

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Path of life is one of characterizations that humans should have. If someone wants to get something he or she must try to get that. Human can try many ways to get everything they want, but not all wish can be reached by human being. People can see path of life not only in real life but also in fiction story like story in novel, or drama. Many stories give the major character strong characterization to the path of life. Usually the major characters in the story do not give up to reach their happiness. *The Pursuit of Happyness* is a family drama; the major character in this movie has a good spirit to get his happiness. The happiness in this film is to get a job but to get that job is not easy, he must struggle to get that and the struggle is so hard. This movie can make the audience be affected because beside describing struggle of a father to get a job, it also describes love of a father to his son.

The Pursuit of Happyness movie is a film by Gabriele Muccino. Gabriele Muccino as movie director *The Pursuit of Happyness*, was born in Rome, Italy, 20 may 1967. Muccino enrolled in faculty of letters at Rome's "la Sapienza" university. He is Italian director; working in Europe was always easier than working in America. He begins his film career as an assistant to Italian director's Pupi Avati ("*The Story of Boy and Girls*") and Marco Risi ("*Steam: The Turkish Bath*"). Muccino was directing his debut that earned him a spot in the 1998 in film festival where he received a nomination for best

direction. Film “The Last Kiss” propelled Muccino into the international spotlight. In award he wins 6 awards and 14 nominations. *The Pursuit of Happyness* was released in USA at 15 December 2006. This film was nominated for Oscar, wins 9 awards and 17 nominations.

(<http://movies.yahoo.com/movie/contributor/1804369558/bo>)

The Pursuit of Happiness tells about path of life of Chris Gardner to get happiness. Chris Gardner is a smart man and hard worker. He has a wife named Linda and their son is Christopher. Chris Gardner is a medical asset salesman. He wants to change his life to be stockbroker in Dean Whittler. The Path of life Chris to get job is very hard, finally Chris gets opportunity 6 month to apprentice without salary in the office. The struggle is not finished. He must compete with 20 people to get the job in the office. At this time his wife (Linda) left Chris and Christopher to work in New York. Chris does not have house and money, but finally he gets the job in Dean Whittler as stockbroker.

After watching this movie the researcher is interested in analyzing the *The Pursuit of Happyness* because it is an interesting movie; there are four aspects that make this movie really interesting. The first is the movie shows clearly strive of Chris Gardner ,it be can seen when Chris Gardner wife left him, then he lost his house, his bank account, and credit cards. He is evicted from his house. And he goes to jail. He is robbed and hit by a car and forced to live out in the streets with his son, Chris is desperate to find a steady job, he takes on a job as a stockbroker, but before he can get paid, he needs to go

through 6 months of training, and to sell his device, in the other word he work for nothing due to his first month in that firm. So Chris Gardner is a good example for people who wants to struggle with their problems and live.

The second aspect is *The Pursuit of Happiness* movie is completed by love story between Chris Gardner and Linda. Chris Gardner and his wife Linda live in a small apartment with their son, Christopher. But by selling bone-density scanner makes Chris be disappointed to what he has done and it makes, his family be broken. Linda (Chris wife) leaves him and moves to New York where she has received a job in a pizza parlor. Linda hopes their son, Christopher can not follow her. This movie is touchable, where a husband is left by his wife because financial problem.

The third is *The Pursuit of Happiness* movie based on true story; It is drama which has great actors that make the movie easy to understand. Outside of the father and the son roles that form the essence of the story, the rest of the actors, however, are given limited screen time. There is obviously good chemistry between the two Smiths, it seems that and they did not need to act to perform although delving deeper into their characters could have improved the movie and turned it from good to great. Director Gabriele Muccino captures and highlights in a dramatic context nuances of the father and son relationship. The movie's main achievement is bringing the real life story of Chris Gardner to the theaters and voicing its message to the whole world. The whole family will find an up lifting story in the movie though it would be

good especially for fathers and sons to watch the film together and it gives positive and optimistic for the audience.

The Last is *The Pursuit of Happyness* movie has moral message based on real life. The moral of the story is as in Gardner's statement "Don't let anyone convince you to give up on your dreams". *The Pursuit of Happiness* tells what happens to Chris after the end of the movie, it promises that it will have a story than another. The film is also marred by a persistent voiceover that adds nothing to the story while frequently jerking out of the experience of watching it.

In the literary review there are many approaches likes: feminist, Individual psychological, sociological, psychoanalytic and Marxist. Individual psychological is one of approach that has main a study of humanist psychological with Alfred Adler as the pioneer of Individual psychological.

According to Adler as quoted by (Feist, 1985: 64) individual psychology insists on the fundamental unity of personality. All apparent dichotomies and multiplicities of life are organized in one-self consistent totally no definite definition that can be made between reason and emotion. All behavior is seen in relation to the final goal of superiority or success. This goal gives direction and unity to the individual. Psychologically mature individual is generally more conscious of his or her feeling and the motivation behind behavior is the psychotic or severely neurotic person, but even the behavior of the mature person is to large degree guided and controlled by unconscious instincts. (Feist. 1985: 22)

The Pursuit of Happyness is one of box office movies and was nominated for Oscar. *The Pursuit of Happyness* describes the struggle of a father. The major character in this movie is Chris Gardner, he is a good father, and his struggle to get happiness is so hard. According to those aspects, the researcher would like to explore and analyze the emotion in *The Pursuit of Happyness* based on the individual psychological, entitled **CHRIS GARDNER'S PATH OF LIFE TO GET HAPPINESS IN *THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS* MOVIE (2006) DIRECTED BY GABRIELE MUCCINO: AN INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH**

B. Literature Review

Before the researcher writes this research paper the researcher looked for the research in the Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta library and so far there are some researches related to "individual psychological approach". One of the research papers is "*The Power Of Mother's Love In Jodi Picoult Perfect Match An Individual Psychological Approach* by Sri Hartatik Hertin (2009). She is the student of Muhammadiyah university of Surakarta. And the second research paper is "*Struggle of father to Get Happyness* " in *The Pursuit of Happiness* movie An Individual Psychological Approach by Fitriani Nufus (2009). She is a student of Muhammadiyah university of Surakarta.

There is different problem statement among the researcher and the writer in conducting this research. The first researcher, Sri Hartatik (2006) conducted the research to know the major Power Of Mother's Love In Jodi Picoult Perfect Match. And the second researcher, Fitriani Nufus (2009) conducted it about Strunggle of Chris Gardner to Get Happiness. Beside the difference, the writer has similarity in object of the research. The object is *Pursuit of Happyness* the Movie that emphasizes in Chris Gardner path of life to get happiness.

C. Problem Statement

Problem statement in this research is “How is Chris Gartner's path of life to get happiness reflected in *The Pursuit of Happiness* movie directed by Gabrielle Muccino?

D. Limitation of the Study

In this study the researcher limits the Chris Gardner's path of life to get happiness, as the major character On *The Pursuit of Happyness* based on the individual psychological approach.

E. Objectives of the Study

The objectives of the study are:

1. To analyze the movie based on the structure element.
2. To analyze the movie based on the individual psychological approach

F. Benefits of the Study

The benefits of the study are as follow:

1. Theoretical Benefit

To give additional information to the larger body of knowledge, particularly to the study of Gabriel Muccino *The Pursuit of Happyness*.

2. Practical Benefit

To give an additional contribution to understand *The Pursuit of Happyness* film from individual psychological perspective.

G. Research Method

1. Type of the study

In this research, the writer uses a qualitative research. It is library research while data source is using literary data. It purposes to analyze the movie using sociological perspective. The steps to conduct this research are (1) determining the type of the study, (2) determining the object of the study, (3) determining data and data source, (4) determining technique of data collection, and (5) determining technique of data analysis.

2. Object of the Study

The object of the study is *Pursuit of Happyness* movie directed by Gabriel Muccino and publishing by Columbia Pictures in 2006. It is analyzed by using individual psychological approach.

3. Types of the Data and the Data Source

There are two types of the data namely primary data and secondary data that are needed to do research.

a. Primary Data

The primary data sources of the study are *Pursuit of Happyness* movie directed by Gabriel Muccino written by Gardner with Quincy Troupe.

b. Secondary Data

The secondary data sources are books, some references related to this movie websites, movie script and other matters that support this analysis.

4. Technique of the Data Collection

The techniques of data collections are capturing the picture and note taking, with the steps are:

- a. Watching the movie for the several times.
- b. Reading the movie script.
- c. Determining the character that will be analyzed.
- d. Taking notes of important parts in both primary and secondary data.
- e. Classifying and determining the relevant data.
- f. Taking notes from the material and some other resources related to the movie and the analysis.

5. Technique of the Data Analysis

The technique used in analyzing the data is descriptive analysis. It concerns with the structural elements of the movie and individual psychological approach.

H. Paper Organization

The paper is divided into five chapters. Chapter 1 deals with introduction that consists of background of the study, previous study, problem statement, limitation of the study, and objective of the study, benefit of the study and paper organization. Chapter 2 deals with theoretical approach and notion of individual approach. Chapter 3 deals with Structural Analysis that concerns structural analysis of the movie which includes structural elements of the movie, such as character and characterization, setting, plot, technical elements, point of view and theme. Chapter 4 deals with data analysis and discussion and chapter 5 deals with conclusion and suggestion.