

ANALISIS OEDIPUS COMPLEX MICHAEL BERG DALAM FILM READER

AN ANALYSIS OF OEDIPUS COMPLEX OF MICHAEL BERG IN THE READER MOVIE

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Abstrak

Dalam penelitian ini menganalisa psikoanalisa terutama masalah “Oedipus complex” yang dihadapi oleh pemeran utama yang bernama Michael Berg di dalam film The Reader. Penelitian ini menerapkan pendekatan kualitatif deskriptif. Data diperoleh dari transkripsi dari terjemahan film “The Reader” sedangkan data pendukung diperoleh dari makalah, buku-buku, maupun artikel. Cara menganalisa dengan cara menonton, memberi tanda dan mengkategorikan data data itu sebelum menganalisis penelitian ini. Hasil yang diperoleh dalam analisis penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa pemeran utama dalam film “The Reader” gejala penyakit Oedipus complex. Berdasarkan dari analisis dalam penelitian ini sudah di temukan bahwa pemeran utama dalam film “The Reader” mengalami penyakit “Oedipus complex” dikarenakan ibunya sangat menyintainya dan sangat mempercayainya. Kedekatan antara pemeran utama dengan ibunya yang menyebabkan dia mempunyai hubungan yang dengan ayahnya, sehingga factor ini yang menyebabkan dia menyintai wanita yang lebih tua. Inilah yang menyebabkan mengapa Michael Berg sangat mencintai wanita yang lebih tua sebagai refleksi dari ibunya.

Kata Kunci: Psiko-analisa, Oedipus complex, Reader

Abstract

A This study analyzed of psycho-analysis, particularly the Oedipus complex problem faced by the main character named Michael Berg in the film The Reader based on The characteristics of Oedipus Complex theory. This study employed a descriptive qualitative. The data obtained from the transcript of subtitle of the movie “The Reader” movie as primary data. In addition, secondary data was from paper, books, article. The data collection in this study was completely done through watching, giving marks and categorizing the data before do the analysis from the dialogue, situation who delivered in the movie which becomes the main data in this study. The result of the analysis this study show that the main character in “The Reader” movie has the Oedipus complex’s characteristics. Based on the analysis in this study why main character loved older woman due to his closed relationship his mother which caused gap with his father. The old woman was a reflection of his mother.

Keywords psycho-analysis, Oedipus complex ,Reader

INTRODUCTION

Literature is a work of human as reflection their experiences ether bad or good created into literary works. Therefore, the works can be term used to describe human feeling, usually those works can be written or spoken works such novel, songs, poem, movie, etc. Literary works have benefits for readers. According to Hoarce (in Wellek & Warren, 1990:25) the functions of literary works is a dulce utile, which means beautiful and helpful. The beauty that exists in the literature can please the reader, it means can provides entertainment for the audience in terms of its language, the way it is presented, the storyline, or problem solving. Literary work is useful because it can give knowledge to readers.

Literary works always express human life with all problems, such as social problems, cultural issues and psychological problems. Literary works can be analyzed using a psychological approach if the literary works have psychological problems on the characters in the story. According to Jatman (in Endraswara 2003:97) states literature and psychology have close links indirectly and functionally. Indirect linking, because literature and psychology have the same object of human life. Psychology and literature have a functional relationship because both to study the psychological state of others.

Oedipus Complex of the Psychoanalytical theory

1. The psychoanalytical theory

The psychoanalytical theory was derived from Sigmund Freud who has contributed a great deal to the observers of literary psychology. Minderop (2010:11) states psychoanalysis is a scientific discipline which began around the 1900s by Sigmund Freud. Psychoanalytic theory deals with human mental function and development. Freud's theories are considered to give priority to sexual problems.

Oedipus complex is a symptom in psychoanalysis. The term Oedipus Complex is derived from a legend in Greece, the legend of Oedipus, a child who fell in love with his mother, after he killed his father (Freud, 1920). Sigmund Freud introduces the term Oedipus complex in his Interpretation of Dreams (1899). Minderop (2010:103) states

Oedipus Complex relates to the phallic phase, occurs around the age of three to five years.

Nowadays, Oedipus Complex is not only existed in reality, but also in the character of the literally works. One of the literary works whose behavior reflects the Oedipus complex is in The Reader Movie. The Reader is an adaptation of The Reader novel (Der Vorleser) written by a professor in law and justice, Bernhard Schlink. The movie tells the story of Michael Berg, a boy who falls in love with an older woman, Hanna Schmitz. The researcher chose the topic of Oedipus Complex because it is not only talking about a man loving an older woman but it is also about psychiatric disorders caused closeness between a son and his mother, so a son can loving his mother as well as love between lovers.

2. Oedipus Complex Theory

The term Oedipus Complex is derived from a legend in Greece, the legend of Oedipus, a child who falls in love with his mother, after he killed his father.(Freud, 1920). Minderop (2010:102) states Oedipus complex is the desire of a boy to have a mother, thus arises jealousy to the father, the fear of rejection from the mother, the punishment of the father and the respect and love of the invisible to the father, rages and results in repression associated with the latency phase. Storr (1991:37) states that boys notice every single thing deals with his authentication as a gentleman, posits his father as a rival, and very sensitive by disparagement statements about size, weakness, inability, and his lack of experience. This is the other results of Oedipus complex. Not only those things happen in a boy with Oedipus complex symptoms, but in his later life he will try to find a woman with some similarities with his mother in personalities.

Minderop (2010:103) Oedipus complex related to phallic phase, at the age of 3 to 5 years. In the beginning, boys and girls alike love their mother who has fulfilled their needs and sees father as a rival in winning mother's love. In boys, competition with fathers results in anxious child if father uses his power to win the competition for the mother. He feels anxious about being castrated by his father. These symptoms are called castration anxiety. It is this anxiety that encourages men to identify with their fathers

Oedipus Complex is a sexual condition in which a man likes or is more attracted to a woman who has a significant age difference than his or her own age (Monalisa, 2017). The tendency of a man who falls in love with an older woman is an obsession with his mother's character. Possibly since childhood the man has an emotional closeness to the figure of a mother. Thus, indirectly, his subconscious records the memory of love that had been given by the mother. So Oedipus complex does not only happen to a son who is in love with his mother. Oedipus complex also occurs in boy who fall in love with an adult or an older woman.

Based on the previous explanation, the characteristics of the Oedipus complex can be concluded as follows :

- a. If a person considers his father as a rival
- b. If a person notices every single thing deals with his authentication as a gentleman
- c. If a person sensitive by disparagement statements about size, weakness, inability, and his lack of experience.
- d. If a person try to find a woman with some similarities with his mother in personalities.

METHODOLOGY

This study was a type of study that used a psychological approach to the theory of literary psychology, especially psychoanalysis Sigmund Freud. The method used in this study was qualitative research using the telling and showing method. This research is called type qualitative research because the data studied and examined in the form of the sentence in a conversation that is in the film *The Reader* which contains the Oedipus Complex problem experienced by the character and the form of the character of he character through the method of analyzing the character.

Qualitative research is a means for exploring and understanding the meaning individuals or groups ascribe to a social or human problem (Creswell, 2009). According to Minderop (2005:6) as cited in Minderop (2010:77) states The telling method relies on the exposure of the character's character to the exposition and direct comments from the author. The telling method relate to the name of the character and appearance of the

character. According to Minderop (2005:6) as cited in Minderop (2010:77) states. The showing method show the author placing himself outside the story by giving the opportunity to the characters to display the character through dialogue and action. The method of showing relates to voice, dialogue and character actions. There were two kinds of the data sources that which helped the researcher, they are primary data and secondary data. The primary data of this study was the subtitle of the movie, names The Reader and also the movie file as the source of the data. The secondary data of this study was the references that help and support of the primary data source to make this study clearly. Therefore, the writer then used some sources as secondary data downloads from the books and download from internet. The data collection in this research is done by watched, marked and categorized the data before do the analysis from the dialogue, situation who delivered in the movie which became the main data in this study.

DISCUSSION

This study comprises two parts. The first is characteristics of Oedipus complex features. The second part is causes of the Oedipus complex. It is for more detail as discussed as below;

a. Oedipus Complex Characteristics of Michael Berg in The Reader Movie

The appearance of Oedipus Complex occur during his childhood a child tried to hold the desire for the mother and has excessive jealousy towards his father which results in the child having excessive feelings of guilt and experiencing conflict or emotional disturbances or mental disorders until they are adults. A reflection of the Oedipus Complex concept discussed here include Michael Berg's character contained in the The Reader movie. In this study the researcher found some data that show Michael Berg has the characteristics of Oedipus Complex

1.1 A Person Considers His Father As A Rival

In Michael case, the hostility between Michael and his father is shown by Michael's relationship that was not too close to his father. It can be seen in the data 1 below :

DATA 1

Carla : You didn't come for your father's funeral, but you come for this?

Michael : You know, it's not easy for me to visit this town.

Carla : Were you really so unhappy?

Michael : That's not what I'm saying. It's not what I meant.

(The Reader, 2008, 01:23:27 – 00:23:35)

Based on the data 1 above, it can be concluded that the relationship between Michael and his father was not too close so when his father died, Michael didn't attend his father funeral.

1.2 A Person Notices Every Single Thing Deals With His Authentication As A Gentleman

In this movie, there were some scenes and Michael's words that show Michael notices every single thing deals with his authentication as a gentleman. It can be seen in the data 2 below :

DATA 2

Michael : I brought you these flower. To say thank you

Hanna : Put them down there.

(The Reader, 2008, 00:07:40 – 00:07:44)

Based on the data 2 above, show how Michael act as a gentleman. He thanked to someone who had help him by coming to her apartment and also giving her flowers.

1.3 A Person Sensitive By Disparagement Statements About Size, Weakness, Inability, And His Lack Of Experience.

In this movie, the researcher found some data that show Michael tried to hide his weakness. It can be seen in the data 3 below

DATA 3

Michael : I would have come earlier. But I've been in bed for three months.

Hanna : You're better now? .

Michael : Yes. Thank you.

Hanna : Have you always been weak?

Michael : Oh, no. I've never been ill before. Its incredibly boring. There's nothing to do. I couldn't even be bothered to read.

(The Reader, 2008, 00:08:07– 00:08:19)

Based on the data 3 above, Michael came to Hanna's apartment to said thank you. When Hanna asked if Michael was always weak, Michael denied it. He said that he had never been sick before. In fact he suffered from jaundice. It can be conclude ,Michael tried to hide that he actually suffered from jaundice, because he did not want to look weak in front of Hanna.

1.4 A Person Try To Find A Woman With Some Similarities With His Mother In Personalities.

As explained, Michael and Hanna involved in a forbidden relationship. What happened between Michael and Hanna resemble the mythology of Oedipus and also correspond to Freud's theory of the Oedipus complex. Although Hanna was not the biological mother of Michael, this study assumed that this Oedipus is seen in the context of Michael loving an older woman. The 15 years old Michael loved Hanna who was about 30 years old. Oedipus in this context did not see Hanna as mother, but Hanna as displacement of the mother figure. This was evident from Hanna's habit to Michael that reflected the attitudes of a mother. can be seen in the data 4 below :

DATA 8

Waitress : I hope your mother was happy

Michael : Thank you. She enjoyed her meal very much.

(The Reader, 2008, 00:32:21 – 00:32:24)

Based on the data 4 , when Michael took Hanna out to lunch. The waiter thought Michael took his mother to lunch. A distant age difference makes others thought Hanna was Michael's mother. This reinforced the reason why Hanna was refer to as the displacement of the mother figure.

b. The Causes of Oedipus Complex Problem Faced by Michael Berg in The Reader Movie

The causes of the emergence of Oedipus Complex on Michael Berg due to Michael's relationship was not too close to his father, so Michael tend to get more attention from his mother. It can be seen in the data 5 below

DATA 5

Emily : He;s lying.

Carla : He's not lying. Michael never lies.

(The Reader, 2008, 00:16:53 - 00:16:55)

This data 5 happened when Michael was late getting home. Emily, her sister did not believe when Michael said he was lost. Emily said that Michael was lying. But his mother trusted Michael and said that Michael never lied. This show how much his mother loved and trusted Michael. Although she did not know the actual events.

As explained earlier, the relationship between Michael and his father was not too close. This can be seen in the following data 6

DATA 6

Peter : You've inconvenienced your mother.

Michael : How many more times? I've said I'm sorry

Peter : You scared her

Michael : It's hardly my fault, I got lost, that's all. That's why I was late. Can I have some more?

(The Reader, 2008, 00:16:35 - 00:16:50)

This data 6 happened when Michael came home late. Her father scold him for making her mother worried. In this case it show that his father was not worries about him but he scold Michael for making her mother worried. His authoritarian father's attitude made Michael's relationship not too close to his father.

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

In the part of this thesis, the researchers can take the conclusion of what is discussed in previous chapter of this study. After analyzing The Reader movie the researcher concluded that Michael Berg has the Oedipus Complex's characteristic and the causes of Oedipus complex problem of Michael Berg because Michael's relationship was not too close to his father so he became closer to his mother and tend to get the attention of the mother.

The researchers expect this study can increase knowledge about literary psychology to English Education Study Program students in the present. And in the future this can be applied when they become teachers. So that they can find out the condition of students that leads to Oedipus Complex. Finally, the researcher hopes that this study can be used as an enjoyable reading source for who interested about Oedipus Complex .

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