

CHAPTER TWO

THEORITICAL REVIEW

2.1 Previous Studies

Previous study is needed during conducting a research it is very helpful for the writer while doing a research. Previous study provides the example how to do the analysis and how to conduct a research with a good quality of research. It also has function as a guidance new research findings. In conducting this research, the writer reviews some previous studies that related to the topic in order to support the analysis. This research is using five relevant previous studies as follow:

2.1.1 Psychopathic by the Main Character of *The Movie Maniac* (2017)

The first previous study is done by Mutmainnah entitled *Psychopathic by The Main Character of The Movie Maniac*. This study discussed about psychopathic in the movie which aimed to find out the characteristics of the main character and to find out the factors that made the main character become a psychopath. The findings of this study showed that there were five characteristics of psychopath that found on Frank's character as main character in the movie. The characteristics are they were glib and superficial, lack of remorse or guilt, impulsive, poor behavior control and lack of empathy (Mutmainnah, 2017). She also found that the factors made frank as psychopath was his id which became the dominant one than his ego and superego. This study applied descriptive qualitative method in revealing the data and used two theories to find the results of the study. There are Hare's theory which talked about

the characteristics psychopath and Freud's theory about the psychopath factors. From this study, the writer found out what are the characteristics and the factors of psychopath. In order to conduct the current research, this study helps the current writer because of this study focused on the psychopath theory by Robert Hare which describes the same topic, characteristics of psychopath. Through this study, the current writer can understand about how to analyze a film by using Robert Hare's theory.

2.1.2 Psychopath Behavior in the Orphan Film by Jaume Collet Serra (2020)

Second previous study used is written by Arimawati, the title is *Psychopath Behavior in the Orphan Film by Jaume Collet Serra*. The aims of this study are to determine the behaviour, types and the effects of psychopath in everyday life. This study applied qualitative descriptive method and the data taken from *the Orphan* film and the script. By using two theories of psychopathy, the first theory is by Stefan H. Verstappen and the second is theory by Robert Hare the writer able to answer the formulation of problem and the findings of this study show that there are four common types of psychopath, there are six psychopath behaviour and the effects of main character psychopath behaviour are no regret after killing and uncontrolled emotion (Arimawati, 2020). *The Orphan* film is has something in common with *the Bad Seed* film, these two films both tell the story of a little girl who has strange habits and has the characteristics of psychopath. In order to conduct the current research, this study helps the current writer because of the film is has same issue and used same theory, the similarity of theory, issue and the method

(qualitative descriptive) of the study is giving a clear guideline for the current writer in providing and explaining the finding of the current research.

2.1.3 Esther's Psychopathy in David Leslie Johnson's Orphan Movie Script (2016)

The third previous study is almost the same as the second previous study it is study written by Cahyaningsih, P., & Aningsih, S. D., entitled *Esther's Psychopathy in David Leslie Johnson's Orphan Movie Script*. The data of this study is taken only from the movie script of *the Orphan* film that written by David Leslie Johnson, this study focused on the proofs of the main character's psychopathy, the causes and the effects of Esther's psychopathy. This study applied qualitative research and used theory of psychopathy by Robert Hare. The findings of this study show that there are four proofs of Esther's psychopathy there are pathological lying, lack of remorse and guilt, lack of empathy, and manipulative (Cahyaningsih, P., & Aningsih, S. D., 2016). Then the results of this study showed that the Esther's psychopathy is caused by physical abuse, sexual abuse, and emotional or psychological abuse which effects on herself, Max and Kate. Through this study, the writer can understand that psychopath can influenced environment, family and society. This study can help the current writer while conducted the research because the study has the similarity of theory and issue, the effects of psychopathic.

2.1.4 David Fincher's Gone Girl: Description of Psychopathic Symptoms Reflected on Amy Elliot Dunne's Character (2017)

The fourth previous study is done by Lalenoh., R., P. & Julhijah., N., entitled *David Fincher's Gone Girl: Description of Psychopathic Symptoms Reflected on Amy Elliot Dunne's Character*. The focus of this study is to reveal the psychopathic symptoms that shown by Amy Elliot Dunne's in *Gone Girl* film, this study applied descriptive qualitative method to simply collect all the data from accessible books, journal, and official website. By using Hare's theory of psychopathy, the writer analyzes the symptoms through the character's behavior, dialogue, monologue, and narration. The result of this study showed that the symptoms of psychopathic on Amy's character is caused by Nick's disloyal lifestyle to his marriage and followed by Nick's cheating on Amy. Then, the writer found psychopathic symptoms depicted on Amy there are glib and superficial charm, pathological lying, conning and manipulative, lack of remorse and guilt, callous and lack of empathy, shallow affect, parasitic lifestyle, poor behavioral control, promiscuous sexual behavior, and criminal versatility (Lalenoh., R., P. & Julhijah., N., 2017). Through this study the current writer understands some psychopathic symptoms that which may be felt by those who suffer psychopath. So, this study is help the current writer because of this study use the same theory and the result can give a picture of what symptoms are shown by Emma in *The Bad Seed* film.

2.1.5 An Analysis of Psychopathic Traits towards Annie Wilkes in Misery Novel by Stephen King (2019)

The last previous study is written by Yadriha., S & Mariana., A., the title is *An Analysis of Psychopathic Traits towards Annie Wilkes in Misery Novel by Stephen King*. The data of this study is taken from novel by Stephen King, the focus of this study is to reveal the psychopathic traits of Annie Wilkes' character in the novel. This study applied descriptive qualitative method and used Hare's theory of psychopathy. By using theory by Robert Hare the writer found the results that the traits that shown on Annie Wilkes' character there are eleven traits. The same as the results of study in previous studies that have been explained by the writer above, the traits shown on Annie Wilkes' character in the novel are actions that reflect an anti-social personality, such as lack of empathy, lack of concern for others, impulsivity, poor behavioral control, have no fear, high possess feelings for personal satisfaction, have a cruel social relationship with others and anti- social (Yadriha., S & Mariana., A., 2019).

These previous studies are helps the writer in conducting this research. The use of the same theory about psychopathy by Robert Hare also become the plus point that make the writer get a clearer understanding about psychopath, the characteristics, traits, symptoms, causes and effects, so the outcome is the result of this study will be clear.

2.2 Psychological Approach

In analyzing the psychological problem in this research, the writer uses Freudian Psychoanalytic. Freud said that the psyche of human structured into three parts id, ego and superego. The id is the primitive and instinctive component of personality it is the impulsive part of humans psyche which responds directly and immediately to basic urges, needs and desires. The id is not affected by reality and logic, as it operates within the unconscious part of mind. The id operates on the pleasure principle which is the idea that every wishful impulse should be satisfied immediately, regardless of the consequences. When the id achieves its demands, we as humans experience pleasure when it primary process thinking, which is primitive, illogical, irrational and fantasy oriented. The second is the ego it is part of the id which has been modified by the direct influence of the external world. The ego develops to mediate between the unrealistic id and the external real world. It is the decision-making component of personality, the ego works by reason, whereas the id is chaotic and unreasonable. The last is the superego is functional to control the id's impulses, especially those which society forbids, such as sex and aggression. It also has the function of persuading the ego to turn to moralistic goals rather than simply realistic ones and to strive for perfection.

In the correlation between psychoanalytic view of the psychopath (Meloy, 2017) that a psychopath's conception of self and others is either good or bad but tenuously maintained through the use of primitive defenses so they would represent themselves with enhanced and devalued. Thus, the writer really needs this approach

in order to know the element or part of psychology from the characters, especially the main character. In fact discussed about psychopath always need more explanation about it and a study that dealing with psychology of course use this approach as the main gate of the discussion.

2.3 Psychopath

This research is using a psychological theory about psychopath by Robert Hare. In this part the writer give further information about psychopath which is explain the definition, the causes, the symptoms and the effects.

2.3.1 Definition

According to Hare psychopath is social predators who charm, manipulate and ruthlessly plow their way through life, leaving a broad trail of broken hearts and shattered expectations without the slightest sense of guilty or regret (Hare, 1993). Psychopath is one of mental disorder in which they aware what they are doing but they have absolutely no sense of guilt and fear, they are good at manipulating it. In other words, psychopath is the term to call someone who is not able to feel for others and may act in reckless and antisocial ways. Meanwhile, psychopathy is the personality trait of someone who suffers psychopath disorder (Smith, 2017). People with psychopath will live without following the social rules, they generally lie often, manipulate people, never have feeling guilt or regret (Smith, 2017).

2.3.2 The Causes

In the context of psychology, Martens (2000) had stated that early environmental stress and adverse home backgrounds with a lack of psychosocial motivation may encourage the possibility of people becomes antisocial individual. According to Cawson in his book entitled child maltreatment he state that child abuse is all forms of physical or emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect or negligent, exploitation, which results in actual or potential harm to the health, survival, development of the child in the relationship (Cawson, 2000). It is further in line with Martens (2000) that stated negative influences and lack of positive stimulation can cause neurophysiological insensitiveness and mental indifference as an expression of self-protection. In which in the end of the time, it could encourage people to have psychopathic personality (Martens, 2000). From the statement it can be conclude that all form of abuse, chaotic family life, parental divorce, poor supervision and guidance, criminality, quarrelsome, and antisocial behavior whether in the family or any kind of early environment potentially involve in the psychopathic personality.

2.3.3 The Symptoms

According to Robert Hare's Psychopathy Checklist-Revised (PCL-R), he comes up with a set of symptoms that are frequently seen in psychopaths; lack of empathy, antisocial behavior, manipulative, impulsive and superficial (Hare, 1993).

a) Lack of Empathy

Empathy is the ability to feel the feelings and emotions expressed by others. A psychopath does not have it, a psychopath does not care about the impact they have on other people. According to Hare in Englebert (2019), psychopaths are usually have empathy deficit. In which, empathy could be understood as representational ability to understand other people, in other words. However, people who suffer psychopathic personality do not have this kind of ability. Psychopaths do not have difficulty to identify other people's feeling and experiences, but they consider it as irrelevant. For example, a psychopath can coldly describe their victims' suffering (Englebert, 2019).

b) Antisocial Behavior

Antisocial is a term to describe a personality disorder in which behavior deviations occur that continue from time to time and lead to actions that have the potential to harm themselves and others. People with antisocial behavior have several characteristics such as ignoring and violating the rights of others, lack of empathy, not being introspective and feel superior than others. Zepinic (2017) stated that clinicians are agreed that antisocial behavior might be result as different personality combinations of psychopath. The antisocial itself is psychopaths are motivated by different factors than non-psychopath. This antisocial effect is affect regulation of substance abuse or general medical condition that is usually traced back to the early childhood or adolescence (Zepinic, 2017). Because of this personality, for example people with psychopath have egocentric and incapable of love, draw themselves

from society that makes them unable to behave appropriate in interpersonal relations. (Zepinic, 2017).

c) Manipulative

Manipulative ability is used by a psychopath to make people around them confused, unbalanced and unable to think clearly. A psychopath is really often to do this just to get an emotional response from their environment. Even though often caught, they have no regrets and tend to do the same thing over and over again. In this symptoms psychopath may well use their imagination and theory of mind in order to deceive, lie and misuse others to achieve their own ends towards other people (Englebert, 2019). They put themselves at the first place than others because they found as manipulative wherever they meet opportunity to be so. The psychopath never feels guilt towards their manipulation, cheating and stealing something from other people as the example of manipulative symptoms of psychopathic personality (Kantor, 2006).

d) Impulsive

Impulsive is a tendency to act without thinking about the consequences or risks that will be faced. A person who has this behavior tends to be unstable because it is inconsistent and suddenly does something spontaneous that is not planned. Cognitively, people who suffer psychopathic personality of impulsive, they have illogical thinking, for example, they strongly belief on principle that what they want is what they should have no matter how the way they would get it. They lack of

foresight and forethought, they lack of ability to plan ahead. For example, if people believe that certain condition is good to do hedonistic actions, they will do it without doubt to think about their condition in the next days (Kantor, 2006).

e) Superficial

A psychopath tends to act abnormally and full of emotion, this is what meant by superficial. They cannot think deep into what they are doing, they just doing something based on their desire, they do not think what are the effects. They acts unpredictable, reckless and impulsive people with unconcerned about the effect of their actions towards other. For example, a victim of psychopath became depressed when her new boyfriend cancelled out on her date in the day, but the boyfriend did not care about what he had done as his girlfriend had turned down desirable invitation from others only for him (Kantor, 2006).

2.3.4 The Effects

Psychopath as predator uses attraction, intimidation, manipulation and even violence to control someone to fulfill their own needs. Psychopaths have no compassion for others, they tend to dominate and never regret any mistakes they have made. A psychopath shows a cold attitude that is supported by unstable and superficial emotions Robert Hare has the thought that psychopathic personality is seen as a kind human being, but behind it all is very detrimental to those around them such as no regrets after killing and uncontrolled emotions (Hare, 1993). Based on the real violence and cruelty that has been committed by a psychopath, this show that they do not have an understanding of conscience, they tend to selfishly want to

fulfill their needs and do not think about others and they never feel guilty. This trait is very detrimental to the people around them. According to Durand and Plata a psychopath have less fear than anxiety and stress (Durand., G & Plata., E., M, 2017). A psychopath can do anything to fulfill their satisfaction without having any fear. This is very influential on the people around them because there is no fear, a psychopath doing something arbitrarily without thinking about their surroundings, this is certainly very detrimental to others around them even themselves.

2.4 Theory for Movie Analysis

This research uses movie as an object to obtain the data analysis. Movie is a sequence of consecutive still images recorded in a series to be viewed on a screen in such rapid succession as to give the illusion of natural movement to tell a story or give information or entertain the audience. Based on Lindrigin, movie is better than drama by looking at the dynamic of sound, sight and colorization (Lindrigin, 1963). Movie contain emotions that are expressed to the audience which are influenced by several aspects which are characters, ideas, expression, intonations and other things in the movie that can support it. Based on Petrie, he stated that elements such as idea, character or style, movie texture, plot, effect or mood can be the focus of the present as well as the main focus element in any type of movie (Petrie, 1963). Thus, this movie theory is the most appropriate theory used to analyze psychopathic symptoms in The Bad Seed movie since the writer analyze psychopathic of movie's main character that is reflected through the character itself, the plot, the expression and any other ideas related to psychopathic.