

**SPLIT PERSONALITY OF CHARLY BAILEYGATES  
IN FARRELLY BROTHER'S *ME, MYSELF, AND IRENE*:  
A PSYCHOANALYTIC APPROACH**



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# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### A. Background of the Study

*Me, Myself, and Irene* is a comedy film directed by the Farrelly Brothers, and written by David Jacobs. This movie was released on June 23, 2000 in USA, and produced by Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation with total runtime duration is about 116 minutes (1 hour 56 minutes). This movie uses English and Germany as the language and Burlington, Vermont USA as the location in the process and also as the setting of place. (*Me, Myself, and Irene*, IMDb: 2008). The music in this movie is supervised by Tom Wolfe and Manish Raval. *Me, Myself, Irene* movie was starred by Jim Carrey, Renee Zellweger, Anthony Anderson, Chris Cooper, Robert Forster, Jerod Mixon, Richard Jenkins, Michael Bowman, Tony Cox, Andrew Phillips, and Jeremy Maleek Leggett.

The director of *Me, Myself, and Irene* are twin brother who have full name Bobby Farrelly and Peter Farrelly. *Hollywood* movie review explains the biography of the Farrelly brothers, Bobby was born in 1956 and younger brother Peter birth in 1958, hail from Rhode Island. They are a film director and producer of some movies. They had made a lot of great movies, such as *Dumb & Dumber* (1994), *Kingpin* (1996), *There's Something About Mary* (1998), *Me, Myself, & Irene* (2000), *Osmosis Jones* (2001), *Shallow hall*

(2002), *Stuck on You* (2003), *Fever Pitch* (2005) *The Heartbreak Kid* (2007). (*The Farrelly Brother*, Tribute people: 2009).

*Me, Myself, & Irene* movie tells about the life of a family which sets in Rhode Island. It starts when a patrol officer named Charly Baileygates is marrying a beautiful woman from Rhode Island name Layla. From their marriage they finally have three unique children's, unique because the skins from their sons are different with the parents. It means that Layla cheats on him. And finally, his wife leaves him for the short black guy who is their limousine driver because she find that driver actually is the head of the Boston chapter of MENSA that Layla also a president of the Providence chapter of MENSA.

Then Charly is single again and taking care of three children. A series of misfortunes for Charly develop an inner anger within him, and then it comes out, in a form of another personality known as Hank Evans. While Charly is nice, kind, and usually calm, Hank is the polar opposite of Charly, being outrageous, mean, and bad temper. Luckily, Charly tells his doctor about this other personality, and prescribes him with medication to suppress Hank.

One day, Charly is assigned to personally escort a woman named Irene Waters to a prison in upstate New York. Then, a series of unfortunate events happen as both Charly and Irene run into a group of corrupt cops, in the middle of it all Charly loses his medication and now fears that Hank will

come out and make the situation worse. While running, Charly and Irene fall in love each other (and so does Hank).

The movie ends with happy ending. It appears when the police patrol blocks the road in order to stop Irene back to her hometown, and then the patrol pursuit her. While Irene is confused with the patrol, Charly shows up and proposes her to marry him. Charly finally promotes to be a lieutenant in Rhode Island state police.

There are many responses about *Me, Myself, & Irene* movie, some of them are: Peter M. Bracke in Tuesday, 5 February, 2008, said that “*Me, Myself and Irene* is not the best of the Farrelly Brothers comedies because that honor still belongs to *There’s Something About Mary*”, but it is also far better than their more dismal efforts like “*Stuck on You*”. It is also powered by a good performance by Jim Carrey. This film is serviceable if somewhat forgettable experience. The final thought and conclusion is this movie still please fans of the Farrelly Brothers film”.

The second reviewer is Kittiwake who writes:

OK, Jim Carrey fans; this is Jim doing some of his very best work. I don't think anyone else could have pulled off playing Charlie Baileygate. I was disappointed in Renee Zellweger's performance, but I'm not really a big fan of hers. The Farrelly brothers, known for their irreverent comedy, made this movie enjoyable and hilarious. I don't want to spoil the movie for anyone. Just expect twists and turns that leave you laughing. This movie is not for the faint-hearted, and it's not for kids. (If you've never seen a Farrelly movie, you'll need to know this!) This is not laden with "Oscar-quality" performances at all, but just something to watch when you want to laugh and not think. -- Movies like this are good, if that is what you're looking for. The plot was great, and the casting (overall) was incredible. I can't get over Charlie's family. You'll see! I find

them the most fun of all. Watch it with good friends who love to laugh – I think we can all find something like Charlie in all of us”. (User comment, imdb: 2009)

According to reviewer comments, writer could take a note that actually *Me, Myself, & Irene* has a good filming production and education value. It is determined in the plot line, theme and of course the character of the actors and actresses.

Then the other view to this comedy movie from the film industries. *Me, Myself, & Irene* had been produced for the cinema, CD, and DVD version. This movie got much appreciation from any organization. The result of awarding onto *Me, Myself, & Irene* are as the winner of 2 categories: Teen Choice Awards (2000), and World Stunt Awards (2001); and nominated in 2 categories: MTV Movie Awards, and Blockbuster Entertainment Awards.

The interesting points of this movie are seen from the character and characterization, casting, and theme. The character that mostly explored in this movie is Charly Baileygates. Charly Baileygates –who has a split personality- as a police officer is an unbelievable person that never thinks to angry while facing any problem in his life. This person has very good behavior in this world such as kind, nice, polite, and calm. Then the second personality is Hank; this person is very opposite from Charly that being outrageous, mean, rude, and bad temper.

The other interesting point is the casting which were resulting the best player to do the character needed. Jim Carrey who plays the character for

Charly Baileygates and Hank Evan is a talented person, very smart, inspires, and could be the best actress in this movie.

The last interesting point is on the theme. The theme of this movie is about "The traumatic condition could affect individual personality". In this film on individual personality that has a good characteristic such as: honest, wisdom, merciful, can have an opposite behavior such as: liar, rude, arrogant because of traumatic effect. The main character Charly Baileygates develops another personal attitude because of pressure from environment surround him.

As the audience, the writer also gives his comment onto this movie. The split personality of Charly Baileygates that appears seem very interesting because this movie inspiring the writer to more sensitive about the individual psychology. A healthy individual psychology is a balance between stimulus, impulse, or pressure with the output. Every stimulus that comes needs an output even if the results become worst.

Literatures become a mirror in this live that reflect any condition in this world. Literature can be analyzed using many ways. In this opportunity the writer focuses to analyze by using psychoanalytic theory. There are many parts or form in Psychoanalytic theory, but the most valuable in this movie is split personality or dissociative identity disorder. The definition of split personality itself refers to appear two or more personalities from one body because some kinds of reason. Moreover according to Jeffrey, Spencer and Beverly Green (in psychology abnormal, 2003: 202-203) stated that

dissociative identity disorder is kind of mental disorder in which someone person have two or more different or change personality. Sanjeevhimachali in his blogspot state that “Split personality is a relatively rare dissociative disorder in which the usual integrity of the personality breaks down and two or more independent personalities emerge”. However the splitting is within one single personality as the individual’s thoughts, feeling and emotions are seriously and confusingly disconnected from each other in a chaotic and random fashion.

Another definition by Dr. David J. Baxter explains that

Dissociative identity disorder or split personality is characterized by the presence of two or more identities or distinct personalities, each with enduring characteristics, in one individual. It is frequently accompanied by dissociative amnesia, an inability to remember important personal information that is too extensive to be explain by ordinary forgetfulness.

From all of the background above, the writer is interested in analyzing *Me, Myself, and Irene* movie that reflects about split personality. In this research, the writer wants to focus on the Charly Baileygates characters and the writer uses psychoanalytic approach to analyze the movie. Based on the reason, the writer intends to conduct a study on psychoanalytic approach with the title **SPLIT PERSONALITY OF CHARLY BAILEYGATES IN FARRELLY BROTHER’S *ME, MYSELF, AND IRENE*: A PSYCHOANALYTIC APPROACH.**

**B. Literature Review**

Based on the writer's research in the library of Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta and Satya Wacana Christian University, there is no research paper which analyzes *Me, Myself, and Irene* movie directed by Farrelly Brothers. However, many researches paper using psychoanalytic approach. According to that statement, the writer intends to examine the major character in this movie by using psychoanalytic approach

**C. Problem Statement**

Problem statement is one of the most essential parts for the research, because it makes the study clearly understand and focus on the main problem statement that emerging in this research is how split personality of Charly Baileygates is reflected in *Me, Myself, & Irene* movie.

**D. Limitation of the Problem**

In this research, the writer only focuses on split personality of Charly Baileygates character in Farrelly Brothers *My, Myself, & Irene* movie by using psychoanalytic approach.

**E. Objective of the Study**

The objectives of the study are as follows:

1. To analyze the basic structural elements of the movie.



2. To analyze the movie based on psychoanalytic approach.

## **F. Benefit of the Study**

The writer's hopes that this research about split personality of Charly Bailey's character's in *My, Myself, and Irene* movie will be benefit for the researcher and the readers generally.

### **1. Theoretical Benefits**

Theoretical benefits are to give some information and contribution to literary studies on *Me, Myself, and Irene* movie and also to improve the body of knowledge in studying literature.

### **2. Practical Benefits**

To enrich the writer's knowledge about literature work, especially analyzing movie based on a Psychoanalytic Approach.

## **G. Research Method**

In analyzing this study, the writer uses qualitative method. Dealing with research method, there are five points that need to be involved as follows:

### **1. Object of the Study**

The object of the study is *Me, Myself, and Irene* movie.

## **2. Type of the Study**

The study will belong to qualitative research, which refers to research based on qualitative data taken from the *Me, Myself, and Irene* movie directed by Farrelly Brothers.

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

The data source used in research can be categorized into two sources of data.

### a. Primary data source

The primary data source is *Me, Myself, and Irene* movie.

### b. Secondary data source

The secondary data sources are some material related to the data required, such as the author's biography, and internet website.

## **4. Technique of the Data Collecting**

The method of data collection of this study is library research. The data from both primary and secondary sources are collected and recorded in a sort of a document as evidence. The methods of collecting data are as follows:

### a. Watching the movie.

### b. Browsing some other resources related to the movie.

### c. Taking note.

### d. Reading the movie script and dialogue.

### e. Arranging and developing the materials into a good unity toward the topic of the study.

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

Technique of data analyzing is descriptive analysis, in which the writer tries to describe structural element of the movie and identifies the correlation between the movie and the theory.

## **H. Research Paper Organization**

The research paper is divided into five chapters: Chapter I is the introduction, covering 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, covering the Notion of Psychoanalysis, Character of Psychoanalysis, and Split Personality. Chapter III is the Structural Analysis, this chapter explains the structural elements of the movie, and it consist of Character and Characterization, Casting, Setting, Plot, Point of View, Theme, and Cinematography. Chapter IV is Data Analysis. Analyzing the data of the movie based on psychoanalytic theory. Chapter V is Conclusion and Suggestion.