but she is also drawing a picture and promise to kill the people who murdered her parents.

D. CONCLUSIONS

In the movie "Birds of Prey " by Christina Hudson, there are protagonist, antagonist, round and flat characters 2. The main character in this movie is Harley Quinn, Harley Quinn is a complex character. The antagonist character is roman saonis, the protagonist character can be represented with black canary and huntress as these characters always help the others. The flat character can be represented with Montoya as a good cop. 3. There are three types of moral value in the Birds of Prey movie, Individual value, social value and religion value. 4. Most significant moral values of the movie are social value. In this movie shows how the characters help each other in a team work to defeat the enemy. 5. The least moral value in this movie is religion value, it shows when Huntress praying in the church.

For teaching and learning media, Birds of Prey movie is an interesting movie. Students can learn the moral value about how to the team work excitingly with variety of people. It can encourage the students to have a good relationship with others. For learning English students can listen to the conversations and narrations in this movie as this movie use daily conversations that are easy to understand. Students also can discuss about the movie to practice the speaking skill.

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