

AN ANALYSIS OF THE MAIN CHARACTER IN THE MOVIE "SOUTHPAW" BY ANTOINE FUQUA

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ABSTRACT

Movies are identical to characters. If the characters in a film are less interesting in terms of storyline, then the audience's interest will also decrease. Therefore it is important to have a character that describes the personality of the character. The film, SouthPaw (2015) features the main character with the theme of boxing sports with a character who loves his family and has to lose his beloved wife. This study aims to analyze a movie from South Park film about the personality of the main character, Billy Hope. The data used in this study is from the film itself which can be watched on the HBO application or other free official sites by telling the life of a boxer who has a dark life story, then this research was analyzed using descriptive qualitative methods. This research shows how the personality of Billy Hope, the main character played by Jake Gyllenhaal, is.

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A. Introduction

Literature is a written work that includes creative works such as poetry, drama, novels, books, scientific journals, and many more. The term "literature" comes from the Latin "literature" which means "written knowledge or written works" in general, literature is in the form of books or all forms of writing that have a clear source of information (Novri Gazali 2022). One aspect that plays an important role is the use of a broad and imaginative language style. In addition, literature is also a mirror of society and reflects cultural, political, social, and historical values. Literature is conducted with the realization that knowledge accumulates over time, that our research topic, society and research area have been explored by others before, and

that we can learn from what those others have done. Thus, we are not the first to research the topic, society or region (Neuman 2011, Chapter 5).

Film is a visual medium that combines images, sound, and narration to convey the content of the story or ideas to the audience. Movies are also synonymous with the main character, with the main character, the storyline has a characteristic or impression on the audience. The main character is the character who focuses on the main plot of the story in the movie. The character plays an important role in influencing the story and other developments such as conflict, goals, and significant personal growth in the storyline, especially in determining himself through the thoughts, conversations, and attitudes of the person (Roberts 1983).

The term movie is actually a tautology because movies and films basically cover the same thing. In basic theory, too, film and movies are used to describe audiovisual productions that are shown in theatres or through other media. Movies are usually shown in theatres as part of a commercial release. Movies also have a variety of genres, such as drama, comedy, action, adventure, horror, fiction, science, and others. Movies are also often an important part of a very popular culture with a wide reach and a huge influence on the economy.

The film itself also has a character that will develop with the course of the story, both in terms of behaviour and the nature of the character. Characters that have development throughout the story will give a certain impression. Character development often involves emotional, mental, or physical feelings. This will add dimension and interest to the storyline of the movie. This is what makes the author interested in analyzing the main character in the film "SouthPaw" directed by Antoine Fuqua and written by Kurt Sutter in 2015. This film tells the story of a great boxer named Billy "The Great Hope", played by Jake Gyllenhaal. The movie "SouthPaw" combines some pretty deep drama elements with the action and conflict lived by the character Billy with beautiful visuals and a strong scenario.

Based on the purpose of this study, the researcher will analyze the main characters in the SouthPaw film:

1. How is the main character in the film SouthPaw, Billy Hope (2015)

B. Literature Review

1. Character Personality

According to (Michael Novak) character is a compatible mixture of all the goodness identified by religious traditions, literary stories, wise men, and the collection of reasonable people in history. Character personality in literature can vary depending on the author or writer

of the story to be created. Character personality is a combination of traits, attitudes, behaviours, and psychological traits that describe a film character. This discussion includes how the characters in the movie act, as well as how they deal with various conflicts that occur. Some theories of personality according to (Sigmund Freud), consider that personality is formed through conflicts between psychological components, such as ego, and superego. The portrayal of a character's personality in a movie varies greatly depending on the genre of the movie and makes the characters in the movie iconic and very recognizable to the audience over the years when the actor can portray a character that gives a strong and unforgettable aura.

2. Character

According to Abrams in Nurgiyantoro (2013), characters are presented in a work of narrative or drama, which the reader interprets as having certain qualities as expressed in speech and action. Characters in movies also refer to fictional individuals or entities in the story. Characters can be anything such as humans, animals, and even objects. Characters in movies have an important role to play in building the plot, presenting conflict, and developing the theme of the story. Movie characters often have their own attributes and characteristics, and have diverse personalities.

3. SoutPaw Movie (2015)

"SouthPaw" is an American exercise drama film released in 2015. The movie was directed by Antoine Fuqua and written by Kurt Sutter. The movie stars Jake Gyllenhaal who plays the role of boxer Billy Hope. The movie tells the story of a boxer who has everything: fame, fortune, a happy family, and a world title. However, his life changes drastically when a tragedy befalls him and his family. In this movie, the main character, Billy, must face emotional and physical struggles to regain what he lost, including the world title he won and the relationship with his daughter. In addition, there are several supporting characters such as: Forest Whitaker, Naomie Harris, Danny Henriquez, and many other actors in the movie SouthPaw.

4. Billy Hope

Billy Hope is a world-champion professional boxer. Billy is described as talented and determined. He is a Southpaw boxer who uses his left hand as his main punch. The character is also known for his indomitable spirit and incredible toughness. He represents human struggle, perseverance, and strength in the face of adversity. In the movie SouthPaw, Billy Hope relies on his skills as a boxer in the boxing ring. His strong and deadly fighting style is his trademark. Although Billy is a fictional character in the movie, his character highlights the perseverance, courage, and ability of a real-life left-handed boxer in the boxing ring.

C. Method

The method used in this research is the qualitative method. According to Suryono (2010) qualitative research is an analysis used to investigate, discover, describe, and explain a quality of social influence that cannot be defined and measured. The data used in this study comes from an themed movie entitled SouthPaw (2015) whose object of research is the main character in the film Billy Hope.

D. Finding And Discussion

After observing and watching the film SouthPaw which was directed by Antoine Fuqua, the researchers found how the character Billy Hope played a very important role throughout the film based on the data the researchers had obtained in the film. In various aspects, the researcher also found how Billy Hope's personality is very important to describe because the life story experienced by the main character is quite gloomy, whereas at the beginning of the film's story it is told that the main character has a luxurious life and a happy family is destroyed by a tragedy and makes the wife of the main character, Billy Hope, died from the tragedy.

Experiencing an unexpected incident, this made Billy depressed and felt down so he went bankrupt and destroyed his boxing career and lost the world title. Another thing that became the point of Billy's fall was that he had to separate from his daughter because he was deemed unfit to have custody and Billy had to fulfill the conditions that had to be met if he wanted his daughter back.

With strong determination and never giving up, Billy finally struggled to get a job and work at the new boxing gym because the old gym kicked him out. With a very hard and unyielding effort, Billy was finally able to face all the problems that came and get everything he had and his daughter back. From the story of the film SouthPaw, it can be taken to eat that whatever happens, never give up with circumstances.

After analyzing the SouthPaw film, the findings from this film refer to the personality and characteristics of the main character in this film, namely Billy Hope, which will be explained through some data.

The Main Character of Billy Hope

-Diligence

Billy Hope, the main character in the movie SouthPaw, is shown as a very determined boxer. He has a luxurious life, a magnificent house, and a happy family. Billy himself has strong

discipline and perseverance in training, he is portrayed as a boxer who is full of strength and anger. Billy also relies on violence in every match to become a world champion in boxing.

-Determination and Courage

Billy Hope was very determined and never gave up. Despite the challenges and problems that came his way, even when his wife Maureen was killed in a devastating incident, he continued to fight for his life. achieve the goal. Billy is known as a very brave person in any condition in facing his opponent. Billy has the physical and mental courage needed in a risky struggle.

-Full of Love

One of the most important parts of Billy's personality is his love for his family. He loves his family dearly and would do anything to protect them.

-Fighting Against Adversity

Billy in SouthPaw has always faced problems in his life, including losing a loved one and falling into a downward spiral. Billy fell into despair and lost control of his own life. In his downturn and the decline and loss of his career, he got entangled in bad habits such as: drinking alcohol and self-destructing. However, from the troubles that always came his way and the downturns he experienced, he always kept his spirit strong and rose above the things that broke him.

-Character Change

One of the most interesting aspects of the movie SouthPaw is Billy's character change throughout the story. He undergoes significant emotional and mental changes, learning from his mistakes and always trying to change into a better version of himself.

Billy Hope's Character Traits

- Arrogant
- Stubborn
- Someone who is determined and persistent
- Loving

Conclusion

The conclusion from this analysis is that Billy Hope's character is a character that really motivates everyone. Billy's character depicts a man who never gives up in facing life. From various problems he always rises in circumstances that could make him fall into the dark side.

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