

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

People believe that everyone has the rights to get life in the world. But, there are many actions that are not suitable with the notion of human being. For example, a man that has torture from others has to get his right to be a human being. People can say that the torture has to be annihilated from the world. Rivera in Millon and Lerner (2003: 579) states “Torture involves the intentional infliction of severe pain or suffering, by or with the agreement of a public official, in order to obtain information or a confession, or to punish, intimidate, or coerce”. Violence seems to imply a damaging of the other, a hurting that is more than temporary pain (Rivera in Millon and Lerner, 2003: 574).

In a case of violation, people investigate the happening problem, it can be to a man or to the certain group. There are so many reasons of life, and then if they are not suitable with the human being principle it must be annihilated. In getting the explanation of the case they do investigation. They do investigation to get the understanding about things they do not understand. “Investigation, in which the directions of various straight lines in space are to be considered” (Gauss, 1902: 3). The investigation has to be considered with the situation and condition too. It cannot be ignored the other things that may have important point in the investigation.

In this study, the writer investigates the interrogation system in the *Unthinkable* movie. Interrogation is needed by police to get the information and understanding about the case they faced. “Interrogation is a conversation between the interrogator and suspect, during which the suspect is accused of involvement in a particular incident or group incidents” (Zulawski and Wicklander, 2002: 3). Every cop has his own way to interrogate suspect. They also can use many files to get the information from the suspect. Zulawski and Wicklander (2002: 29) state “in an interrogation of a suspect, the use of a case file can facilitate a confession”. It means, cops can use the files they find in the place the case happened. It may remind the suspect with the activities in the place and get information about the others involved.

Humanistic theory is just one of many theories of personality. The word “personality” comes from Latin *persona*. It refers to theatrical mask worn by Roman actors in Greek drama (Feist and Feist, 2009: 3). Then it comes to course social description of individual in a group of social. This individual is expected to have behaviors which appropriate to view of society. Feist and Feist (2009: 3) state that personality theorists have not agreed on a single definition of personality. Naturally, humanity is unique. Every person has his own view in viewing humanity. Feist and Feist (2009: 4) say “personality is a pattern of relatively permanent traits and unique characteristic that give both consistency and individuality to a person’s behavior”. We can see that each human has their own characteristic in life.

Unthinkable movie is a critic of the US police department in interrogating their suspects. This movie tells about the FBI interrogator cop named Harold or in this movie called “H” who interrogates his suspect named Steven Arthur Younger alias Yusuf Mohamed Atta (38). Younger comes from Ohio. He is an Islamic terrorist in US. He has many bombs, he puts down in the city which is not mentioned by Younger and it became mystery for FBI.

Younger deliberates himself to be arrested by FBI. Then he is taken to the FBI office to be interrogated. FBI asks Harold to interrogate Younger. In this part the violation happens to Younger. Harold uses many tools to violate Younger in order to get information about the bomb which is laid in the city. Harold is really a cruel man. He violates Younger’s body such as cutting the fingers, using electric volt, slicing the body, and many more. Even, Harold kills Younger’s wife named Jehan Younger by shooting her body. But, all of it is not working to Younger, he stays on his principle not to talk to police about the bomb. Harold brings two children of Younger and threatens that he will kill them if Younger does not speak. Agent Brody, friend of Harold prohibits it. In the end of the story, the other cops including agent Brody oppose the Harold way to interrogate Younger. They disagree to violate Younger, because Younger keeps on his principle. Until the end of this movie, Younger does not mention the bombs location, he chooses to kill by shooting himself with a gun.

The man who directed this movie is an Australian named Gregor Jordan. He was born on Sale, Victoria, Australia in 1966. At first he is a trainee at Sydney television station. He studied at North Sydney Technical Program. His first work

is a short film *Swinger* (1995). It won an award from Cannes Film Festival in 1995. After that his second work is *Twisted Tales* in 1996. It is a television series. Then he directed *Big Sky* and *Raw FM*. These two television series are released in 1997.

Two Hands (1999) is the first feature film which is written and directed by Jordan. This film won the Australian Film Institute Award for Best Direction and Best Screenplay in 1999. Jordan's films include *Buffalo Soldiers* (2001), and *Ned Kelly* (2003). In 2010 he directed a psychological movie thriller entitled *Unthinkable* starring by Samuel L Jackson, Carrie Anne Moss, and Michael Sheen.

The writer of this study has some reasons to choose this movie. First, this is a drama thriller movie and has good story to be followed. The unpredictable scenes are shown in this movie. It may make the audience to guess what happens next to Younger, City, or Cops. It attracts the audience to guess and do not feel bored with the story. At the first, Younger makes a tape which introduces who Younger is. It will not make audiences confused with the film they are watching.

Second, this movie may give learning to defend on belief and keep on the principles. These two are the most important points in the human being to guide people in order to get the better life. Younger who believes to his religion, is against his country system by putting down bombs in the city. Although it is a wrong way, but he keeps on his principle. He does not speak to give information about the bomb. He has always tortured and even his wife Jehan is killed, but he is still on his principle.

Third, this movie can open people eyes to see the real life about terrorism in the world. People know that America is the favorite country to be attacked by terrorists. An American named Younger is willing to destroy his own country using bombs. He should have strong reason to do that. It also gives a perspective about terrorists' life that they also have their life just like others. It means that justice is directed to everyone, because they have same right with others.

The last reason is this movie has many bloody violence and tortures. It cannot be accepted to be done to human. In this movie, there are many scenes that show how police torture Younger's body with many tools too. For the good reason, the police do many actions to make Younger speak. Younger will never speak for the bombs and it makes him get much more violence. Then it opens the other police eyes that it is not suitable with the human right. Agent Brody at first has seen it and asks Harold to interrogate Younger by decent way.

The violence has dominant scenes in this movie. It is why the writer uses a humanistic approach to study this movie. The writer uses humanistic theory by Abraham Maslow. The writer studies the characters of this movie and gives a view based on the humanistic theory. So, the writer constructs the title **INVESTIGATING INTERROGATION SYSTEM IN GREGOR JORDAN'S *UNTHINKABLE* MOVIE (2010): A HUMANISTIC APPROACH.**

B. Literature Review

Unthinkable is a good and interesting film. The writer has tried to find the related research which is existed, and as far as the writer knows that there are no such kinds of research analyzing this film whether in Muhammadiyah

University of Surakarta and Surakarta region. So it is the first study on this film. But writer found the same research or movie review from Scott Brooks, United States of America (2010), entitled “Unthinkable - A Movie Review”. one more review is from RyMickey, United States of America, entitled “RyMickey’s Rambling: Unthinkable Movie Review”.

Based on the two previous only the first one which uses humanistic approach to observed the movie, it is coming from Scott Brook. The writer has the same perspective in analyzing the data. The difference between the previous researcher is, it is too general in analyzing the movie. The first researcher does not give the detail information about the characters and the system of interrogation in the movie. The writer here tries to focus and to specify humanistic view in major character and interrogation system by observing the actions of characters.

C. Problem Statement

Based on the background of the study above, the writer tries to formulate the research problem as follows.

1. How the major character keeps on his principle?
2. How the violation happens to the major character?

D. Limitation of the Study

The writer focuses this study in studying the system of police’ interrogation in Gregor Jordan’s *Unthinkable* movie (2010) to the suspect in a view of Abraham Maslow’s humanistic theory.

E. Objective of the Study

The objectives of the study intended by the writer are:

1. to describe the reasons why the major character keeps on his principle.
2. to describe how the police' behavior in violating the major character, and why it is not suitable with the human being.

F. Benefit of the Study

1. Theoretical Benefit

It is to give some contributions to the development of knowledge, particularly the application of the humanistic approach in literary studies on the *Unthinkable* movie.

2. Technical Benefit

This study is expected to give deeper understanding in literary field as the reference to the other writer and enrich the literary study, particularly among the students especially about humanistic perspective in literary study.

G. Research Method

1. Type of the Study

The type of this study is descriptive qualitative. Descriptive qualitative is a type of study which employs the method of collecting, describing, classifying, and analyzing the data and then drawing conclusion.

2. Type of the Data and the Data Source

a. Type of Data

The data are from the script of the *Unthinkable* movie directed by Gregor Jordan. They are every scene of the movie.

b. Data Source

The primary data are the movie and manuscript of *Unthinkable* movie by Gregor Jordan. The secondary data sources are from books, internet and other resources which related to the study.

3. Object of the Study

The object of this study is *Unthinkable* movie which is directed by Gregor Jordan.

4. Techniques of the Data Collection

The technique of data collection is that the writer watches the primary data first. Next, writer reads some related books as secondary sources to find out the theory, data and information required and taking notes of important parts in both primary data. Then, classifying data into categories and drawing conclusion in getting last result.

5. Technique of the Data Analysis

The method employed in analyzing the data is descriptive analysis, in which data are collected, described and then analyzed. It concerns with the structural elements of the movie, the writer uses humanistic theory and draws conclusion.

H. Research Paper Organization

The writer divides this study into five chapters. Chapter I is Introduction, which includes Background of the Study, Literature Review, Problem Statement, Limitation of the Study, Research Method, and Research Paper Organization. Chapter II is Underlying Theory, which consist of the Notion of Humanistic, Structural Elements of the Movie, and Theoretical Application. Chapter III deals with Structural Analysis of the Movie. Chapter IV presents the Humanistic Analysis. Chapter V contains Conclusion and Suggestion.