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**ABSTRACT**

**PUTRI SULISTYO HERNASARI, A320100054, AMBITION OF MINKE REFLECTED AT PRAMOEDYA ANANTA TOER'S NOVEL *THIS EARTH OF MANKIND* (1975): A PSYCHOANALYTIC APPROACH, RESEARCH PAPER, MUHAMMADIYAH UNIVERSITY OF SURAKARTA, 2014.**

*This research aims at knowing of ambition Minke and what individuality character based on reflected in real story of novel *This Earth of mankind* is suitable with the theory by Sigmund Freud.*

*The type of this research is descriptive qualitative. Type of the data and the data source taken from two data source: primary and secondary. The primary data source is *This earth of Mankind* novel written by Pramoedya Ananta Toer's released in 1975. And the secondary data sources are taken from books theory, other source and internet related to the study. The technique of collecting data is documentation. The steps are reading novel, classfying and analyzing the data, taking note and browsing to the internet. Based on the analysis, the researcher portrays some conclusions, the study shows that the problem faced by the major character is the own psychology condition to decide the appropriate ways for his life. This novel is about ambition of Minke to love for Annelies.*

**Key words** : Ambition of Minke. *This Earth of Mankind* novel, Psychoanalytic Approach, Pramoedya Ananta Toer's.

## **A. Introduction**

Ambition can be also said as the strong desire to achieve something. Personality arises from within the individual and remains fairly consistent of life. Every human has personality perfection. Perfection means making perfect or being perfect. It also means making something without fault or in excellent ways ( Manner, 1991 :306). People will grow and make movement to achieve his goal and capable of determining his actions and destines in the constants quest for perfections. When people achieve their goals, people not only will improve their personal self-esteem but also will improve their selves with suitbale position ( Hjelle and Ziegler, 1992 : 139)

The central character and the narrator of *This Earth of Mankind* is a Javanese boy, Minke, who is fortunate to attend an elite Dutch school because he is a descendant of Javanese royalty. Minke faces a complex and dangerous world when he meets Nyai Ontosoroh, a concubine of a Dutch man. Minke's life becomes more dangerous when he falls in love with Annelies, the beautiful Indo daughter of Nyai Ontosoroh.

There are four reasons why the researcher is interested in studying this novel. First, this is a realistic novel. Second, ambition is a kind of condition disorder that often happens to many people in the world. Third, this novel tells injustice Indonesian people in the Dutch colonialism. Fourth, the ambity situation exists in all the world including in Indonesia.

The first reason this novel is a famous novel in the world, it gives the knowledge about history of Indonesian people in the dutch colonialism. This novel gives illustration about the condition of Indonesian people with many problems. The second reason is because ambition a kind of condition disorder that often happens to many people in the world. If a person with a ambity situation is not cured by someone, he will live in misery and committed suicide. In the education perspective, a ambition can also effect the learning ability of a student. The third reason is because this novel tells injustice toward Indonesian people in the Dutch colonialism. Inequalities between indigenou and Dutch descent very clearly defined and this injustice makes indigenou people of Indonesia suffered. The fourth reason is because the character of Minke is a character that is interesting as object of research. Minke is the mayor character. Minke with all his problems and personality. So the character of Minke in *This Earth of Mankind* is interesting as object of research.

Moreover, based on the fact, the researcher is interested in analysing this novel by using Psychoanalytic approach. In this study the researcher encourages herself to give a title “ **AMBITION OF MINKE REFLECTED AT PRAMOEDYA ANANTA TOER’S NOVEL THIS EARTH OF MANKIND (1975): A PSYCHOANALYTIC APPROACH**”.

## **B. Research Method**

These points are divided into four sub-points:

### **1. Type of the Study**

In this research, the researcher used a qualitative research. It is library research while data sources are using literary data. Its purposes to analyze novel using a psychoanalytic approach. 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 ambition of Minke reflected at Pramoedya Ananta Toer's novel (1975). It is analyzed by using a psychoanalytic approach.

### **3. Type of the Data and the Data Source**

There are two data sources that are needed to do this research, namely: primary data sources and secondary data sources.

#### **a. Primary Data Sources**

The primary data sources is ambition of Minke reflected at Pramoedya Ananta Toer's novel (1975). It comprises such thing dialogue, sentence and paragraph in the novel by Pramoedya.

b. Secondary Data Sources

The secondary data sources from other sources related of the study, such as: website, dictionary, some books that support the analysis.

**4. Technique of the Data Collection**

The researcher uses two techniques of data collection:

a. Note Taking

The researcher takes some notes on *This Earth of Mankind* novel about information that are needed in this research.

b. Library research

1) Reading the novel several times and determining the characters that will be analyzed first.

2) Reading some related books to find out the theory, data and information required.

3) Making notes of important parts in both primary data and secondary data.

4) Classifying the data into categories.

5) Drawing conclusion to get the last result.

## **5. Technique of the Data Analysis**

The researcher uses two techniques in analyzing the data:

- a. Analyzing the structural elements on *This Earth of Mankind* novel.
- b. Analyzing the ambition of Minke reflected at Pramoedya Ananta Toer's Novel *This Earth of Mankind* using descriptive qualitative analysis.

## **C. Finding and Discussion**

### **1. Basic Concept of Psychoanalytic Analysis**

Psychoanalytic theory views that mental process of individual has three systems, namely the id, ego and superego. They are closely interrelated one another. Individual's personality is much influenced by their id as the principle of pleasure, it drives the individual to imagine happiness. Ego as the principle of reality leads the individual to make what imaine becomes reality. Superego as th principle of morality controls the individuals not todo what is prohibited by the norms and values of society. According to Freud, the id, ego and superego are not persons, places or physical things but they are the names given to certain motivational forces whose existenc e is inferred from the way people behave. (Freud)

## 2. The Structure of Minke's Personality

### a) Id

*Id* is not governed by the laws of mind or logic, and it has no value, ethics or morals. *Id* is just thrust by one consideration, that it should achieve satisfaction in instinct desire accordance with pleasure principle. There are only two possibilities for the *Id*. The *id* alleviate in the action or satisfy the desire or surrender to the influence of the *ego*, which is energy be bound rather than alleviated soon. (P.35 Hall 1980).

After the researcher analyze Pramoedya's novel, the writer find Minke's *Id*. First is when Minke likes with Annelies. Minke wants to know her. He wants to ask her.

"Do you know?" I asked in return. "Because I Would have never guessed I'd ever come face to face with such a beautiful goddess as this."  
(TEOM :17)

"Imagine, Mama, how could Minke say I was beautiful ?" (TEOM :18)  
"You know I've often said that you're beautiful? And extraordinarily beautiful? There's no doubt you're beautiful, Ann. Sinyo is not wrong."  
(TEOM : 18)

"The most beautiful girl I have ever met," I whispered with all my heart's honesty." (TEOM: 28)

After Minke kissed Annelies, Minke think that: "She will complain for sure. I'll receive an equal measure of punishment! No, I will not run."  
(TEOM: 29)

Traditionally, everybody has a desire to get everything what they want. Their desire is one of the things that make them feel confidence on getting something and also their desire in one of the motivators to get what they want. Human feels satisfy when they reach their and ambition. To fill their needed and their

ambition, human has to make some effort in their life. The major character in this novel tries to make some evident, to reach an ambition, it has to make some effort and explore full energy by themselves.

Human have to make some effort to reach something and also they have to be owner with everything what they do. It can make them more confident. Almost the entire people think that desire and effort have relation in reaching ambition. If the person only do the desire without effort, it is impossible to reach their dreams.

“Already in my young life, just the age of a corn plant” (TEOM: 2)

Minke is a man with his intelligent, it is can be present when he was at Nyai Ontosoroh home he was always thinking likely what will happen.

“A presentiment came upon me: you are going to get nothing but trouble from these recent actions of yours, Minke. If she complains to Darsam you could be beaten without even being able to bark” (TEOM: 28)

Minke is an educated young man. Minke is a critical thinking people on the environment, and he loved science that can be verified.

“Science and learning, which I had obtained at school and whose manifestation in life I had witnessed myself, made my personality rather different from that of the general run of my countrymen.” (TEOM: 2)

Minke also an intelligent young man speaking Dutch.

"Obviously of the rent is more expensive," I said in Dutch" .

“The rent for this must surely be more expensive than for any other,” I said in Dutch.” (TEOM: 7)

Minke is a admirer of Annelies.

The most beautiful girl I have ever met," I whispered with all my heart's honesty." (TEOM: 28)

Minke also courageous figure and responsible.

After Minke kissed Annelies, Minke think that: "She will complain for sure. I'll receive an equal measure of punishment! No, I will not run." (TEOM: 29)

The above quotation shows that Minke always does what he likes, because his lovely activities besides remembering all of his illness. He has a plan to marriage with his friend Annelies. This his plan and no body can stop his to do that.

#### **b) Ego**

The ego is the buffer between the id and the world's realities. The ego operates on the reality principle. In the principle, instinctual energy is restrained in order to maintain the safety of the individual and help integrate the person into society. The ego is sometimes called "the executive" of an individual's personality. The ego makes the decisions, controls actions and allows for a higher capability of problem solving. The id is not capable of such higher level of thinking. The ego is responsible for the higher cognitive functions such as intelligence, thoughtfulness and learning.

Freud (in Hall, 1985: 34) states that the Ego is "the result of the creation of spiritual inner systems as the result of reciprocal

relationship between an individual and his world. Freud declares that the Ego is actions based on the reality principle. According to Freud (Asimov, 1983: 195) “the primary job of the *Ego* is to satisfy the *Id* impulse, but to do so in manner that takes place into consideration the realities of the situation”.

“I was also embarrassed to hear such a conversation between mother and daughter: too intimate to be heard by a stranger. Yet near Mama I felt I had the right to be resolute. And I indeed I had to leave behind an impression of being a male who was resolute, interesting, dashing, an unappeased conqueror of the Goddess of Beauty, in front of the Queen I think I would have also had to exhibit the same attitude. That is the cock’s plumage, the deer’s antlers, the symbol of virility.” (TEOM : 32)

The relationship between mother and daughter seemed strange to me. Maybe it was the result of the illegitimate marriage and birth. Perhaps indeed this is the family, atmosphere of the nyai’s. (TEOM : 32)

The job of the *ego* is a tough one. Sometimes, the *id* impulses dangerously close to take control of a person. In these cases the person will experience of the anxiety, and the *ego* will have to use defense mechanisms to redirect behavior and protect the person.

### c) **Superego**

*Superego* is the internal representative of the traditional values and evaluative norms. Freud (Hall and Lindzey: 1985: 35) states that the Superego represents societies and is particularly the parents as values and standards. ‘*Superego* as the principle of morality consists of some values and evaluated norms’. The *Superego* forwards to ideal world and perfection than pleasure. The Superego

thus places more restrictions or what on individual can and cannot do (Asimov, 1983: 145).

Freud (in Hjelle and Ziegler, 1992: 91) divided *superego* into two systems - *the conscience* and the *ego ideal*. Conscience is the child experiences with punishments for improper behaviour from parents, while ego ideal is the reward for child for the proper behaviour. Hall states “the conscience punishes the person by making him feel guilty, the ego-ideal rewards the person by making him feel proud of himself” (Hall, 1985: 35).

The goal of *superego* is to handle *id* and becomes the protector of *id*. *Superego* tries to reach the perfect goal rather than the realistic ones. So *superego* tends to defy *id* and *ego*, and make the world based on its self- view (Hjelle and Ziegler, 1992: 91).

“Perhaps even among modern European families in Europe today and among Indies Natives far in the future. Or perhaps indeed it wasn't right – but strange, abnormal. Yet i like it. And luckily the mutual praising finally ended without having led anywhere.” (TEOM: 32)

“So she married someone? “No. She didn't marry. (TEOM :44)

“And

The superego is the final element of Freud's model of personality. It is similar to the id in that it is somewhat unrealistic. The superego represents the rights and wrongs of the society as handed down to an individual over their lifetime. The superego has two subparts : the conscience and the ego-ideal. The conscience prevents us from doing morally bad things. The ego-ideal motivates us to do what is morally proper. The superego helps to

control the id's impulses, making them less selfish and more morally.

The superego of Minke appears in a situation where, Minke and Nyai Ontosoroh.

Nyai Ontosoroh power is limited, however, because Dutch law never recognized her as the mother of her children.

Through his love of Annelies, Minke discovers the inhuman face of colonization and the ways in which Europeans could use it in unjust ways for their personal gain. He becomes a popular writer, expressing his rage at the colonial regime. As those he loves are endangered, he has his words translated into other languages so that all could join his fight.

"Minke: And I can not say he was stupid. Dutch language quite fluently, good and civilized. "(TEM 2005: 38)

"On the other hand, people more often mentioned his concubine: Nyai Ontosoroh – a concubine much admired, handsome, in her thirties, the one running the whole of this great agricultural firm." (TEOM: 10)

The *superego* her or his represents our conscience. It includes the right and wrongs moral values that are largely instilled by her or his parents. You may imagine, people who are dominated by the *superego* will be very up tight and self conscious.

#### **d) Minke's Ambition**

From the id and the ego of Minke, it can be found that Minke really has a huge ambition. Minke has just marriage with Annelies.

Minke falls in love with Annelies, a strangely passive and dependent young woman. She is the daughter of a Native concubine, called Nyai, a disdainful name which identified her as belonging to a Dutch or European man. Yet she had proven herself to be an effective businesswoman by running the business her Dutch master had started. In addition, she is an extremely cultured woman, highly educated in the Dutch language and literature. She is very supportive of her daughter's love of Minke because she believes he can take care of her daughter as she herself had not been protected.

The above quotation shows the ambition of Minke to marriage with Annelies. He really love love to do that, evel all of the people surronding his try to advise him.

The ambition of Minke, appears because of his *id* and his strong *ego*. The *id* of Minke that supports the ambition of Minke is the feeling of his that always feels happy if he can see all of his friend happy, especially happy because of him. Then the *ego* of Minke supports the power of his love with Annelies. Nobody can not stop him if he has taken the decision.

#### **D. Conclusion**

Based on the analysis of the novel, the researcher draws the following conclusions.

Firstly, the structural analysis of This Earth of Mankind novel consist of character and characterization, setting, plot, point of view, style and theme related solid unity. She employs a simple plot the begins with the exposition followed by conflict and climax and ended by failing action. Minke as the major character in this novel has an ambition to do marriage with Annelies.

Secondly, the psychoanalytic analysis of This Earth of Mankind novel from this analysis it can be seen the true personality of Minke in a form of id, ego and superego. The ambition of Minke, where her ambition are influenced by her *id's* and *ego's*. The ambition of Minke shows in the loves between Minke and Annelies.

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