

MASLOW'S HIERARCHY OF HUMAN NEEDS OF THE MAIN CHARACTER IN ABRAHAM LINCOLN VAMPIRE HUNTER FILM (2012)

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ABSTRACT

People have different dream in their life. To fulfill the dream, they need motivation because it makes people stronger to achieve their dream. The researcher identified the motivation hierarchy of human needs of the main character in Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter film using Maslow's theory. Abraham's character is basically motivated by his revenge to fulfill his human needs. This study discussed about the human needs of Abraham Lincoln as the main character in the film. This study was a descriptive qualitative study. The primary data were presented in the form of dialogues throughout the movie related to human needs of Abraham's character in Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter film. The secondary data were supported by the previous studies, journals, theories and books. The data source was taken from the script, and dialogue of Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter film. The result of this study showed that the researcher finds that Abraham's character in Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter film fulfilled all of five stages of the hierarchy of human needs by Abraham Maslow such as physiological needs, the belongingness, esteem needs, safety needs. But he struggles to fulfil his self-actualization needs because to achieved his dream, he needs to do some works such as hunting the vampires.

Keywords: Hierarchy of human needs, main character, Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter film

ABSTRAK

Setiap orang memiliki mimpi yang berbeda dalam hidupnya. Untuk menggapai mimpinya, mereka membutuhkan motivasi karena itulah yang membuat orang lebih kuat untuk menggapai mimpi. Peneliti mengidentifikasi hirarki motivasi kebutuhan manusia dari karakter utama di film Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter menggunakan teori dari Maslow. Karakter Abraham termotivasi oleh dendamnya untuk memenuhi kebutuhannya. Penelitian ini me diskusikan tentang kebutuhan Abraham Lincoln sebagai karakter utama di dalam film. Penelitian ini merupakan penelitian Deskriptif Kualitatif. Data utama disajikan dalam bentuk dialog disepanjang film yang berkaitan dengan kebutuhan dari Abraham di film Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter. Data sekunder didukung oleh penelitian, jurnal, teori,

dan buku. Sumber data diambil dari skrip, dan dialog dari film Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter. Hasil dari penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa peneliti menemukan karakter Abraham di film Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter memenuhi lima tingkatan dari hirarki kebutuhan manusia dari Abraham Maslow seperti kebutuhan Psikologi, kebutuhan dimiliki, kebutuhan dihargai, kebutuhan keamanan. Tetapi IA kesulitan dalam memenuhi kebutuhan aktualisasi diri karena untuk menggapai mimpinya, dia harus melakukan sesuatu yaitu memburu vampir.

Kata kunci: Hierarki kebutuhan manusia, karakter utama, film Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter

A. INTRODUCTION

Psychology is a scientific study of thoughts and behavior. The word psychology comes from the Greek word "psyche," meaning life, and "logos," which means explanation. Furthermore, psychology is a field that will provide you with new ways of thinking about your thoughts, feelings, and actions (Saylor, 6-7). Psychology and study of literature have relations in their focus on emotions and the human soul. A literary work benefits from psychology in terms of successfully presenting characters, expressing their moods, and bringing the reader into the psychological dimension of human reality. Psychology covers almost everything what we want to know about literature because literature is a section of mind (Emir, 49).

In the study, the researcher wanted to use film as an object of the research. The researcher observed a film Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter by Bekmambetow and created by Seth Grahame Smith. The researcher was interested in analyzing this film because it was adapted from the best-selling fiction novel written by Seth Grahame-Smith which tells about the reign of the 16th President of America during the American Civil War. Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter film became a controversy especially for Americans because the figure of Abraham Lincoln was not just a hero to the nation, but also the figure of a great President and Statesman who brought America to an end of slavery, built up the fundamental of the state, and brought the nation out of the moral crisis.

In conclusion, the researcher used The hierarchy of human needs theory by Abraham Maslow because the researcher wants to know-how Hierarchy of humans needs as the needs that must be satisfied by human beings, not only exist in the humans in real life, but also in the characters of literary work such as a film. Abraham Maslow argues that human needs are divided into five stages in the hierarchy. It called hierarchy of human needs and it must be satisfied. The five hierarchy needs stages are, physiological needs, safety needs, The belongingness and love needs, esteem needs, and self-actualization needs.

B. THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

1. Literature

Literature is as permanent expressions in words like written or spoken, especially arranged in pleasing accepted patterns or forms. Literature expresses thoughts, feelings, ideas or other special aspects of human experiences (Ade, 3). Moody states, literature springs from our in born love of telling a story, of arranging words in pleasing patterns, of expressing in words some special aspects of our human experience (Moody 1987).

2. Character and Characterozation

In literary work, There are six types of character that suit the character in this research: Main character, static character, round character, flat character, protagonist and antagonis.

Characterization is the author's presentation and development of characters. When revealing a character's traits, a writer can use both direct and indirect characterization. 1 Through direct characterization, the author simply tells the readers what the character is like. The author makes the reader very easy to understanding about the character. 2. Through indirect characterization, the author prefers to show the character through dialogue, thoughts, and speech (Griffith, 61-62).

3. Maslow's Hierarchy of Human Needs Theory

Maslow's Hierarchy of Human Needs is a theory psychological proposed in his 1943 paper A Theory of Human Motivation. His theory contends that as humans meet the 'basic needs', they seek to satisfy successively 'higher needs' that occupy a set hierarchy. The hierarchy of human needs are only one class of determinants of behaviour. While behaviour is almost always motivated, it is also almost always biologically, culturally and situational determined as well (Maslow, 1943:5)

Maslow argued that human motivation can be studied by observing human rather that animal behaviour. His observations led him to the conclusion that human needs can be understood in terms of hierarchy of needs. Motivation is a human organism dominated by a particular need, which means that all future philosophy also tends to change and that will measure all human goals and, the 9 desire by its behavior during its less extreme physiological course becomes blind to many things (Maslow, 37-38).

C. RESEARCH METHOD

1. Research Method

Literary research has six types of research. They are historical, comparative, descriptive, correlation, experimental, and evaluation research (AECT, 2001). The researcher used descriptive research because the purpose of this study was to analyze a character. Descriptive research is the authorship method used to discuss by the way of researching, processing,

analyzing, interpreting, and completing the data with conclusions and analysis as needed (AECT, 2001). According to Whitney (1960), descriptive research is a method of gathering facts with appropriate interpretation.

The descriptive research method has two types. Those are the descriptive quantitative method and descriptive qualitative method. The descriptive quantitative method is encircled with numbers and statistical data, and the descriptive qualitative method deals with an analytical description (AECT, 2001). Due to the fact that the object of this study is a film that was using an analytical description, so the researcher used the descriptive qualitative method in this study.

2. Data and Data Source

Data is the result of the study that one collected in the form of information. The primary data were presented in the form of dialogues throughout the film related to the hierarchy of human needs of Abraham's character in Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter film. The secondary data were supported by previous studies, journals, theories, and books. The data source was taken from the script of Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter film published in 2012 created by Seth Grahame-Smith and directed by Timur Bekmambetow.

3. Research Instrument

In analysing this research, the research was the key of instrument. descriptive qualitative method deals with an analytical description (AECT, 2001).

4. Data Collection

In collecting the data, the researcher applied these following stages:

1. The researcher downloaded and watched the film of Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter film several times.
2. The researcher checked the movie script and the dialogue in the movie.
3. The researcher noted down the parts of the dialogue that were relevant to the character and characterization as well as the main characters.

5. Data Analysis

According to Given (2008:185), there are six steps used in analyzing the 20 data: organizing and preparing the data, reading through all the data, categorizing the data, giving the description, interrelating description, and interpreting the meaning of description.

1. For organizing and preparing the data, the researcher wrote all the data in the film related to Abraham's character. The researcher dissembled the data by classifying the narrations and dialogues of Emil's character.
2. Reading all the data is the second technique to find the major topic of

this study. In this research, the researcher analyzes the problem related to the human needs of the main character to achieve his motivation.

3. . Categorizing the data is the third technique. In this research, the researcher categorized five stages of the hierarchy of human needs theory by Abraham Maslow.
4. The last step is making interpretation relating to the data that has been categorized and sorted based on the researcher's comprehension of the theory.

In this data analysis, the researcher also used coding to classify the data. Coding is the process of organizing and sorting the data. The functions of coding are to label and organize data. In linking data collection and data interpretation, coding becomes the fundamental analysis (Fallin and Roditis and Glantz, 2015). The meaning of codes was making short descriptions of the meaning of each code. It was helpful for the researcher and for other researchers who would have access the data analysis to know about codes (Gibbs 2007): 1. The label or name of the code 2. Who coded it (name of the researcher/coder) 3. The date when the coding was done/changed 4. Definition of the code; a description of the concept it refers to 5. Information about the relationship of the code to other codes you are working with during the analysis.

D. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

1. Physiological Needs

The following dialogue shows how the main character, Abraham Lincoln fulfills his physiological need.

Abraham : Abraham. Uh, Lincoln.

I need a bit of help.

Speed : All right. Well, a friend in need, is a friend of Speed.

What can I get for you?

Abraham : I don't suppose you know of any rooms for rent, Mr.Speed?

Speed : What sort of room are you looking for, Mr. Lincoln?

Abraham : Well, a cheap one, as I have spent all of my money on law book and have none to spare at the moment.

After Henry managed to teach Abraham how to hunt for vampires, Abraham also started his hunt. When Abraham wants to start the hunt the first thing he needs is a place to live. Abraham also met someone, namely Speed. He wants to rent a room at a cheap price. At first, Speed did not accept Abraham's offer, but after he thought about it again he agreed with the condition that Abraham helped him keep his shop. According to Maslow, physiological needs is individual needs. Therefore from the explanation above, it is clear that physiological needs, such as needs for

oxygen, food, place, water, and a relatively constant body temperature are easily fulfilled by Abraham.

2. Safety Needs

Safety needs are characterized by protection from elements; security, order, law, stability, freedom from fear.

In this dialogue, describe that Abraham wants to save and free himself over the shadow of his mother's death, so that is the way Abraham wants to kill Jack Barts.

Abraham : For my mother.

Jack : That was unlucky. Might have put me out of my misery. Where the hell are you running to?

One night Abraham came to a place where he could meet Jack Barts. When he arrived there he saw Jack but he decided to hide in the boat right under the warehouse. He saw Jack Barts talking to several people. After some of the people left and Jack finally himself, Abraham approached Jack Barts with emotion and pulled out a gun and tried to kill with the feeling that he could be free from the shadow of his mother's death. Unfortunately, the bullet didn't work on Jack Barts's body because he was a vampire.

3. The Belongingness and Love Needs

Abraham : Honest?

Marry : Rude.

Abraham : Miss Todd, may I speak candidly? I, too, came here to better myself. That's why I have taken an interest in the law, and why,

I may be so bold,

I have taken an interest in you.

And as for the adventure that you seek,

I suspect that few men could ever hope to provide that for you.

Least of all your fiance, Stephen Douglas.

Abraham attended a party with his friend's speed. There he met with Marry. When Abraham sat alone enjoying the meal, Marry came to him and invited him to dance. When they both started dancing Abraham starting a chat as if he was trying to seduce Marry. As follow is the dialogue that shows Abraham began to fall in love with Marry but he still didn't dare to admit it. In this dialogue, He realized that he also needed love from someone.

4. The Esteem Needs

Maslow classified into two categories: (i) esteem for oneself (dignity, achievement, mastery, independence) and (ii) the desire for reputation or respect from others (e.g., status, prestige). Maslow indicated that the need for respect or reputation is most important for children and adolescents and precedes real self-esteem or dignity.

-As follow is the dialogue portrayed Abraham is very confident that he can kill Jack Barts.

Abraham :What were you doing there, **and how did you know I would try to kill Barts?**

Henry :How?

I watched this boy carry out his first long-awaited mission. Drunk, might I add.

After Abraham was saved by Henry when he was almost killed by Jack Bart, Abraham also asked Henry how Henry could find out if he wanted to kill Jack Bart and then even then get the answer from Henry. In the dialogue when Abraham said "how did you know I would kill Jack Barts" it was very clear that the dialogue illustrated a high of trust in himself that made him very confident of killing Jack Barts.

5. Self-actualization Needs

Even if all these needs are satisfied, it may still often (if not always) expect that discontent and restlessness will soon develop, unless the individual is doing what he/she, individually, is fitted for.

-As follow is the dialogue portrayed Abraham want to be a lawyer.

Senator : A voice like that is too strong to be stuck keeping shop.

Abraham : **I'm actually studying to be a lawyer.**

Senator : well, Mr Lincoln, maybe it's time you thought about politics. I can connect you with the right people.

Abraham met with the senator when he finished speaking. Abraham told the senator that he wants to be a lawyer. In the dialogue, Abraham was intended to become a lawyer, but in the middle of his effort to reach his dream, he has to fight a vampire and became a vampire hunter

E. CONCLUSION

Based on the research question the researcher finds that Abraham's character in Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter film fulfilled all of five stages of the hierarchy of human needs by Abraham Maslow such as physiological needs, the belongingness, esteem needs, safety needs. But he struggles to fulfill his selfactualization needs because to achieved his dream, he needs to do some works such as hunting the vampires.

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