
Friendship and Personality Toward the Main Character in Wendy Mass' The Candymakers

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Abstract

The aims of the research are to find out the friendship and personality through the characters in the novel and to describe the impact of personality that affect their friendship towards the characters. The research applied the library research to get as many data from the novel and some books containing theories which connect to the research. The primary data was taken from The Candymakers by Wendy Mass. The writer used a qualitative descriptive research by using sociological approach and the theory of Aristotle for friendship and Neo-Freud's theory of personality. The result shows the result of this study the types of friendship dominated by Virtuous/ Admiration because became a guide in made a friend. The types of personality in this study dominated by Aggressive personality but the impact that affect their friendship it would be Detached personality because solve the problem of friendship.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Literature was a human science in which it contained human values and humanized humans. If literature was seen from a classical perspective as a "pseudo-scientific" science, it meant a semi-scientific study because its scientific value was not absolute, but one hundred percent could be accounted and could still be justified. Literary studies could also be included in major scientific disciplines, such as philosophy, psychology, sociology, and anthropology according to Ahmadi (2019). The interaction between humans social beings raised various conflicts caused by factors of economic determination, power and prestige (Zuldin, 2019).

According to Nurhuda, et.al (2017) Literature was an art of work or a creative art, and the objects of the literature were human as a manifestation of human lives and societies used the language as a medium of communication.

Humans had absolute differences in the basic natural nature of humans with other animals where humans were rational who had limited thoughts or conceptual understood that were separate from the acted of sensed. Because of human nature liked that caused humans to had dignity or could be said to be categorized as moral honor, therefore, Lee & George (2009) stated that not only genetics.

Associative and dissociative were forms of human interaction where humans were creatures that required interaction both in the formed of individuals and groups to solved social problems (Muslim, 2013). The writer also said that associative interaction was a form that was more inclined to the form of unification consisted of several things such as cooperation, accommodation, acculturation and assimilation. While dissociated was the opposite where this interaction was a form of separation divided into competition, contradiction and conflict.

Flannery and Smith (2017) said that in today's era many writers debated about social competence had general indicators such as relationships between adolescents that shape status, the quality of friendships, and also strengthen friendships.

Novel was one of literary works which was interested to be observed because it could increase our knowledge and experienced about human problems included values, morals, cultures and human interest. As Sukirman (2021) said the branch of art created on the basis of creative thoughts, feelings, ideas related to cultural elements expressed through language was called literary work. Literary works contained various valued such as psychological valued, social valued, religious valued, and moral valued. Literary works were very useful because they became a meant of recreation for readers, while the processed of enjoyment produced peace and maturity of the soul through examined the content of literary works.

The characteristics of high-quality friendships were intimacy, level of conflict, competition, prosocial behavior, positive features and other negative features. The existence of these characteristics had a direct effect on aspects of children's social development, self-esteem and social adjustment. (Berndt, 2002) He also said that the quality of friendship had the effected of increased and decreased the influence on the attitudes and behavior of one another. Also, high quality of friendships gave the effected of children been independent and not easy to imitate friends and become shy and withdrawn.

Krismawati (2014) concluded that personality was a behavior that was not only influenced by itself but also external factors that shaped it, one of which was the people and groups around them.

According to Mayer (2005) because personality psychology studies how psychological systems work together, therefore this field acted as a unified field of psychology. There were 4 topics in the systems framework for personality, namely: identifying personality, parts of personality, its organization and development. the framework can better regulate the areas of personality.

One of Wendy Mass' novels *The Candymakers* was talked about friendship. It was about the relationship between main characters. There were four main characters in the novel who competed each other to made candy. During the competition, there were many things that affected their friendship, such as lied and also the facts were revealed related to personality.

The writer would focus on analyzed the types of friendship used Aristotle's theory, to distinguished the type of personality used Neo- Freud's theory and analyzed the impacted of the existence of personality in friendship of the four main character used Alan Swinge Wood's theory the in the novel *The Candymakers* by Wendy Mass. Therefore, in this study, the writer analyzed the friendship described by author through the main characters.

Abrams in *A Glossary of Literary Terms* that: The term "sociology of literature," however, was applied only to the writings of historians and critics primary, and sometimes exclusive, interested was in how the constitution and form of a literary work were influenced by circumstances such as the class of its author. Status, gender, and political and other interests; ways of thinking and feeling typical of his day; the economic conditions of the writing profession and the publishing and distribution of books; and the social class, conceptions, and values of the audience with which the author discusses the literary product, or who provides it (1999). Based on the quote above, the writer concluded that literary works contained aspects of the real world due to the influenced of several events in the literary work

itself.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

In writing this research, the writer used some previous studies as references and to support the research.

2.1 Previous Studies

There are several previous studies that related to this study, such as:

Sukardi (2017) was the writer discussed about friendship in research entitled “The Message About Friendship in Steinbeck’s Tortilla Flat” The research discussed Steinbeck's work with the title Tortilla Flat which told about the friendship of several Paisano people, included Pablo Sacher, The Pirete, Danny, Big Joe, and Jesus Maria. The writer used qualitative research because the data was textual it consisted word, phrases and sentences. The results of the analysis the writer found messages in friendship in the form of acceptance of differences, the spirit of life, forgiveness and shared meant contained in the characters and storyline. The writer interested in analyzed messages about friendship seen through characters and storyline because many moral lessons was become an aimed of the study.

Komariati’s (2017) study entitled “Analisis Aspek Sosial Budaya Dalam Novel Antologi Rasa Karya Ika Natassa” The result explained by described social facts, social strata, and socio-cultural functions made the allure of a novel. In the novel Anthology of Rasa by Ika Natassa, social facts were found in the form of friendship, loyalty, competition, materialism, hedonism and promiscuity. Which caused differences in social strata that function to show individual behavior in society which could be grouped in wayed of communicated as well as socialized. Methods in this study was a qualitative descriptive approach, with aimed an effort to revealed the socio-cultural aspects in the novel Anthology of Rasa by Ika Natassa

The review related to the study by Pangestika (2018) entitled “Friendship Reflected in John Green’s Looking for Alaska (2005): A Sociological Approach” the writer found that in this study focused on a sociological perspective. The writer found and explained about friendship and the problems experienced by the main character. Qualitative research used content analysis method was a form of this study. Data analysis used sentences related to the friendship in the novel, as well as grouped and categorized the data in order got a conclusion. In this study, the writer found two main points, namely the character of Miles and the meaning of friendship itself. The aimed of this study were to found and explained what friendship was, how friendship was could change a person's character.

Janah’s (2020) study entitled “Pesan Toxic Friendship Dalam Film Animasi 3d (Analisis Isi pada Film Ralph Breaks The Internet: Wreck-It Ralph 2)”. This time the writer used the Ralph Breaks The Internet: Wreck-It Ralph 2 movie as the object of the study which displayed audio and visuals about toxic friendship. In this study, the content analysis method was used which was a type of quantitative research with a descriptive content analysis approach. The results of this study classified into 6 toxic friendships, namely: jealousy, dependent, cunning, selfish, interfered and lied which were taken from a total of 80 scenes.

Sugiharti (2021) entitled “Friendship Depicted in James Dashner’ Novel The Death Cure (2011): A Psychoanalytic Approach”, same as Mustajib’s discussion, this The writeralso took the topic of the meant of friendship, the characters from the novel The Death Cure and the writer's message conveyed the meant of friendship which was packaged used psychoanalytic

theory. In addition, used the psychoanalytic method, this study also used qualitative methods which analyze the characters, plot, and background to classify data, the type of data used was wrote documents which used primary data that came from the novel itself and secondary data came from books, articles or journals with the same discussion. The results of this study found that there were seven indicators in friendship, namely treacherous, giving support, affection, intimacy, argumentation, acceptance, and memories.

Rapa, et.al (2022) entitled “The Personality of Tifani Fanelli in Jessica Knoll’s Novel Luckiest Girl Alive”. The purpose of this study was to determine the personality and the factors that influence the personality of Tifani Fanelli. The author used a qualitative descriptive method that focused on a psychological approach where the data source comes from the Luckiest Girl Alive novel. The data were obtained from read, noted, and analyzed, while in categorized the data the author used Adler's individual psychology approach. The results of this study obtained several types of personality such as patient, innocent, obsessive, forgiving, dreamer, loyal, jealous, generous, emotional, and brave.

Those previous titles that were very interested topic for analysis. Because they could also helped enrich the insight of the writer in conducted this study. They had differences and similarities with the topic Friendship in *The Candymakers* by Wendy Mass that the writer would like to took. The similarities were that they both study about friendship in the novel. The difference was not only from the object but from the problem under study, in this study the writer focused on friendship and personality which could be a social and psychological impacted in a friendship.

2.2 Related Theories

In this research, several theories were used, namely:

The writer would focus analyzed the types of friendship used Aristotle's theory, the theory of Aristotle (in Fröding & Peterson, 2012) revealed that friendship was a relationship between two equal adults. Aristotle categorized friendship into 3 types, namely, Friendship based on Utility/Advantage, Friendship based on Pleasure, Friendship based on Virtuous/Admiration.

Distinguished the type of personality used Neo- Freud’s theory in Agbo, et.al, 2014) explained that the social environment affected a personality of person. Not only instinct or the human subconscious, but also behavior that was directed to meet one's needs. He divided personality into 3 forms, namely, Compliant, Aggressive and Detached.

The writer used sociological theory by Alan Swingewood. According to Alan Swingewood in Wahyudi (2013) stated that sociology was a branch of the science of human interaction while sociology of literature described the relationship between humans and society in the scope of literature. Swingewood categorizes 3 sociological concepts of literature, namely literature as a reflection of the times, literature seen from the production process and literature in relation to history. And the writer focused on literature as a reflection of the times.

3. METHOD

In this research, the writer used descriptive qualitative method by using Sociological approach. In this research, elements that would be taken as the research data from this novel were words, phrases, sentences, paragraphs and dialogues. The writer took the data from the novel of Wendy Mass “*The Candymakers*” as the main object of the research and the supporting data are thesis, article, book and some literary theory. In this research, there are

several steps for collecting data: first, the writer reads repeatedly and understands what the story means in the novel. Second, the writer collects all the information which related to the topic that the writer wants to analysis. Third, reading and highlight text such as books, thesis, journal and some literary theory about anxiety, depressive disorder based on sociological approach.

4. RESULTS

The writer divided the data finding into three parts, there was data for the friendship, data for personality and the data for impact personality that affect their friendship in a novel *The Candymakers* by Wendy Mass.

4.1 Types of friendship

Friendship based on Utility/Advantage

Based on the sentence a contest is a contest. You never want to get too close to your subject described Philip's firmness in though that a contest was just a contest which had rules and gaps between the contestants and the contest subjects. He suggested in order to won something. This data identified a friendship that was due to advantage because Logan, Miles, Daisy and Philip were only contestants of the competition so he though they only meet and need during the contest.

Friendship based on Pleasure

The sentence showed a conversation between Logan and Miles. At the beginning Miles talked about the afterlife where people did not eat, drink or sleep. Logan was intrigued by the discussion and told Miles to continued. Miles continued his story that many things happened such as parties and movies as well as rubber-duck races, the story was cut short because Logan was very enthusiastic about refuted the rubber-duck races, he used to have at the annual factory picnic. In the sentence that my favorite part of the picnic! Miles was no less excited to agree and claim that it was his favorite game of the picnic and Logan also showed the same by replied Me, Too. Therefore, because of their similarity in liked a rubber-duck races, they could be classified as friendship because of pleasure.

Friendship based on Virtuous/Admiration

The sentence He can borrow mine," Logan said. "I have some stuff that'll fit represented Logan directly answered he would lend his clothes suitable for Miles. It showed conversation in the dining room between the Logan family and the Miles family at Logan's house. At that dinner Miles asked his mother if he could stay overnight, and his mother allowed it. But his mom asked how about the pajamas and clothes he would wear tomorrow. The Candymakers or Logan's father voiced to a new friendship and was followed by everyone at the table with a clinking glass. From the events above could be categorized as virtual/admiration friendship where the beginning of real friend came from families who supported their children's activities, for example, such as Miles stayed at Logan's house and Logan which was allowed to lend his stuff to Miles.

4.2 Types of Personality

The writer found that there were 32 data that represented the personality of main characters. Therefore, the data were divided into 3 types of personality.

Compliant

Miles and Logan who were in the middle of the cornfield. At first, Miles walked behind Logan but after a few minutes walked Logan did not show himself and Miles tried to traced the corn garden to found a way out, he had shouted but no one heard. The sentence he pushed through the stalk, turning this way and that, and suddenly felt like drowning was the feeling of Miles while in the middle of the field felt like he was drowned slightly and he felt tightly, Miles swung his arms, and Long minutes later and suddenly felt flying and stopped in strawberry bushes. Miles was a little confused, because it turned out that Logan from above pulled Miles out of the cornfield. The feeling of fear of Miles in line It would have been too awful was one example of a compliant type personality where he needed someone to accompany him.

Aggressive

According to Philip's behavior made him fall into the category of aggressive personality. The sentence the boy in the suit rolled his eyes, looked at his watch, and said, "We're losing daylight here. Let's get this show on the road described Logan's first meeting with the candy-making contest participants. There was a boy who behaved a little unpleasantly as he rolled his eyes and said firmly that no one wasted his time because he had been waited at the gate. The boy proudly picked up a large leather briefcase and walked past Logan, the boy's name was Philip.

Detached

Daisy personality could be categorized as a detached type personality because she was a spy who must directly had an independent personality. The sentence Daisy had been a spy since she could walk from the data described that Daisy was part of the spy since she was born because of her family lineage, and she also learned and trained herself from her grandmother.

4.3 Impact of Personality that Affect their Friendship

The sentence the only problem was that Logan didn't have much experience with other kids described Logan had never interacted with his peers since the incident of the brown truck toy because of that he had no friends with friends in his age. But Logan was still himself was humble and always grateful to made him a role model as a true friend between Miles, Daisy and even Philip. It could be saw from the data below which showed Logan who was grateful to Philip that he still wanted to be friends with him, and Logan gave a box contained a toy truck that 7 years ago fell into the vat, emphasized with the sentence which Philip reached out his hand and Logan gave him a small box, about the size two decks of cards. He couldn't imagine what was in it.

5. DISCUSSION

5.1. Types of Friendship of Main Characters in Novel The Candymakers By Wendy Mass

The writer had found of three types of friendship of main characters in novel The Candymakers by Wendy Mass based on Aristoteles's theory. According to the data finding, the writer found friendship based on utility/advantage, it concluded that each person had a different position of self to others which gave rose to profitable and useful friendships. In the data, several main characters such as Miles asked about honey to Paulo, Daisy had a partner to completed her mission named AJ and she used Philip as a diversion. Philip was one of the main

characters it also confirmed that not everyone, we met could be became friends, therefore he put himself accorded to conditions such as at the time of the match he insisted that he did not want to have friends, because of that Philip would friend with people he met only the benefits/uses liked he needed helped from Henry and Reggie. From all of the data above could conclude main characters were accompanied and assisted by people they need or can benefited them during the contest.

The writer found that there were friendships based on pleasure of main characters. The data described the liked, pleased, and similarities between several main characters. It could be seen that Logan and Miles have some such as be both shy attituded, had the same favorite game and also had the same thoughts about girls. Daisy had the same habit as Miles which was always brought books with them every time they left and the similarity in the organization that Daisy had with her fellow spies.

The writer found as friendship based on virtuous/admiration that a friendship could real or could be entered by virtuous/admiration started from the way each character got treatment and also gave their respective assessments, Miles who was always assume that in afterlife everyone could be good friends and he was sensitive of the good of someone who could make him felt comfortable. Daisy who was had a friend of a horse, she had a real friend named Carpenter, and Daisy told Logan the real friend would be love him no matter the condition of him. Also, Logan was felt inferiority but was gave enthusiasm, because his friends were would to take a big risk for him and also the main teamwork character who requires a friendship.

Therefore, the most dominant type of friendship found in this novel was friendship based on Virtuous/Admiration which was also became the end of journey of friendship in novel *The Candymakers* by Wendy Mass.

5.2. Personality of Main Characters Affect the Friendship in Novel *The Candymakers* By Wendy Mass

The writer had three types of personality of main characters in novel *The Candymakers* by Wendy Mass based on Neo-Freud's theory. The compliant type in personality indicated the character's dependence on others such as Logan who always depended on his parents for everything. There was also a sense of inferiority of Logan that made. Miles who needed other people when he was afraid. The privileges of Philip's parents included his dependence on his parents. Therefore, because all of that it could be concluded that each main character was dependent on others and needs someone.

The writer had found personality of aggressive type. Philip's character dominated the aggressive type in personality in the novel *The Candymakers* by Wendy Mass. Where he was always arrogant, who always wanted got away from others, and always felt liked been praised and proud. Daisy who braved to sabotage her mission, it also became a personality of aggressive.

Detached type of personality that represented each of the main characters showed their respective independence, especially in overcame the problems they experienced. Miles who was able to control himself out of the problem, Daisy was very independent because she was born as a spy, Philip who tried to solve misunderstood all this time and also Logan who was able to overcame various problems that even he had never been able to solved.

Therefore, the most dominant type of personality found in this novel was Aggressive type which was Philip's character dominated this type because he really wanted to win the contest.

5.3. The Impact of Personality of Main Characters In Novel The Candymakers By Wendy Mass That Affect Their Friendship

The writer had found the impact of personality of their friendship in novel *The Candymakers* by Wendy Mass, which literature became as a reflection of the time. The writer concluded even though aggressive type but it could not be used as a benchmark in a friendship, liked personality characters such as Miles, Daisy and even Philip who were very aggressive could change due to Logan's detached character who emphasized his good side by always been grateful for everything he had and trough. Because of detached personality, main characters personality changed and formed a true friendship at the end of the story

Such as Aristotle's theory concluded that friendships were difficult to break was friendship based on virtuous/admiration. Because of the emotional of children changed made a personality of them could change quickly and periodically too.

Therefore, based on Allan Swinge wood's theory that there was not dominant personality that affects the friendship as reflected in the friendship of children aged 12 years in that era as the same as the main characters whose 12 years old children too.

6. CONCLUSIONS

Based on finding and discussion it be concluded in *The Candymakers* novel by Wendy Mass, the writer concluded the result of this study the types of friendship dominated by Virtuous/ Admiration because became a guide in made a friend. The types of personality in this study dominated by Aggressive personality but the impact that affect their friendship it would be Detached personality because solve the problem of friendship.

Friendship in this novel was very useful for readers to find out how friendship, personality, and impact of friendship itself occur in this novel. Meanwhile, this study could be used as a source of study who had interested to analyzed the same type of literary work which was *The Candymakers* novel by Wendy Mass through Aristotle's theory, Neo- Freud's theory and the sociological approach by Allan Swinge Wood's Theory.

In addition, it was recommended to next writer could provide knowledge about human life, especially about friendship which contained the meant of respect, love, a sense of protected and helped each other in life, these were things that made the world worth living.

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