

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the study

The Next Three days is a 2010 American drama film that is directed and written by Paul Haggis. This movie takes place in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA. This film has duration one hundred and twenty two minutes, it uses English Language.

Paul Haggis was born in London, Ontario, Canada, 1953. He is a USA director. He gets many awards. Paul Haggis is the award-winning filmmaker (2004). This movie gets academy awards for Best Picture and Best Original Screenplay (2004). Besides as a director, he is also as a producer, a writer, such as: In the Valley of Elah and also *The Next Three Days*.

This film tells a story about a husband that tries to save his wife from judgment of killing woman. But he knew that his wife is innocent, that is why he wants to save his wife with all cost. It tells about John Brennan, Lara Brennan and Luke. John and Lara Brennan, and his brother Mick and wife Erit are out to dinner and it is not going well. Erit and Lara are fighting over whether it is a good idea for women to work for other women and it turns into a real nasty verbal cat fight. Lara has just had a big fight with her boss. After that John and

Lara head home. Next morning, Lara injects herself with insulin. As she is getting ready, she notices a spot on her rain jacket and is washing it out in the sink - just as she realizes that is blood, the police storm in and arrest her for the murder of her boss. John tried to save his wife, but he could not.

Three years later, John is a community college teacher who is teaching English. He tries to manage his job and raising Luke by himself. His wife was in the Alleghany County jail (Pittsburgh). John always comes to see Lara in the prison. He always tries to do any possible things to prove that his wife is innocent. His wife's lawyer keep trying to find more evidence. But one day, the lawyer told John to give up on her wife, because it was impossible to save his wife. The evidence was only a button pop from the person that bumped with Lara in the parking lot. John is very angry and decides to get another lawyer. Then John tells to Lara about his conversation with the lawyer. Lara can not face that reality and then she attempts to suicide. During the next three months, he resolves to spring her out and leave the country and starts to make a plan. He gets library books about prison life and how to escape. He meets with Damon Pennington, a person that ever escaped from prison seven times who gave him some tips. He has 15 minutes to get out of the centre of the city and 35 minutes to get out of the metro region, in this case, Pittsburgh. He will need three passports, a social security card that will pass a credit check and drivers licenses. He will also need money to live off because without money he will have no

friends. He needs a foreign getaway such as Yemen that only a few tourists came to that place. Pennington told him to look for ways to break the jail routines. Pennington also says that if he does this, he must decide that he is a guy who is willing to shoot a guard and run over a lady with a stroller, and if he is not, then he does not start because he will just get someone hurt.

John starts to investigate the weaknesses of the prison. He observes the jail everyday and takes a picture of the jail. He also tries to get fake ID's by buying some illegal drugs from the drug dealer in the street and asks them to make a fake ID's. One dealer directs him to a noisy bar to see another guy, but he gets beaten and robbed. Then he is back to his house. When he washes his blood from his face, someone knocks the door. He sees some man standing in front of his door. That man offers to make him a fake ID's. It costs three thousand and nine hundred dollars. John agrees with that.

After that, in the afternoon, John and Luke walk in the park. He meets with a woman named Nicole, a divorced woman with a girl about Luke's age. Suddenly, they are in conversation. Then Nicole gives John a birthday invitation to give to his son, Luke. It is her daughter birthday party. John searches a video on the internet about how to make a bump key. He tries to make a bump key, but it gets jammed when he tries to use it in a practice run on the jail elevator. He tries to move it, but the key breaks off in the lock. The jail sergeant interrogates him, he denies by the elevator (the surveillance video was not clear). He is

throwing up when he walks out of the jail. The cops who investigated his wife see him throw up and go visit him at his house, but he does not answer it. John actually wants to sell his house to get some money that is why his house is empty. He often leaves Luke with his parents over the weekend. John is upset his mother does not seem to believe Lara is innocent.

When he is observing, he notices a medical van visit the jail. He reads on the internet “how you can use a tennis ball with a hole in it to open a car door”. While the driver is inside a building, he breaks into the vehicle, photos a copy of Lara's blood work. At home he takes the blood work report so that Lara's glucose level looks dangerous. Then John buys a gun.

In the following day, Luke and John come to see Nicole and her daughter at a park again and they invite Luke to the daughter's 7th birthday party. When they were in conversation, Nicole asks John to bring his wife too. Finally, John admitted his wife is in jail for murder. Nicole feels sympathy for what happened to his wife. John tells about the story behind the case of his wife. Nicole trusts to John that his wife is innocent. After that John and Luke went back home. Suddenly, John has a phone call from Lara that she is being moved to a prison in three days.

John's house has not been sold yet. But he has to find a lot of money before he manages to escape his wife from prison. Then, he drives his car to the bank

parking lot. He wants to robe the bank. When he wants to get inside in the bank, he sees a woman with her kids. Then he suddenly cancels his will to robe the bank. Thinking back in the day when he observed the drug dealer on the street, he plans to robe the drug dealer boss. So he follows the red Dodge Challenger car that always collects the money from the drug dealer. After they arrive in the boss house, John brakes in and they have a gun shoot fight. The man who collects the money gets shot by the boss. Then John is able to take down the boss by a shot on the boss chest. He finally gets the money. When he wants to run away, the man who collects the money is still alive. He asks John to take him to the hospital and John agrees. John's car back lamp breaks because he is in a hurry. On the way to the hospital, the man that John brings is dead. He leaves the man on the transit bench. The next day, the police come to the scene and find the piece of the back lamp and the dead body of the man on the transit bench.

After that, John comes to his parent's house to pick Luke up. His parents tell to him to get inside the room. His dad notices a letter and a passport on his coat that he left in the chair. Then his dad gives a hug to John to let him knew that he had his blessing.

In the morning John and Luke pack up. John takes down his planning wall collage and puts one garbage bag in the neighbor's bin, the other down the street. John is brake into the medical van with Luke in the car, swaps Lara's blood work results, cuts the phone lines at the lab. John drops Luke two hours

early at the birthday party, he needs to run some errands. He tells Nicole that Luke's grandparent's phone number is in his jacket, in case John is late. At the hospital, a doctor sees the lab report and tries to call the lab for confirmation, but they get a busy signal. They decide to transport Lara to a hospital.

Lieutenant Nabulsi is supervising the detectives who investigated the murder for which Lara was convicted and also the murders of the drug dealer. They view the charred meth lab house. The cops find the broken tail lamp lens. Six Prius are registered to felons including a murderer and a rapist. Murderer is incarcerated. Rapist is out. Rapist is in a wheel chair. Then they checked the murderer "Lara". Knowing that Lara was on the way to move to the hospital, they chase her to the hospital. Then John comes in with a gun, gets everyone in the room tied up, and gets Lara to put on some. She is not a happy camper. He threatens her that she needs to call Luke and tell him not to expect for his parents. Then she is with him. They walk quickly through the hospital, first with white lab coats, which they ditch trying to throw the cops off their trail. They come face to face with Nabulsi but manage to escape in the elevator. They change clothes several times. They blend in with the crowd, but Nabulsi is on their tail. They board on a train. Nabulsi just misses them and chases the train on foot. John stops the train with the emergency brake. He and Lara jump off. He had previously cut a hole in a chain link fence. They get inside into a car that he has parked there. They just got over the bridge before the police get it blocked off.

They come back to the party. Luke was not there because Nicole had taken them to the zoo. They start to drive to the zoo. They were running out of time on the 35 minute window. At the last second, he almost cancels the zoo plan and enters an interstate. He explains about road blocks and that they would come back for Luke somehow later. Lara opens the car door, apparently attempting suicide and let herself fall. John grabs her and manages to control the spinning SUV. After that, John stops the car, takes the next exit and head to the zoo. John finds Luke without any trouble in the aquarium room at the zoo. Nicole sees Lara in the vehicle, the family get in the SUV and drove to a train station.

Nabulsi tells his chief on the phone that he is sorry the Mayor was delayed in a roadblock, he has only order his cops to stop couples with a kid - not every car. When John approaches a toll booth road block they are wave through, it turns out that they had picked up an elderly couple. Nabulsi's detectives found John's garbage and were trying to piece together the plan he had mounted on a wall. They think they have figured out that they are headed to Haiti. The family drops off the seniors in Buffalo and went through airport security with the fake passports, John is trembling nervously so Lara takes charge, and they manage to get on the plane. The police interrogate John's father but he said that he did not know and he never talked with his son.

After many days, the detectives go to the parking garage murder scene. They try to figure it out, the truly story about the murder case. Detective Quinn

imagines how the murder could have occurred with Lara's story. A junkie mugger slammed a fire extinguisher into Lara's boss's head. As Lara walked to her adjacent car, she physically bumps into the mugger. Lara picks up the fire extinguisher because it is blocking her car but can not see the body on the far side of her car. She left the parking garage. A man saw her leave and the boss's body. It was raining that night, and it is raining tonight too. The male detective drops a piece of paper to see where the button would have gone (off of the junkie's jacket - Lara said she heard a button pop). It ends up in a catch basin by the curb. The detectives lift the grate off but do not see a button, but it is there.

At his home, John's father opens an atlas and flips to the Caribbean coast of South America, and he smiles.

John, Lara, and Luke are in a hotel room in Venezuela or Columbia. Luke has finally kissed his mom goodnight again as Lara and Luke sleep blissfully on the bed and John takes a picture.

The responses of audience about *The Next Three Days* movie are great. Many people say that this movie is great about the movie itself and the character and characterization. For the writer, the writer could say that this movie is worth to see.

This film is included as a box office movie because it has a great income. The income of this movie has surpassed the budget about two times from the cost

only on the opening weekend. At this rate, we could say that this movie is very successful movie and watched by lots of people in the world.

This movie is nominated in IFTA Award for Best International Actor Russel Crowe. There are lots of famous stars that are involved in this film such as; Russel Crowe as John Brennan, Elizabeth Banks as Lara Brennan, Ty Simpkins as Luke and Olivia Wilde as Nicole. They have a great contribution in box office movie that ever made. That is why the writer is interesting with this movie.

After the writer watched this movie, the writer could say that the character and the characterization are really great. Because it is characterized by a lot of famous stars such as Russel Crowe. He is very talented when he played as John Brennan.

Plot of *The Next Three Days* movie is really interesting. It moves forward at the beginning in the scene where the problem arises, then moves backward and finally is back to forward like in the beginning of the movie. It is more interesting from plot that just only move forward or backward. Because the writer could straight to understand about the problem of the story.

This movie takes place in the USA, the setting really matches for the story. There is a very peaceful area and it has a great neighborhood where John Brennan lived, and there is a slum area outside of the town. They are very

selective to choose the location of every scene. That is why this movie becomes more great to watch.

Paul Haggis is a brilliant director. He shot every scene of this movie in great angle. The visual and special effect on this movie also gives an extra points for *The Next Three Days* movie. The cameras that are used to shot the scene are different spacial camera for outdoor and studio. That makes this movie more details in graphic.

Defense Mechanism is one of the human's way to survive. Humans need to defend theirself to stay alive. The writer has to know that every person has his own way to defend his life. Psychoanalytic is one way to understand about it.

Humans need to protect something that is precious to them, to protect it they must have their way to defend them. In this case, psychoanalytic is reflected in one of the literary works, for example is movie. Movie is a kind of literature work. Nowadays, movie develops rapidly. It has equal position as the major textual studies, like plays, poetry and novel. A good movie is a movie, which is produced and directed by good qualified producer and director, based on interesting story and excellent screenplay for each revealed character.

Based on the explanation above, the writer is interested in focusing on the analysis and observation of the defense mechanism of John Brennan and entitleds

this paper: **Defense Mechanism of John Brennan in Paul Haggis's *The Next Three Days* Movie (2010): A Psychoanalytic Approach**

B. Literature Review

After looking for several literary reviews in Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta, the writer has not found the research about *The Next Three Day* film done by the other writers. The writer is quite interested in this movie and wants to observe it using Psychoanalytic. Therefore, it will be the first research of this movie.

The writer applies Psychoanalytic to reveal the defense mechanism of John Brennan

C. Problem Statement

From the background of the study above, the writer would like to state the problem statement as "How defense mechanism of John Brennan reflected in *The Next Three Days* movie?"

D. Limitation of the Study

The writer focuses on the analysis of the behavior and the way of study of John Brennan as the main character of *The Next Three Days* movie based on the psychoanalytic.

E. Objective of the Study

Based on the Problem Statement above, the writer can propose some objectives of the Study below:

1. To analyze the film based on its structural elements.
2. To identify the defense mechanism of John Brennan in *The Next Three Days* movie based on the psychoanalytic.

F. Benefits of the Study

In studying the research, the writer expects that the result of this study will give the benefits as follows:

1. Theoretical Benefit

This study is expected to give information and contribution to the development of the knowledge, and particularly the literary study on *The Next Three Days* movie.

2. Practical Benefit

The writer gets an information about the defense mechanism that may help for the writer to understand how to defend her self.

To give deeper understanding about the movie and give input to other writers who intend to analyze *The Next Three Days* movie.

G. Research Method

1. Type of the Research

In writing this research paper the writer uses qualitative research or secondary research whose sources are based on non-human data, especially the data taken from the movie *The Next Three Days*.

2. Object of the Study

The object of the study is *The Next Three Days* film by Paul Haggis.

3. Type of the Data and the Data Sources

a. Primary Data Sources

The primary data source is the film itself, *The Next Three days* directed by Paul Haggis.

b. Secondary Data Source

Secondary data sources are some books of literary criticism & article from internet.

4. Technique of the Data Collection

The data collecting method will be library research, research, released document to be observed. Meanwhile, the techniques are:

- a. Watching the film repeatedly.
- b. Taking notes of the influence information in both primary and secondary data.

- c. Arranging the data into several groups on its classifications.
- d. Selecting particular part considered important and relevant for analysis.
- e. Drawing conclusion and formulating suggestion.

5. Technique of the Data Analysis

The step of analyzing the data of this research are by analyzing the structural elements of the work and analyzing the Psychoanalytic of the work. Analyzing the data of this research is trying to clarify the obtained data by selecting the necessary ones.

H. Research Paper Organization

In order to make this paper easy to be followed, the writer gives some order for the paper organization. Chapter I is introduction, it deals with background of the study, literature review, problem statement, limitation of the study, objective of the study, benefit of the study, theoretical approach, research method and paper organization. Chapter II contains underlying theory planning of individual psychology used to analyze the movie. Chapter III present structural element and discussion of the movie. Chapter IV deals with analysis of Psychoanalytic toward how defense mechanism of John Brennan and discussion. Chapter V is conclusion and suggestion of the research.