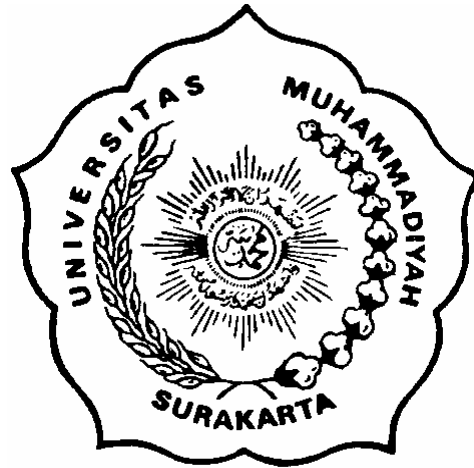


**STRUGGLE FOR LOVE REFLECTED IN THOMAS HARDY'S
THE MAYOR OF CASTERBRIDGE
AN INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH**



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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Struggle means some efforts to reach something. They can do everything to struggle something they need. Although struggle to get or reach something is hard, at least the better condition is able to reach. The struggle varies, such as struggle for justice, struggle to get a job, struggle to get a higher position on their profession, struggle for freedom, struggle to get achievement, struggle for life, and also struggle for love. The last is as important as the others, lack of love will make people feel anxious, bored and lonely. Love can make people feel: happy, sad, angry, laugh and cry. Love is sacred, it is given by ALLAH, it's priceless. It means everybody deserves love even though he or she has to struggle for it.

In the struggle to find love, people's personality and life style changes. People will try to be better when they meet someone that they love. Someone who is falling in love will always feel happy and tries to look better and better in front of the person that they love. They will do everything as a form of sacrifice.

Struggle for love is reflected in the story of novel *The Mayor of Casterbridge* by main character that is Henchard. He will do everything for his love at Susan, Jane and his business. Michael Henchard an itinerant hay trusser, reaches Weydon-Priors looking for work. He is accompanied by his

wife Susan and their baby, Elizabeth-Jane. When he has imbibed more than enough; liquor, he rashly auction his wife and child to a sailor for give guineas. The next day, when he recovers from his drunken stupor, he is filled with remorse. Then he sets out to search for his wife and daughter. Eighteen years later, Susan finds that Henchard has become a leading corn and hay merchant. He has even risen to the position of *The Mayor of Casterbridge*. When Henchard learns about Susan and Elizabeth-Jane, he want to make a mand. He remarries Susan. Unfortunately, Susan soon dies. Henchard then discovers, through a letter Susan left him that Elizabeth-Jane is really Newson's daughter. Susan gave her the same name. Henchard, who is now extremely poor, starts living with Elizabeth-Jane and accepts her as his daughter. He finds that she is the only source of joy in his life. The thought of living for his wife and daughter, Henchard lies and says that she is dead. Newson goes away. Henchard then begins to fear he will lose Elizabeth-Jane to love.

Thomas Hardy was born at higher Bockhampton, Dorset, on June 2, 1840, where his father worked as a master mason and builder. From his father he gained an appreciation of music, and from his mother an appetite for learning and the delights of the countryside about his rural home. Hardy was frail as a child, and did not start at the village school until he was eight years old. One year later he transferred to a new school in the country town of Dorchester. At the age of 16 Hardy helped his father with the architectural drawings for a restoration of woods ford castle. The owner, architect James

Hicks, was impressed by the younger Hardy's work, and took him on as an apprentice. Hardy later moved to London to work for prominent architect Arthur Blomfield. He began writing, but his poems were rejected by a number of publishers. Although he enjoyed life in London, Hardy's health was poor, and he was forced to return to Dorset. The Hardy's lived in London for a short time, then in Yeovil, then in Sturminster Newton (Stour Castle). And then in 1886 Hardy published *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.

Based on the explanation above, the writer is interested in observing the struggle of Michael Henchard when he had lost his family. The writer proposed individual psychology to study Henchard's struggle to reach the goals and entitled this paper; STRUGGLE FOR LOVE REFLECTED IN THOMAS HARDY'S *THE MAYOR OF CASTERBRIDGE* : INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH.

B. Literature Review

As seen in the library some researchers have concerns to the analysis of Thomas Hardy's works. But for Thomas Hardy's *The Mayor of Casterbridge*, only two researchers, they are ;

1. Puji Asri Iswati, with her research paper entitled; DEFENSE MECHANISM IN THOMAS HARDY'S "*THE MAYOR OF CASTERBRIDGE* ": A PSYCHOANALYTIC APPROACH.

2. Fitri Kurniawan, with his research paper entitled; THOMAS HARDY'S WORLD VIEW IN *THE MAYOR OF CASTERBRIDGE*: A GENETIC STRUCTURALISM APPROACH.

The researcher shows difference, especially at research target. The present researcher focuses on the analysis of the struggle for love of Henchard to his family and job reflected in Thomas Hardy's *The Mayor of Casterbridge* by individual psychological perspective.

C. Problem Statement

Based on the research background, the writer formulates the problem of the study that "How is struggle for love of Henchard reflected in *The Mayor of Casterbridge* by Thomas Hardy? "

D. Limitation of the Study

In this research the author just focuses on the main character Michael Henchard in his struggle for love, viewed from individual psychological approach.

E. Objective of the Study

The objectives of the study as follows:

1. To analyze the structural elements of the novel
2. To analyze the novel based in individual psychological approach

F. Benefit of the Study

The research benefits of the study are:

1. Theoretically, this study will give some contribution to the development of knowledge particularly literary study on Thomas Hardy's *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.
2. Practically, this study will give some knowledge to the writer about struggle and the writer hopes this study will support the readers who want to analyze Thomas Hardy's work with another perspective.

G. Research Method

Dealing with research method, there will be at least four points that need to be involved in this research.

1. Object of the Study

The object of the study is Thomas Hardy's *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.

2. Type of the Data and the Data Sources

The study will use library research whose data taken from:

a. Primary data sources

Primary data sources are the main data consisting dialogue, action, and description about the character of the novel.

b. Secondary Data Sources

Secondary data sources are some materials related to the data require, such as writer's biography, the data taken from official website, and other related sources.

3. Technique of the Data Collection

There are steps of collection the data:

- a. Reading the novel
- b. Taking note from primary and secondary data.
- c. Browsing to the internet to get some information article that related to the topic.
- d. Asking to the people who analyze it before.

4. Technique of the Data Analysis

The technique of data analysis in this study is descriptive. It means that the researcher interprets the text and content to get the needed data. Thus data then, are used to analyze the character of Michael Henchard using individual psychological perspective.

H. Paper Organization

This research paper consists of five chapters. Chapter I is the introduction, which contains background of the study, literary review, problem statement, limitation of the study, objective of the study, benefit of the study, research method, and paper organization. Chapter II is underlying theory. The structural analysis of the novel is presented in chapter III. In chapter IV, the writer discusses the psychological analysis of the novel it self. While in chapter V, the writer concludes the entire research paper and give some suggestion.