

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the problem

Literature is a work of fiction which based on real life or society problem that being poured into movie, novel, poetry and music. Because literature is a form of art which describe humans' problem through their emotion, experience and communication, it can also act as solution of its problem. Some literary works are novel, and poetry. What I'm going to analyze in this research is, using movie script as my object research.

According to Noam Chomsky, literature is one of the most significant ways to gain knowledge, describing man's life problem: "... we will always learn more about human life and personality from novels than from scientific psychology" (Lodge, 2002:10). This is happening because "... science tries to 3 formulate general explanatory laws which apply universally, which were in operation before they were discovered, and which would have been discovered sooner or later by somebody. Works of literature describe in the guise of fiction the dense specificity of personal experience, which is always unique, because each of us has a slightly or very different personal history, modifying every new experience we have; and the creation of literary texts recapitulates this uniqueness ..." (Lodge, 2002:10-11).

Meanwhile, psychology in literature mean an exploration of human behavior, thoughts and emotion through literary work. Psychology in literature basically involves of character's motive, desires, and psychological states depending on where the situation at. In this approach, people can analyze human conditions as well as contribute understanding of psychology. One key aspect of psychology of literature is the role of empathy. Reading literature has been proven can increase reader's ability to understand and empathize characters, particularly those who different from themselves. This is

happening because literature can expose door or windows to other's feeling, thought, and experiences from different background, perspective from the reader.

Another key aspect of psychology of literature is, it can change our point of view or belief of some characters. For example, when a character shows their kindness, habit to help others, the reader will judge them as kind person. Meanwhile, if they show us a character that tend to prejudice, discriminate others, the reader will call them as a racist. At the same time, the reader will also address the issue as to why either of these characters have behavior like that.

The joker (2019) is a movie script which is written by Todd Phillips and scott silver. The story begin with Arthur Fleck works as a clown in certain company. In his life, he suffered mental illness but he likes to entertain other people. In the beginning of the story his boss asked him to advertise store with dancing. In one occasion, he got attacked by a group of teenagers, this makes Arthur chased them through alley. They destroyed the sign and attacked Arthur physically. The city he lives is in Gotham City.

The main character Arthur Fleck suffers narcissism in his life. Narcissism is the most common mental illness in the world, usually people who suffers from this are the one who had been abused in their early life. In this case, He suffers narcissism due to being bullied by other people, especially from a group of boys. They are laughing at him, at first Arthur does not care with them. But eventually, these boys keep bullying him like stealing his sign, run away with it then Arthur chases them, and finally they beat him cruelly.

In addition, during on the bus, Arthur smiles like a clown and a kid starts to giggle because of his action. But this kid's mother feels annoyed by him and telling him to stop. He then tells her that He does not bother his kid, but the mother keeps telling him to stop. Eventually, Arthur starts to laugh uncontrollable then give the mother's kid a card that contain a mental illness. This mental illness has description like "It's a medical condition causing sudden, frequent, uncontrollable laughter that doesn't match how you feel. It can happen in people with a brain injury or certain neurological conditions."

In my experience, I have been encountering several people who according to me are suffering narcissism. These people, according to me, are showing some characteristics of narcissism. For sometimes, I have observed these people from how they talk in their everyday life, their language, their tones during conversation, how they treat people and their behavior. Usually, when a narcissist does not get an attention they wanted, they will get mad. In another case, a narcissist always wanted to control others, in other words they will try to manipulate you. A narcissist always does not have empathy or sympathy. I encountered these kinds of narcissist from my closest family member. They have high self-entitlement. This is why I'm interested in taking this research with hope that people understand about narcissism. As what I see, people do not take narcissism seriously.

1.2 Identification of the problem

The problem can be seen with how many bullying, mistreat by others that happened in the movie script which is really cause Arthur Fleck started to develop narcissism in the story.

1.3 Limitation of the problem

Based on the identified of problem, the limitation of this problem is where our research is only focused in the narcissism that is being reflected by the main character through dialogues.

1.4 Formulation of the problem

Based on the Identification problem, the main purpose of this research is to prove Arthur Fleck's narcissism in the movie script. Thus, I will try to formulate the problem as follow:

1. What is the characterization of Arthur Fleck's narcissism?
2. What is the reflection of Arthur's narcissism in the plot and settings?
3. What is the theory of narcissism?
4. What is the theme of the joker movie script?

1.5 Objective of the Research

Based on the explanation of formulation of the problem, I found three objectives that need to be research as shows below:

1. To explain the characterization that related with Arthur's fleck narcissism
2. To explain the reflection of Arthur fleck's narcissism in the plot and settings
3. To explain the theory of narcissism
4. To identify the theme of the joker movie script

1.6 Benefit of the research

With the research, I expected this to be useful for those people who interested to analyze the joker with similar problem or to provide any reader some knowledge related with narcissism. I hope this research can be useful.

1.7 Systematic organization

In this Research, there will be five chapters which is consist of:

- CHAPTER I** : **Introduction** (In this chapter, it explained background of the problem, identification of the problem, the formulation of the problem, objective of the research, method of the research, benefit of the research, limitation of the problem.
- CHAPTER II** : **Framework of theories** (This chapter explains about intrinsic approach Characterization, plot, settings)
- CHAPTER III** : **Research method** (This chapter will explain about time location, research method, research object and data, data collection technique, data analysis technique
- CHAPTER IV** : **Data analysis** (This will explain the analysis of Reflection of Arthur Fleck's overt narcissism in the joker movie script)
- CHAPTER V** : **Conclusion** (The final chapter will summarize the analysis of reflection of Arthur Fleck's overt narcissism in the joker movie script)