

SPLIT PERSONALITY IN DAVID KOEPP'S

***SECRET WINDOW* MOVIE:**

A PSYCHOANALYTIC APPROACH



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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Secret Window is a psychological movie directed by David Koepp. It is a movie created based on the novel *Secret Window, Secret Garden* by Stephen King. David Koepp as a director also has written this movie screenplay. *Secret Window* was distributed by Columbia Pictures together with Pariah Production and released in USA on 12 March 2004. *Secret Window* obtained license from Lembaga Sensor Film Indonesia to circulate on 15 June 2004 in form of Home Video. The main actors here are Johnny Depp and John Turturro.

Secret Window tells about Mort Rainey, a famous author that is in the middle of divorced with his wife, Amy. He lives in Tashmore Lake with his dog, Chico after he found his wife making love with another man, Ted Milner. One day, a man comes in his house and accuse Mort was plagiarist. His name is John Shooter. Mort did not care about that accuse because he has proof where his story published in a magazine. Shooter gives him 3 days to prove and show that magazine. Shooter will continue to disturb Mort life if he cannot prove it. It means Mort must go to Amy's house because all of his properties are still there included that magazine. Shooter start to disturb Mort life with killing his dog, Chico. Then, Shooter burned Amy's house. Mort feels in danger with two accidents that he ask a help of Ken Karsch, a private investigator to protect him. But, Shooter also kills him together with Tom Greenleaf, Mort's witness. And the last, when Mort gets the magazine,

someone cut the *Secret Window* pages. At the times, the sounds from Mort's mind come out. John Shooter is Mort Rainey's bad side. Mort cannot do something worse but Shooter can do. The reason why he creates Shooter actually is to kill his wife because she was dishonest. Mort kills her when she comes to his house with Ted Milner and buried them in the garden.

Many people watched this movie especially Johnny Depp's fans. They give different respond and comment each other. A half of them comment that *Secret Window* such one of interesting psychology thriller movie, a half other gives contrary comments. The first positive comment is about the main actor, Johnny Depp. He plays very good and fantastic here such as person who has split personality. The other comment is about the director and screenwriter, David Koepp. As screenwriter in this movie, he can adapt the story from the Stephen King's novel perfectly. The negative comment is about the ending of the movie. Many reviews make the claims that *Secret Window* movie are cliché and predictable (Dani in <http://www.imdb.com/>).

Secret Window is one of the psychological thriller movie published in 2004. It does not include in box office movie although starring by Hollywood famous actors such as Johnny Depp and John Turturro. The budget of this movie around 40.000.000 US Dollar and the gross of it is enough satisfaction like the other movie starring by Johnny Depp or directed by David Koepp.

Secret Window has been nominated in Teen Choice Award the category of Choice Thriller movie. John Turturo also has been nominated in Saturn Award in Best Supporting Actor category with his character in *Secret*

Window. David Koepp's as a director and screenwriter of this movie ever have nominated in some awards festival in USA for his screenplays such as *War of the Worlds* (2005), *The Lost World: Jurassic Park* (1997), and *Mission Impossible* (1996). He has been the winner such the best screenplay writer in *Stir of Echoes* (1999) and *Jurassic Park* (1993).

David Koepp chooses Johnny Depp such Mort Rainey, the main character in *Secret Window* because he plays very fantastic in every movie. Johnny Depp is one of the Hollywood great actors. He can deepen Mort Rainey's character perfectly. Depp's character is one of the interesting point of this movie when he changed his personality from good man be bad man. Johnny Depp plays in *Pirates of the Caribbean* trilogy as Captain Jack Sparrow and to be the winner in the Empire Award such the best actor.

John Turturro and Maria Bello complete *Secret Window* movie with their character. John Turturro plays as John Shooter, the bad character of this movie. He plays very frightening as the viewers commend, without smile and like to intimidate. John Turturro plays in sixty movies since he started his career. He was the winner as the best actor in Cannes Film Festival with *Barton Fink* (1991). Maria Bello cast as Amy Rainey, Mort's wife. She acts as a wife that leaves her husband with another man and still looks for justification to her deed. Maria Bello was nominated in Golden Globe Award as the best supporting actress. She starts her career with cast in small off-Broadway plays such as *The Killer Inside Me*, *Small Town Gals with Big Problems* and *Urban Planning*.

The theme of *Secret Window* movie is about split personality. Mort Rainey has two personalities inside of him. The first is he as himself, a good man that ever does crime. The other personality is John Shooter, a mysterious man that can do anything worse. The meaning of split personality is a relatively rare dissociates disorder and abnormal behavior in which usual integrity of the personality breaks down and two or more independent personalities emerges. Psychology is one of the methodologies to learn about split personality. It is a methodology of studying mind and mental process, especially in relation to behavior.

Literature as artwork has a close relationship with psychoanalysis. According to Wellek and Warren (1956: 91), “since the literature is the exposition of man’s mental life, it can be said the exposition of man’s a tight relationship to psychology literature and psychology have the same objects of the research that is human being.” Human creation as the result of their imagination cannot be separated from human life. Freud (in Bressler, 1994: 152) states, “The unresolved conflicts that give rise neurosis are the stuff of literature.

The writer is attracted to analyze the movie because the writer likes to observe the human’s personality that contains a lot of tragedy and struggle to fight the dark side of their personality. Here, Mort Rainey choose to express in a person of his enemy names John Shooter that finally killing his wife. The writer uses the psychoanalytic approach by Sigmund Freud because the

Freud's theory is suitable to analyze split personality on the major character Mort Rainey in *Secret Window*.

B. Previous Study

After searching and observing carefully, the writer did not find a research in Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta or Surakarta Region which has the same or similar movie as she makes.

In this occasion, the researcher takes the Psychoanalytic Approach to reveal split personality of Mort Rainey's as one of the main characters in this movie.

C. Problem Statement

The prime problem of this study is "How split personality is described in David Koepp's *Secret Window* movie?"

D. Limitation of the Study

The limitation of the study is split personality described on the major character Mort Rainey viewed by psychoanalytic approach by Sigmund Freud.

E. Objective of the Study

The objectives of the study are as follows:

- a. To analyze the movie in terms of its structural elements.

- b. To analyze the movie based on Psychoanalytic approach by Sigmund Freud.

F. Benefits of the Study

- a. Theoretical Benefits

This study is expected to contribute the development of the body knowledge, especially the literary study David Koepp's *Secret Window* movie.

- b. Practical Benefit

This study is dedicated and supposed to deeper understanding for the writer herself about the play based on psychoanalytic approach.

G. Research Method

1. Type of the research

In the analyzing David Koepp's *Secret Window* movie, the writer uses the qualitative method because it does not need statistic to explore the fact.

2. Type of the Data and the Data Source

The type of data in this research is textual data, which consists of words, phrases, and sentences. In this research the writer uses two data source there are primary and secondary data source.

a. Primary Data Source

The primary data source is the movie itself *Secret Window* by David Koepp.

b. Secondary Data Source

The secondary data are taken from other sources, which relate to primary data, such as the transcription of the movie, the website from the internet about the *Secret Window* movie and other resources that support the analysis.

3. Technique of the data Collection

The method of data collection in this research is documentation. This data collection is as much as possible done through the library research. *Secret Window* movie is treated primarily from other sources; the writer uses theories of literature, and other books that support the analysis are treated as secondary data. In the process of writing this research, the writer would like to use a procedure as follows:

- a. Watching the movie repeatedly.
- b. Taking notes of information in both primary and secondary.
- c. Arranging the data into several parts based on its classification.
- d. Analyzing the data.
- e. Drawing conclusion based on the data analysis.

4. Technique of the Data Analysis

The first step in analyzing the data of this research is clarifying the obtained data by selecting the necessary ones. Secondary step is analyzing data based on psychoanalytic theory proposed by Sigmund Freud.

H. Paper Organization

This research consists of five chapters. Chapter one is introduction. This chapter involves the background of the study, literature review, problem statement, limitation of the study, objective of the study, benefit of the study, and paper organization. Chapter two deals with underlying theory. Chapter three is structural analysis which includes character and characterization, setting, point of view, theme, and cinematography. Chapter four deals with psychoanalytic analysis and chapter five deals with conclusion and suggestion.