PSYCHOLOGICAL ANALYSIS ON THE MAIN CHARACTER PERSONALITY IN THE SHORT STORIES BY ROALD DAHL

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Abstract

This research is aimed to analyze the main character personality short stories by Roald Dahl as Depicted in her Short Stories. In conducting this research, the researcher applies the qualitative descriptive method. The researcher uses documentation as the technique of collecting data. All the necessary data which related to the research are gathered by doing several steps. The first step is the researcher select the short stories by Roald Dahl. The second step is the researcher gather the literary reference that related to psychological approach. From the analysis the researcher find that anyone who lives in this world will not be separated from its basic needs, psychological needs, and self fulfillment need. Like food, water, rest, intimate relationships, and achieving one’s full potential.

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INTRODUCTION

Literary psychology is the study or analysis of the author as a figure that can be learned through certain psychological theories, or as individuals with special personality or analysis of the creation process at the time of writing, or analysis of psychological types and psychological laws which is present in literary works or in the end an analysis of the literary influence on the readers. From the work of author, we can understand the psychological condition of the author.

Psychology and Literature Study About Human Being, but have different object of concern. Psychology deals with the real life situation and literature deals with the imaginary of human being. The reason why the researcher choose the psychological analysis, because by learning psychology we can understand the personality of people around us, we can understand the psychological condition of the author, and then we can understand the situation or condition of the reader when reading the author's work.

Utama (2004) Stated that three reason for literary psychology included in the study of literature such as The First, To Find out the behavior and motivation
of the characters in literature. Direct or indirect, the behavior and motivation of the characters appear also in daily life. The Second, To Find out the behavior and motivation of the author, and The Last To Find out the psychological reaction of the reader.

In this analysis, why the researcher choose the short stories By Roald Dahl, Because on the short stories By Roald Dahl we can find the unique things from this short stories, such as character in this short stories verry different. Sometimes sad, funny, scary, romantic, love, and sometimes make us very Anngry. This is the distinctive of the short stories By Roald Dahl.

In this analysis, the researcher use Abrahams Maslows theory such as Psychological Needs, Safety Needs, The Love And Belonging Needs, Esteem Needs, and Self Actualizations Needs.

The first, psychological needs. Psychological needs is the first and most basic need people have is theneed for survival. psychological needs refers to the needs of our body for food, air, water, sleep, and sex. Thes second, Safety Needs. Safety Needs is the feeling people get when they know no harm will befall them, physically,mentally, or emotionally; security is the feeling people get when their fears and anxieties are low. The third The Love And Belonging Needs, The third level of the pyramid are needs associated with Love And Belonging. These needs are met through satisfactory relationships. relationships with family members, friends, peers, classmates, teachers, and other people with whom individuals interact. The four, Esteem Needs. Esteem Needs encompass confidence, strength, self-belief, personal and social acceptance, and respect from others. These needs are represented as one of the key stages in achieving contentedness or self-actualization. And the last Self Actualizations Needs. actualizations needs is desire to become everything he or she is capable of becoming-to realize and use his or her full potential, capacities, and talents.

RESEARCH METHOD

The researcher used qualitative descriptive method in conducting this research. This is one of some methods of analyzing data in literary criticism.
Endraswara (2013, p. 176) argues that data is the main aspect of this method. A researcher has to present the data as complete as possible and provide sufficient analysis. Quality of the research depends on the completeness of the data. Although interpretation. This is different with hermeneutic method for example, where it puts more emphasis in the interpretation of the data.

In this research, the researcher applied the psychology of literature as the approach in analyzing this research. In this case, the researcher used the approach to analyze the short stories “Fantastic Mr. Fox, The Twits, and The Witches” Roald Dahl. According to Rene and wellek (2016, p.81), there are four possible definitions about psychology of literature: firstly, the psychological study of the writer, as type and as individual. Secondly, it is used for the study of the creative process. Thirdly, it is used for the study of the psychological types and laws present within works of literature. Fourthly, it is used for the effects of literature upon its readers (Audience Psychology). Wiyatmi (2011, p.34) states that the using of psychological approach to analyze an author is includes in the area of expressive approach, although the scope of expressive approach is wider than psychology of author. Therefore, in analyzing the psychology of the main character personality, the researcher uses the three of short stories By Roald Dahl.

RESEARCH FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

1. Psychological Needs

Maslow felt that physiological needs are adequately met for most people in our society. When these are met, the next need on the hierarchy emerges as a dominant force in controlling and directing behavior.

Data 1:

In this section, the researcher discusses the main character personality viewed by Abraham Maslow’s theory motivation, which is about psychological need. It is the need that the human physically or body include the Need For Food.

_Boggis was a chicken farmer. He kept thousands of chickens. He was enormously fat. This was because he ate three boiled chickens smothered with dumplings every day for breakfast, lunch and supper. Bunce was a duck-and-goose farmer. He kept thousands of ducks and geese. His food was doughnuts and goose livers. He mashed the livers into a disgusting paste and then stuffed the_
paste into the doughnuts. Bean was a turkey-and-apple farmer. He kept thousands of turkeys in an orchard full of apple trees. He never ate any food at all. Instead, he drank gallons of strong cider which he made from the apples in his orchard. (Pg.1 The Three Farmers _Fantastic Mr. Fox).

The quotations above show that the character are from this paragraph like eat some of food, and drink. this data indicated by the character Boggis he kept thousands of chickens. He was enormously fat. This was because he ate three boiled chickens smothered with dumplings every day for breakfast, lunch and supper. As well as the character Bunce he He kept thousands of ducks and geese. His food was doughnuts and goose livers. He mashed the livers into a disgusting paste and then stuffed the paste into the doughnuts. And the last character is BeanHe never ate any food at all. Instead, he drank gallons of strong cider which he made from the apples in his orchard.

This data related with Abraham Maslows statement. Malow’s (1987), statement the most basic human need is psychological one as example. If one is lacking these needs, such as food, water, and oxygen, this individual will not will be motivated to fulfill any other needs but the interesting in this data the character from this data eat some of food or drink, not same with the human in general. Because they eat or drink beyond human ability in general. This is because the farmers are like that. so it's natural for farmers to eat and drink outside of normal human eating and drinking habits.

Data 2:

There was a bowl of bananas in the centre of the table and Bruno jumped straight into it and began tearing away with his teeth at one of the banana skins to get at the fruit inside. (Pg. 49 Hello Grandma_The Witches).

In the data above shows how greedy a rat eats and shreds a banana shred with his teeth. In this data, even though the main character has been converted into a mouse, the portion of food has not changed at all, like humans in general, this indicates that the basic needs of eating are very important in nourishing the body, we cannot do other activities such as work, sports, and so on, if the basic needs of eating and drinking are not met. so, if these needs are met properly, all forms of any activity will be carried out to the maximum extent possible. people
will be motivated to do new things when the body has been filled with nutritional food and drinks. Anyanwu, Omolewa, Adeyeri, Okanlawon and Siddiqui (1985) state that physiological needs include basic needs such as food, water, shelter, sleep, clothing and reproduction. Essentially, human race or human society will just die out or go into extinction without the human basic needs in the society. Indeed, human basic needs are very important for survival and sustainability of human race in the society. And the statement by Anyanwu at al ist very relationship with this data.

2. Safety Need

Safety Needs include the need to be free from physical danger and to be secure in the feeling that psychological needs can be met. Need to be safe from physical and psychological harm in the present and future, and turst in a predictable future, like safety, protection, free from fight and anxiety. Every one wants to be free to pass their life without any annoyance. In this case the main character from short stories By Roald Dahl also wants and need the safety from other people disturbed her life.

Data 3:

*We are only stuck by the seats of our pants. So quick! Unbutton your pants and slip out of them and fall to the ground.* Mr Twit had reached the top of the ladder and was just about to make a grab for the nearest boy when they all suddenly tumbled out of the tree and ran for home with their naked bottoms winking at the sun. (pg. 36 Four Sticky Little Boys _The Twits_).

In the paragraph above, where the situation some of boy desperate because in this the situation where Mrs. Twits was furious and want to eat the children in away to boil them. and will cook them with carrots. But the fourth little boy, who had more sense than the others, whispered, 'Listen, I've just had an idea. We are only stuck by the seats of our pants. So quick! Unbutton your pants and slip out of them and fall to the ground.in this data, besides having a sad side also has sides funny moment, and also the character in this data having ide brilliant to save their himself from the danger who threaten themselves. According to Santrock (2001) safety needs on an ensuring survival of people in such a situation as protection from war and crime. Indeed, chaotic situations, social disorders, social
disturbance, social and physical dangers are characterized by a lot of uncertainties that threaten peaceful co-existence of people in various communities in the society. Essentially, when members of the participating communities are disturbed by chaotic situations, social disturbance, social disorder or physical disorder they usually do not think of engaging in doing any other thing except on how to secure their safety. It is obvious that no community development initiative can take place in an atmosphere that is devoid of peace for harmonious living and peaceful co-existence of people in their various communities in the society.

Data 4:

Where shall we go, Dad? Where shall we hide?’ Don’t get excited,’ said Muggle-Wump. ‘Calm down, everybody. Before we escape from this beastly place we have one very important thing to do.’ What?’ they asked him. ‘We’re going to turn those terrible Twits upside down! We’re going to what?’ they cried. ‘You must be joking, Dad!’ I’m not joking,’ Muggle-Wump said. ‘We’re going to turn both Mr and Mrs Twit upside down with their legs in the air!’. (pg. 50 Muggle wump has an idea_The Twits).

When someone confronted with danger they will try escape the danger and will protect themselves from the danger that threaten themselves. The same things was done by muggle wump and her friends. In the paragraph above, explain to us how the mugle wump and her friends trying to escape from Mr. And Mrs. Twits. Hope and Timmel (1995) remark that when human beings are really frightened by social or physical disturbance that they do not concentrate on anything else other than their safety. This tends to indicate that uncertainties and insecurity about the future of people in the participating communities cause a lot of concern in making them not to be worried about anything regarding promotion of community development in their various communities in the society. from the data above it can be conclude that every human and animal, when there are dangers that threaten themselves, then the main thing they do is save themselves from these dangers.

3. The Love and Belonging Needs

If both the psychological and safety needs are fairly well gratified, then there will emerge the love and affection and belonging needs, and the whole cycle already described will repeat itself with this new center. Now the person will feel
keenly, as never before, the absence of friends, or a sweaethart, or a wife, or children. He will hunger for affectionate relation with people in general, namely, for a place in his group, and he will strive with great intensity to achieve this goal. He will want to attain such a place more than anything else in the world and may even forget that once, when he was hungry, he sneered at love.

**Data 5:**

*Down the hole, Mrs. Fox was tenderly licking the stump of Mr. Fox's tail to stop the bleeding. "It was the finest tail for miles around," she said between licks. "It hurts," said Mr. Fox. "I know it does, sweetheart. But it'll soon get better." And it will soon grow again, Dad," said one of the Small Foxes. "It will never grow again," said Mr. Fox. "I shall be tail-less for the rest of my life." He looked very glum.* (pg. 15 The Terible Showels _Fantastic Mr. Fox)

In the paragraph above shows the value of love and affection. Where Mrs. Fox was tenderly licking the stump of Mr. Fox's tail to stop the bleeding. And it will soon grow again, Dad," said one of the small foxes. It shows the value of love and affection need in the human in this world. in addition to the sentence of his son by saying "And it will soon grow again, Dad," said one of the small foxes. simply put, this sentence or these words explain that a child cares about his father. and caring is one form of love for a child and wife for her husband. Mulwa (2008) remarks that when once people feel reasonably safe, that is when they tend to worry about belonging the a social group where they can love and be loved in the society. Anyanwu, et.al (1985) clearly state that love and belonging indicate the need to be a part of a group such as family, group of colleagues in a workplace, friendship, social group among others in the society. Love and belonging help people to have the confidence in their own abilities of contributing reasonably to decisionmaking process that promotes community development in various communities in the society. and the statement from mulwa , Anyanwu, and Abraham Maslow’s, related and have strong connection with data above. where the psychology of the main character in this short story related with their statement.
Data 6:

My son," he said, giving the three plump hens to the biggest of his four small children, "run back with these to your mother. Tell her to prepare a feast. Tell her the rest of us will be along in a jiffy, as soon as we have made a few other little arrangements." (pg. 37 Boggis's Chicken House_The Fantastic Mr Fox).

In this paragraph, shows the value of love father from her children by giving attention in the form giving the three plump hens to the biggest of his four small children. nothing the human in this word which can explain the true meaning of love. because love cannot be measured by words. except with real proof caring and protecting one another, that is enough to prove that the person has a love for others. and this is shown in this data. Anyanwu, et.al (1985) clearly state that love and belonging indicate the need to be a part of a group such as family, group of colleagues in a workplace, friendship, social group among others in the society.

4. Esteem Needs

Human beings in our society have a need or desire for a stable, firmly based on high evaluation of themselves, for self respect, or self esteem, and for the esteem of others. Self esteem need leads to feeling of self confidence, worth, strength, capability and adequacy of being useful and necessary in the word. In this discussion character from this Short stories is also need to be respected, to have self esteem, self respect, and to respect other.

Data 7:

And every one of them has got to be given a dose of Mouse-Maker," she said. "How on earth are we going to do that?"Grandmamma," I said. "I think you are forgetting that a mouse can go places where human beings can't." That's quite right," she said. (pg. 60 The Plan_The Witches).

Self esteem need leads to feeling of self confidence, worth, strength, capability and adequacy of being useful and necessary in the word. The same thing is also described in the data above. where little mice risks their lives, their dignity, their strength, and their responsibility to destroy the evil witches who have turned them mice.Even when we are in danger, there will be a value of trust in ourselves that arises. No matter how big our enemies, no matter how big the obstacles we face, but when we have high self-confidence, the strength to fight, then a great victory will await us.According to Maslow’s in Hjelle, Ziegher (1992,
5. **Self Actualizations Needs**

Talking about self-actualization, everyone needs this. When the 4 needs have been fulfilled namely the basic needs, the need for security, the need for love, and the need for self-esteem, then the final need for self-actualization as expressed by Abraham Maslow must also be fulfilled for every living thing that has a life and all that can be described in this data.

**Data 8:**

*As soon as I was out of the Ballroom, I took off like a flash. I streaked down the corridor, went through the Lounge and the Reading-Room and the Library and the Drawing-Room and came to the stairs.* *(Pg. 49 Hello Grandma_The Witches)*

From the data above it can be seen how the main characters in the data above show the hidden talent within him to avoid enemies who want to endanger him. For us this is the normal thing done by rats in general, but we need to realize that it is not easy for humans to become mice and immediately accept this fact. But the character in this data shows his ability without doubt with himself, even though he has become a rat he still tries to be the best while he is able to protect himself from his enemies. Self-actualisation is the fifth level of need in Abraham Maslow’s hierarchy of needs which deals with the desire of people to develop their talents and potential that are hidden in them in the society. Self-actualisation or self-realization needs help people to develop the desire to exploit all their talents that are hidden in them. This is in reality the achievement of self-actualisation or self-realization needs as advocated by braham Maslow in the hierarchy of human needs in the society. Onah (2015) perceives self-actualisation as self fulfillment-the need to develop a person’s full potential in order to enable him or her to become the best that he or she is capable of being in the society. Selfactualisation or self-realization becomes a reality when people develop the desire to exploit all the talents, gifts and potential that are hidden in them in the society.
CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

In the short story (Fantastic Mr. Fox, The Twits, and The Witches "by Roald Dahl, The researchers make conclusions about what has been analyzed in the previous chapter. Roald Dahl's short story illustrates how the theory of need and motivation is very important for humans, animals, and others, where if one of these needs cannot be met properly and properly, then the person will not enjoy the day well, even lazy and so on, etc. As for the needs and motives that are expressed by Abraham Maslows mentioned Among others, the basic needs, the need for safety, the need for love and affection, the need for price, and the need for self-recognition or self-actualization in society.

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