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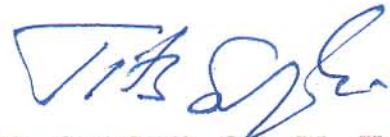
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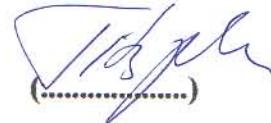
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Abstrak

Masalah utama dari penelitian ini adalah perjalanan. Dimana seseorang melakukan perjalanan untuk mendapatkan apa yang mau dituju. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk menganalisis novel *The Scorch Trials* berdasarkan teori psikologi individu. Peneliti menggunakan metode kualitatif. Peneliti menggunakan dua sumber data: premier dan sekunder. Sumber data premier yaitu *The Scorch Trials* karya James Dashner. Data sekunder yaitu data pendukung yang diambil dari buku teori psikologi individu, dan beberapa artikel dari internet yang berhubungan dengan novel. Metode pengoleksian data adalah deskriptif. Teknik menganalisis data menggunakan deskriptif kualitatif. Berdasarkan analisis teori psikologi individu, peneliti menemukan enam aspek seperti finalisme fiksi, berjuang untuk kesuksesan, perasaan rendah diri, gaya hidup, kecenderungan social, dan kreativitas diri pada novel *The Scorch Trials* oleh James Dashner's.

Kata kunci: perjalanan, teori psikologi individu, *The Scorch Trials*, James Dashner.

Abstract

The main issue of this research is adventure. It is about someone who journeys to get what he wants. The purpose of this research is to analyze *The Scorch Trials* novel based on the theory of individual psychological approach. The researcher used qualitative method. The researcher uses two data sources: primary and secondary data. The primary data was *The Scorch Trials* novel written by James Dashner. The secondary data was supporting data taken from the theory of an individual psychological books, and some articles from the internet related to the novel. The technique of data collection is descriptive analysis. The technique of analyzing data is descriptive qualitative. Based on an individual psychological analysis, the researcher finds six aspects such as fictional finalism, striving for success, inferiority feeling, style of life, social interest and creative self based on *The Scorch Trials* novel by James Dashner's.

Keywords: Adventure, an individual psychological, *The Scorch Trials*, James Dashner.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Scorch Trials is a novel by James Dashner's in 2010. James Dashner was born in 1972 in Austell and moved to Duluth when he was two years old. He was graduated from Duluth High School in 1991 and attended college in Brigham Young University in Utah where he met his wife and where he now lives. Dashner and his wife Lynette have four children and are now living in the Rocky Mountains. He initially worked in the field of finance before becoming a full-time writer.

In *The Scorch Trials* novel, James Dashner's wanted to convey how a group of young people to cope with the problems facing it. Originally in the first book with the title the maze runner, James Dashner's tells the struggles of how a group of young people who struggled out of a maze that is huge and confusing. They tried several times to quit but could never find the way out. But after the arrival of Thomas all circumstances changed drastically even though it starred many who do not believe him but he can prove his friends doubt. And finally they managed to get out of the labyrinth although there are some people who died in an attempt to escape. They succeeded towards the offices of WICKED but after arriving there have been many people who use armed outfits. Then they were taken using the helicopter to which they secure.

The reasons why writer takes this tittle are first is the author of the novel is very attractive and popular, it is also very weighted with emphasis on adventure. Second, because there are many adventures can cause humans to have broader insights. Third, we can also reduce stress and daily boring activities by following an interesting adventure and spots. Fourth, we will also have a soul that is more challenging and more courageous in the face of the life to come. The last reason is Coelho describes the character, setting, plot, style, and point of view in *The Scorch Trials* clearly.

The problem statement of the study will focus on the adventure in *The Scorch Trials* novel. The objective of the study is to analyze the creative power reflected in James Dashner's *The Scorch Trials* based on an Individual Psychological Approach.

The researcher is getting some difficult to find in internet some references related to the researcher's study. The study on James Dashner's "*The Scorch Trials*" is not already researched yet in UMS and UNS, as the writer knows. The researcher has researched through local and digital libraries and found none of it. Libraray of UMS have reported zero call on the research of *The Scorch Trials*. Thus, this study is first ever conducted at least in UMS. To fulfill the aim of this research and to limit this analysis, the researcher will focus on analyzing the major character Thomas in James Dashner's *The Scorch Trials* novel. It will be focused on the adventure dor

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Roman adventure (Abenteuerroman) on the roman adventures of the main character either intentionally or accidentally caught in a wide variety of adventures. The romance of adventure is a type of literature that is favored in his day because the story is suspenseful.

According to Bittner (2006:53-60) Abenteuerroman or adventure novel first written in the 20th century as the kind of romance that are difficult to compare with the kind of identified with clear customs. However, the Groove adventure placed in any type of romance and help obtain success in a public reader.

Bittner also added, that an important characteristic of the romance of adventure is a depiction of the real in an occurrence that is oriented on the breeding behaviour of the character. Rapidly changing situations and also the scene mostly in it happened the events of fantastic, raises tensions and trying to deliver entertainment.

2. RESEARCH METHOD

In analyzing *The Scorch Trials* novel by James Dasner's (2010) the researcher uses qualitative research. The research does not use enumearion and calculation. The researcher clasifies her research into qualitative research because the research does not need a statistic data to analyze and explore the facts. Type of data in this research is textual data. It consists of word, phrase and sentences. The data sources consist of two categories, they are primary data source and secondary data source. The primary data source is the novel itself. The secondary data source is about behaviorist and all relevant materials in the novel. The techniques of data collection the researchers used are reading and understanding *The Scorch Trials* novel as well as the secondary data source from the other books, identifying data that can be analyzed, clasifying data into some categories, determining the theory of literature which is relevant for analyzing the data, and searching the other reference that can be used to analyze data. The object of the study is to analyze the adventure reflected in *The Scorch Trials* novel (2010) on a individual psychological approach. The analysis is begun from the structural analysis of the work and finally the individual psychological analysis of

the literary of literary works. The steps analyzing the data are as follows: first, analyzing the data based on its structural elements, Second, analyzing the data based on individual psychological analysis.

3. RESEARCH FINDING AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Finding

The analysis *The Scorch Trials* novel is based on six basic concept of individual psychological approach.

a. Fictional finalism

Vaihinger in (Feist, 1985:65) believed that fictions are ideas that have no real existence, yet they influence people as if they really existed. Adler (Hjelle and Zeigler, 1992:154) every human life has fictional goal that guided them into the real life. The fictional goal for superiority is self determined. Adler in Feist, stated that the goal is fictional because it has no objective existence. As a subjective ideal, however, the fictional final goal has great significance. It unifies personality and renders all behavior comprehensible.

In *The Scorch Trials* novel, Thomas finally gets the maximal result of his struggle. He finds the heaven, the place he wants to go from the beginning. People said that heaven was a far place and different from the previous places he ever took, because it was safe and there are no CRANK and members of WICKED. Thomas just feels briefly and comfort, but his comfort immediately gone because in fact he feels confused at the first time. WICKED is a bad organization, but Teresa said that WICKED was a good organization.

b. Striving for success

Everybody in this world surely want to be superior, powerful, and regarded. This is response to the feeling of inferiority. Because of it, they cover their weaknesses to be perfect, superior and regarded person. Person will strive to cover his or her weaknesses to be perfect, superior, and regarded. The one dynamic force behind the person activity in the striving for success or superiority (Feist, 1985:68). It remains for each individual to actualize this potential in his or her own manner (Feist, 1985:70). Adler (Feist, 1885:70) states as follows: The striving of success or

superiority is not a confluence of drives. it is a single motive, flowing from life itself, and shaping the various sub drives.

In *The Scorch Trials* novel, the striving for success is efforts by Thomas in achieving his goals which are full of struggle and adventure. A journey done by Thomas was very challenging, poignant, laborious and fun. The challenges was when he passed very scary place, the one of corridors that has sting smells and very dark. Besides that, the challenge of Thomas' trip is proven by the condition when he was losing his friends because eaten by the CRANK. It was so affectionate moment when they are also killed by something created by organization of WICKED. There is also a friend of Thomas that could not hold out with the condition of the environment. And for Thomas, it was very tiring since he must fight to go through all trials and a life challenge which was filled of suffering. But from all of that, Thomas also felt a good living. He could have some jokes with his friends although in a distress condition.

c. Inferiority Felling

According to Adler, inferiority means feeling weak and unskilled in the face of task that need to be completed. It is the feeling of inferiority that gives birth to the striving for superiority, and together they make up the great upward drive that pushes us continually to move from minus to plus from below to above (Hall and Lindzey, 1985:147).

In *The Scorch Trials* novel, the inferiority feeling is Thomas as a young man a very smart and skillful, he was sixteen years old. Actually Thomas is a member from organization of WICKED, but he betrayed of these organizations. Thomas instead sent into a maze to be used as the trial activities of these organizations. Thomas also did not seriously remember about his past before being in the labyrinth. Because, before being sent into a maze, all of Thomas' memories were removed. He did not have parents, but he always has a reminder of the past moments. He also always remembers about his mother. Actually, Thomas was a real leader of the survivors of the labyrinth.

d. Style of life

Adler (Hjelle and Zieger, 1992:144) the style of life encompasses the unique pattern of traits, behavior, and habits which, when taken together, defines the flavor of person's existence. Adler (Feist, 1985:74) state that style of life used to refer to the flavor of a person's life. It includes not only the person's goal, but also self concept. Feelings toward others, an attitude toward the world. It is the product of the interaction of heredity, environment, goal of success, social interest, and creative power. According to Adler (Hall and Lindzeyn, 1985:150) everyone has goals, feel inferior, strives to be superior, and does or does not color this striving with social interest. But everyone does these things in a different way. The life style is out unique way of seeking the particular goals we have set in the particular live circumstances in which we find ourselves.

In *The Scorch Trials* novel, the style of life is that Thomas has a very dark past. He never met his parents. He just remembered glimpses of memory about his mother. He felt sad with his life. Thomas was the target of members in group B. They wanted to kill Thomas, because of the order of organization of WICKED. Thomas loved Teresa but he was confused because Teresa never showed her care of him. Teresa always rejected every telepathy or communication he tried to built. And in the center of travel Thomas met Brenda, he started with her, she was a beautiful girl, smart and also has a long-hair. But she was not less beautiful than Teresa. Thomas started to get confused in choosing Teresa or Brenda. He was in triangle of love.

e. Social interest

Social interest as a caring and concern for the welfare of others that continues, throughout life, to guide a person's behavior. According to Adler, it is social interest that enables a person to strive for superiority in healthy ways and the lack of it. Adler (Hjelle and Ziegler, 1992:47) state that the social interest is a concept that deals with relationship between a human life and their social environment. Adler (Feist, 1985:71) state that social interest is part of human nature and some amount of it is exist in everyone the criminal, the psychotic, and the mentally healthy. Like striving for success, social interest is rooted as potentiality in everyone. However it must be

developed. Social interest can be defined as an attitude of relatedness with humanity in general, as well as empathy for each member of human race.

In *The Scorch Trials* novel, the social interest is that Thomas always helps people around him. He really trusts to a friend especially Teresa, but in fact Teresa betrayed him. When he knew of the betrayal, Thomas felt so crushed since he never thought before that the person he trusted could do like that. He was also care to his friends, when MINHO struck by lightning and almost died he still took him to fit into a safe place, instead of left them behind in.

f. Creatif self

Adler (Feist, 1985:77) believed that each person is empowered with the freedom to create her or his own style life. Ultimately, all people are responsible for who they are and how they behave. They possess creative power that places them in control of their own lives. The creative power is responsible for the final goal, determines the method of striving for the goal, and contributes to the development of social interest.

In other hand, the concept of creative self implies we each create our own personality, that we actively construct it out of our experiences and heredities (Ryckman, 1985:98).

In *The Scorch Trials* novel, the creative self is to achieve Thomas' goal with very serious and big effort. He even almost was killed by Teresa because the command of the organization of WICKED, but he kept on fighting to stay alive. He incited members of group B that full of the women. But in doing his action, he must be secretly in order to Teresa did not know it. Because, according to the member of group B Teresa hated Thomas too much. They also did not know the reason why Teresa hated Thomas. Every time they asked Teresa, she always answered that it was the command of WICKED organization.

3.2 Discussion

In *The Scorch Trials* novel by James Dashner told the real story about a adventure. The researcher analyzes it using individual psychological approach by Alferd Adler. Individual psychological approach has six basics namely fictional

finalism, striving for success, inferiority feeling, style of life, social interest, and creative self.

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From the explanation above, we can see that the structural elements in the novel are interrelated to each other from a whole unity that cannot be separated one from other. A great many moral message we can take after analyzing the novel the scorch trials by James Dashner. There is moral message in The Scorch Trials novel, which is to always loyal with friends and believe that you can fulfill your hopes and we must positive thinking. You should be able to fight to the point of completion of blood not to give up before you get the goals of what you want.

Having analyzed use an individual psychological approach can was built by the conclusion that Thomas a young man a very smart dexterous, and brave he was sixteen years. He is soul adventurous very large. He also is nothing of a painful, he no have both parents, and he do not really remember with their faces. Thomas also has a love story that very complicated, at first he fall in love with Teresa but he cann't do telepathy with him. Teresa always refuse to do telepathy with Thomas. Along with the passing of time Thomas see the other women who was fill in the blanks his heart. He is Brenda, he are also no less beautiful with Teresa. But when he began to feel fell in love with Brenda suddenly Teresa do telepathy with Thomas. Then if we only Thomas confused with life love. She was confused between choose Teresa that is his old friend or Brenda girl who just she knows his en route. Thomas is also a youth who exercise loyalty high evaluation he. He was concerned he while in trouble and always help him. He is the not unyielding even though they were many of obstruction and a trial he faced he keeps fighting to get what he wants, namely to heaven.

4. CONCLUSION

The researcher has two conclusions in this chapter. First, based on the structural analysis, it can be concluded that in this novel the writer delivers a moral message that “the adventure is one of the element to cope the problem”. In order to deliver the message, the writer creates the characters and put the characters in a particular setting, and build the plot in such a way that these elements relate to one another forming and unity.

Second, based on the individual psychological analysis, it can be concluded that in this novel, the writer illustrates a psychological phenomenon which an individual should make every effort to cope with the problem of life. The psychological phenomenon is delivered by the adventure of Thomas to get a reached heaven.

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