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Abstrak

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Abstract
This research focuses on the types of taboo words and the function of taboo words spoken by the characters in the film A Few Less Men. This research is a qualitative descriptive study. The purpose of this study is to explain the types and functions of taboo words in the film A Few Less Men. The data from this study are in the form of words and sentences containing taboo words in the subtitles of the film. The source of the data in this study is the English subtitles of the War Dogs film. The author uses Jay's (2011) theory to analyze the types of taboo words in the film A Few Less Men. The author uses Liedlich's (1983) theory to analyze the function of taboo words. The author uses the documentation method in collecting data. The results of this study consisting of two analyzes. Researcher found 270 data about the types of taboo words. In the types of taboo words, the highest amount of data is Obscenity (62), the second is Vulgarity (41), the third is Slang (39), the fourth is Epithets (36), the fifth is Cursing (20), the sixth is Scatology (14), the seventh are Profanity (11) and Blasphemy (11), the lowest is Insult (9). Researcher found 229 data about the function of taboo words. In the Function of taboo words, the highest amount of data is Endearment (57), the second is Create Attention (47), the third is Provide Catharsis (39), the fourth is Discredit (32), the fifth is Interpersonal Identification (29), and the lowest is Provoke Violent Confrontation (25).

Keywords: Sociolinguistic, Taboo words, A Few Less Man movie
1. INTRODUCTION

Language has a function as a communication tool of human being between one person to another. Language is used as a medium or tool to express our thoughts, opinions, emotions and feelings to others through written, spoken, and movement. Many people more often show their feelings and emotions through language, whether it’s written, spoken or signs. As a communication tool, language has different meanings and function depending on the place, condition and situation, but they still have the same purpose. Most people use language to express their feelings of happiness, sadness, anger, frustration, jealousy, fear, despair and etc.

Language is a tool for communication, when someone is having a conversation, they must use language as the main tool for communication. When someone communicates, they must understand what they are saying from the language they use. Meanwhile, with a word from a language, someone can hurt, treat, kill, and help others. When someone is having a conversation, they must pay attention to the speech of their language because in speaking someone must pay attention to whether they are saying is polite or impolite sentence. Polite sentence is often used in everyday conversations with people who are older, have a higher rank, whom they love or care and respect. Impolite sentence is often used in conversation when someone is angry, upset, and cursing.

Taboo words are words that can’t be said in public. According to Wardhaugh (1986:239) “Taboo is the prohibition or avoidance in any society of behavior believed to be harmful to its members in that it would cause them anxiety, embarrassment, or shame”.

According to Edwin Battistella (2005:38) “Taboo words are defined as offensive language and divided into several categories: epithets, profanity, obscenity, epithet and insults”. In Jay (1992:2) “Taboo languages are divided into several categories: cursing, slang, insult, slur, scatology, profanity, vulgarity, obscenity, epithets, and blasphemy”.

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Taboo words often refer to impoliteness and taboo words themselves are considered as impoliteness form and usually are used in daily life. According to Culpeper (2011:23) “Impoliteness is a negative attitude towards specific behaviors occurring in specific context”. According to him, taboo words fall into the category of linguistic-pragmatic factors in operating the level of impoliteness. Taboo words are inappropriate words to say in public and include negative actions that can affect a person’s behavior towards one thing or another. Apart from everyday conversations taboo words can also be found in movies and music.

In this study, the researcher uses movie as the research subject. A film is a work of art in the form of a moving image combined with sound and movement. Films are used by scriptwriters to describe all the ideas, feelings, desires, and experiences. Usually, a film has various genres such as comedy, romantic, horror, sci-fi, fantasy, action, and adventure.

The researcher chose a movie with the adventure comedy genre entitled “A Few Less Man” as the research subject. A Few Less Man is an adventure comedy movie directed by Mark Lamprell and released in 2017, this movie is the second movie adaptation from A Few Best Man movie. This movie tells the story of the adventures of three best friends named David, Tom, and Graham who are on their way to bring back the body of their best friend Henry, who died because he was drunk and fell off a cliff right after David’s weeding to London. Their journey is full of twists and turns of the ordeal that confronts them during their journey to return the body of their friend whom Henry’s aunt awaits, who is mourning Henry’s death and has planned his funeral.

Researchers will analyze the types of taboo words and function of taboo words used by the characters in the A Few Less Man movie as objects, here are types of taboo words examples of conversations between the two main characters in the A Few Less Man movie:

Tom : Yeah, well you don't really need us anymore, do you? Not since you married that bint.
Graham : Tom.
Tom      : What?
David    : Did you just call my wife a bint?
The utterance “Not since you married that bint” is one of the taboo words types, the “bint” sentence can be categorized in Epithet. Function of taboo words from “bint” sentence is to Discredit David opinion about them.

There is the second example:
David    : It bloody stinks around here.
Tom      : Yeah.
Graham   : That might be me.
The utterance “It bloody stinks around here” is one of the taboo words types, the “bloody stinks” sentence can be categorized in Cursing. Function of taboo words from “bloody stinks” sentence is to Create Attention to Tom and Graham.

This movie is very suitable to be used as a source of research data because of the many taboo words that can be found through the words spoken by the characters in this film. Researchers analyzed taboo words, the purpose of using taboo words and the function of using taboo words used in this movie. The study about taboo words is needed by society because there are many taboo words that we often say in our daily life but we don’t realize it. Taboo words have their respective meanings, many of them have rough pronunciations but have good meanings and some have simple pronunciations but have deep or satirical meanings.

The use of taboo words mostly occurs at times when people are in trouble, feel anxious, shocked, and their emotions will say taboo words. In English, the most common taboo words that people say are fuck words. The use of taboo words is actually not allowed because every existing taboo word must have a bad meaning.

2. METHOD
The researcher used qualitative analysis according to Miles and Huberman (1994) theory to find out the types of taboo words and the function of taboo
words in *A Few Less Man* movie. Miles and Huberman (1994) states, analysis can be define as consisting as three current flows of activity that is *data reduction, data display,* and *conclusion drawing/verification.* First is data reduction, the researcher uses Jay's (1992) theory of the taboo words types and uses Liedlich's (1973) theory of the taboo words function to analysis the type and function of taboo words in *A Few Less Man* movie. The second is data display, the researcher used Hymes (1964) theory to analyzing the data based on Jay (1992) theory about the types of taboo words and analyzed the function of taboo words based on Liedlich (1973) theory. The last, the researcher concludes the result based on the research problem, types of taboo words theory and function of taboo words theory.

3. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Findings

Finding is a result of research data based on data collected by researchers through the object of study.

3.1.1 Types of Taboo Words

To analysis the types of taboo words the researcher used Jay (1999) theory. According to the result there are 9 types of taboo words the researcher found in *A Few Less Man* movie, such as: Cursing, Epithets, Obscenity, Profanity, Blasphemy, Insulting, Vulgarity, Slang and Scatology. The researcher will choose two examples in every types of taboo words which found in *A Few Less Man* movie.

1) Cursing

Cursing words is an offensive word that used to harm someone or something with an angry or irritated expression. Jay (1992) states “cursing is the words to invoke harm on another person through the use of certain words or phrases”.

042/A Few Less Man/TTW/CT

David : It *bloody stinks* around here.
Tom : Yeah.
Graham : That might be me.

The participant in this conversation are Graham, Tom and David. The three of them are Luke’s friends. The participant in this conversation had equal status because they know each other. The conversation occurred in the middle of jungle. This is happened when David smelled something stinky around them and Graham admitted that was his doing. The utterance “It bloody stinks around here.” was used by David, he used bloody stinks words in order to release their anger and resentment towards the situasion they have been in because with so many things that had happened to him, he felt a need for a calm but annoyed by the stench when he was thinking what the next step they should take. The utterance “It bloody stinks around here.” according to Jay (1992) is included as the Cursing type.

050/A Few Less Man/TTW/CT

David : See, it’s not actually that heavy.
Graham : Oh, it fucking is.
Tom : Oh, we’re gonna be fine, just this way.
David : Probably a pub around here somewhere, I reckon.
Graham : Fucking crocodile in here, I bet.

The participant in this conversation are Graham, Tom and David. Graham, Tom and David are Luke’s friends. The participant in this conversation had equal status because they know each other. The conversation occurred in the middle of jungle. This is happened when Graham, Tom and David want to the jungle, when Graham, Tom and David jointly carried Luke’s body, David argued that carrying Luke’s body was not as heavy as they thought before, but Graham did not agree with him and cursed because he thought it was very heavy. The utterance “Oh, it fucking is.” And “Fucking crocodile in here, I bet.” was used by Graham, he used fucking because he wasn’t happy with what they were going through and became the one who carried the brunt of carrying
Luke’s body. He expressed her irritation with sarcasm accompanied by cursing at what David said. The utterance “Oh, it fucking is.” And “Fucking crocodile in here, I bet.” according to Jay (1992) is included as the Cursing type.

2) Epithet

Jay (2009) states “Epithets are offensive emotional outbursts of single words or phrases used to express the speaker’s frustration, anger, or surprise (Holy shit! Fuck me!)”.

187&188/A Few Less Man/TTW/ET

Tom : Yeah, well you don't really need us anymore, do you? Not since you married that bint.
Graham : Tom.
Tom : What?
David : Did you just call my wife a bint?

The participant in this conversation are Graham, Tom and David. The three of them are Luke’s friends. The participant in this conversation had equal status because they know each other. The conversation occurred in the crunch at evening, Graham, Tom and David argue about all the incidents they have experienced at this time, David blames Graham and Tom for the ridiculous events they experienced because these words Tom felt disappointed and annoyed at David’s behavior. The utterance “Not since you married that bint.” was used by Tom, he used bint word as a form of satire and criticism because to express disappointment and resentment with David’s words which allude to their friendship. The utterance “Did you just call my wife a bint?” was used by David, he used bint words as an explanation for the criticism that Tom directed to him and his wife. The utterance “Not since you married that bint.” and “Did you just call my wife a bint?” according to Jay (1992) is included as the Epithets type.
David: As I was saying, she's not actually your gran. And the fact is, if you don't do it, we're gonna end up stranded in the middle of fucksville, with a very good chance we'll lose Luke forever.

Tom: Well, is there any wiggle room for negotiation? Maybe she'll accept a fingering?

David: Oh, Tom. She was very clear. It's got to be full-blown intercourse.

The participant in this conversation are Graham, Tom and David. The both of them are Luke’s friends. The participant in this conversation had equal status because they know each other. The conversation occurred in the middle of road when going to Mungus, Graham, Tom and David having an argue about the conditions that Maureen puts on them if they still want Maureen to take them to Mungus’s residence. David tells Graham and Tom that Maureen wants her condition to have full-blown intercourse with Maureen fulfilled otherwise Maureen doesn’t want to take them to Mungus’s residence. The utterance “And the fact is, if you don't do it, we're gonna end up stranded in the middle of fucksville, with a very good chance we'll lose Luke forever” was used by David, he used fucksville word as a form of sarcasm to a strange place like the wilderness where they are currently and to show his deep frustration. The utterance “And the fact is, if you don't do it, we're gonna end up stranded in the middle of fucksville, with a very good chance we'll lose Luke forever” according to Jay (1992) is included as the Epithets type.

3) Obscenity

Battistella (2005:38) states “Obscenity term refers to words or expressions which characterize sex-differentiating anatomy or sexual and excretory functions in crude way”

Lisa: Want to have a threesome with me and my mate?

Tom: Eh?
Lisa: Oh, if you're not into it, I totally get it, it's—
Tom: No, of course I'm bloody into it. Well, hang on, you don't mean a threesome with a bloke, do you?
Lisa: No, of course not. It's my friend Heidi. Have you seen her?

The participant in this conversation are Tom and Lisa. Tom and Lisa are stranger. The participant in this conversation not equal status because they didn’t know each other. The conversation occurred in the underground party, Lisa and Tom were getting ready to have sex but before they both started, Lisa suggested Tom to had a threesome with her friend. Tom agreed with the idea because he always wanted to do it. The utterance “threesome” was used by Tom and Lisa, for Lisa threesome word used as a form to show her lewdness. She uses that term as an invitation to have three-person sex with Tom and her friend. Tom used “bloody into it” words as a form to show his sexual behavior, threesome and bloke words to show his lewd thought. He used those words as a form of confirmation about the idea of having a threesome. The utterance “Want to have a threesome with me and my mate?” and “No, of course I'm bloody into it. Well, hang on, you don't mean a threesome with a bloke, do you?” according to Jay (1992) is included as the Obscenity type.

4) Profanity

Profanity is a type of taboo words that use words related to religion in their pronunciation.

148/A Few Less Man/TTW/PT

Tom: Fucking hell, you actually enjoyed it, didn't you? Why, what was so good about it? What did she do?
Graham: [laughs] Oh, a gentleman never tells.
Tom: What?

The participant in this conversation are Tom and Graham. Tom and Graham are best friend. The participant in this conversation had equal status because they know each other. The conversation occurred in the
way to Mungus’s place, after Graham got out of the van Tom wanted to ask about Graham’s condition. However, Tom was surprised because Graham seemed to enjoy having sex with Maureen. The utterance “Fucking hell, you actually enjoyed it, didn't you?” was used by Tom, he used Fucking hell word as a form to express his surprise at Graham behavior who previously refused to have sex with Maureen but he seems to be enjoying after doing it. The utterance “Fucking hell, you actually enjoyed it, didn't you?” according to Jay (1992) is included as the Profanity type.

060/A Few Less Man/TTW/PT
Lisa : What are you guys doing here?
David : It's a long story, but... Basically, we were in a plane and it crashed.
Angie : You had a plane crash? Bloody hell!
Tom : Yeah, he crashed it.

The participant in this conversation are Lisa, Tom, David and Angie. Tom and David are stranger with Lisa and Angie. The participant in this conversation not equal status because they didn’t know each other. The conversation occurred in the middle of wilderness, David, Tom and Graham meet Angie and Lisa while they get lost and didn’t know which direction to get to London. Before they met Angie and Lisa, they tried to find a ride to take them to the airport. When they were desperate, they met a passing car and it was Angie and Lisa car, Lisa asked them why they were there. David told Angie and Lisa about their that had crashed and they didn’t know which way else to go. The utterance “You had a plane crash? Bloody hell!” was used by Angie, when she used Bloody hell word as a form of profanity it was refers to the events that happened to David, Tom and Graham which were life and death event because when a plane crashed, naturally all the passengers would die. So, an experience that David, Tom and Graham was very frightening
experience. The utterance “You had a plane crash? Bloody hell!” according to Jay (1992) is included as the Profanity type.

5) Blasphemy
Blasphemy is a type of taboo word that is used to attack a religion or as a form of jokes to insult a religion.

093&095/A Few Less Man/TTW/BT

Eric : Jesus, keep your hair on, will ya? You really should've checked before you put your penis in the wrong truck, you know?
David : This is no good. He's gone. Just stop the truck, please. Just stop the truck! ....... Fucking, God, fuck! Fuck! Fuck!

The participant in this conversation are David and Eric. The both of them are stranger. The participant in this conversation not equal status because they didn’t know each other. The conversation occurred while they were chasing Mungus’s car, David and Eric had an intense argument. David was very angry with Eric because the vehicle driven by Eric was so slow that they couldn’t catch Mungus’ car, which had gone far too late. The utterance “Jesus, keep your hair on, will ya?” was used by Eric, he used Jesus word as a substitute for the shit words. The utterance “Fucking, God, fuck! Fuck! Fuck!” was used by David, he used Fucking, God, fuck! Fuck! Fuck! words as a form to express his anger and frustration to the God because they had lost Luke’s body and they won’t be able to find his body again. The utterance “Jesus, keep your hair on, will ya?” and “Fucking, God, fuck! Fuck! Fuck!” are included as the Blasphemy type according to Jay (1992) theory.

046&047/A Few Less Man/TTW/BT

David : Jesus, Graham.
Tom : Oh, man.
David : Go and change. for God's sake.
Graham : Yeah, yeah.
The participant in this conversation are David, Tom and Graham. The three of them are best friends. The participant in this conversation had equal status because they were known each other. The conversation occurred at the place where their plane crashed, shortly after Graham confessed to David that he was the one who caused the stench, David was shocked by Graham’s behavior because it was inappropriate for Graham in his thirties. He told Graham to change his dirty clothes while swearing to the god over Graham’s behavior. The utterance “Jesus, Graham” and “Go and change, for God’s sake.” were used by David, he used Jesus and for God's sake words as a form of swearing to the god. He used that words because he was both surprised and disappointed with Graham for his misdeeds which he shouldn’t have done. The utterance “Jesus, Graham” and “Go and change, for God's sake” are swear words that are often used to show lack of respectful for god, so according to Jay (1992) is included as the Blasphemy type.

6) Insult

Insult words are words that are used to verbally offend or insult someone in order to harm their target's feelings in a disrespectful way.

116-118/A Few Less Man/TTW/IT

David : Maureen, I'd just like to apologize on behalf of my friend. He's an idiot.
Maureen : Yes, he is, a total idiot.
David : I know. A total fucking idiot!

The participant in this conversation are David and Maureen. The both of them are stranger. The participant in this conversation didn’t have equal status because they didn’t know each other. The conversation occurred in the way to Mungus’s place, David apologizes to Maureen on behalf of Graham’s stupidity for accidentally offending her. David explained to Maureen that it was just a misunderstanding and did not mean to offend him, David took the initiative to blame Graham's stupidity to assuage Maureen's anger. The utterance “He's an idiot” and
“A total fucking idiot!” was used by David, he used fucking idiot words as a form to insulting Graham for the stupidity he has done this time which had angered Maureen. The utterance “A total fucking idiot!” was used by Maureen, she used fucking idiot words as a form to insulting Graham foolishness. She was hurt by Graham's previous words because that reason she insulted Graham as a form of resentment and disappointment with the behavior that Graham showed her. The utterance “He’s an idiot”, “A total fucking idiot!” and “A total fucking idiot!” was included as the Insulting type according to Jay (1992) theory.

186/A Few Less Man/TTW/IT

Tom : If Graham's a buffoon and I'm a selfish prick, then why are we still friends?
David : That's a seriously good question.
Graham : You don't mean that, David.
David : Let's just say it crossed my mind.

The participant in this conversation are David, Tom and Graham. The three of them are best friends. The participant in this conversation had equal status because they know each other. The conversation occurred in the Church, while the three of them clean Luke's body. David and Tom argue about the cause of their misfortune during the trip to bring Luke's body to London. David blamed Tom for his immature actions and Graham for his stupid actions. The utterance “If Graham's a buffoon and I'm a selfish prick, then why are we still friends?” was used by Tom, he used buffoon word as a form of insult that emphasizes that Graham is an idiot for the stupid actions he has done so far. Tom used selfish prick word as a form of insult to himself, the word made it clear that he was just a selfish pervert who only took care of himself. The utterance “If Graham's a buffoon and I'm a selfish prick, then why are we still friends?” was included as the Insulting type according to Jay (1992). Even though the words selfish prick is still a type of slang, in this conversation, selfish prick is more inclined to insult someone.
7) Vulgarity

This taboo words usually mention about excretion function and sexual genitals in a rude and disrespectful manner.

088&089/A Few Less Man/TTW/VT

Graham : Boys, does anyone else think this box looks a bit like a penis?
Tom : It does a bit. A big gold cock.
Graham : It's got a helmet.

The participant in this conversation are Tom and Graham. The both of them are best friends. The participant in this conversation had equal status because they know each other. The conversation occurred in the road, after Tom, David and Graham managed to escape from their party, they continued their journey to bring Luke's body back to London on the way. Graham realized that the box where they put Luke's body looked like male genitals. The utterance “Boys, does anyone else think this box looks a bit like a penis?” was used by Graham, he used penis word because he thought that the box in which they put Luke's body resembled male genitalia. He compares it to a penis because the box had a helical bump on it that resembled male genitals. The utterance “It does a bit. A big gold cock.” was used by Tom, he used cock word as a form to show his consent to Graham's statement about the box where they put Luke's body but with the vulgar words. The utterance “Boys, does anyone else think this box looks a bit like a penis?” and “It does a bit. A big gold cock” was included as the Vulgarity type according to Jay (1992) theory.

177/A Few Less Man/TTW/VT

Maureen : Oi, Mungus! What are you doing, you dopey cunt?
Mungus : But they're taking her.
Maureen : What the fuck are you talking about? That's their dead friend.
The participant in this conversation are Maureen and Mungus. Maureen and Mungus are acquaintance. The participant in this conversation was equal status because they know each other. The conversation occurred in the Mungus’ house, when Tom, David and Graham wanted to escape from Mungus’s house, Mungus realized it and immediately chased them out of the house with a machete. When Mungus almost snatches Luke’s body from the three of them Maureen comes and saves them by pointing his gun at Mungus while asking why he wanted to bring Luke's body. Mungus tells Maureen that he really doesn't mean anything bad with the three of them. Maureen asks him if he doesn't mean to them why he's carrying a machete while running around. After realizing that he was carrying a machete he apologized to the three of them for scaring them. The utterance “Oi, Mungus! What are you doing, you dopey cunt?” was used by Maureen, she used dopey cunt word as a form to insulting Mungus’s with vulgarity word. Maureen insulted Mungus with vulgar words because she wanted to stop Mungus from snatching Luke's body from Tom, David and Graham. The utterance “Oi, Mungus! What are you doing, you dopey cunt?” are included as the Vulgarity type according to Jay (1992), although it can be categorized into the Vulgarity type but “dopey cunt” words can also be categorized into the Insulting Type.

8) Slang

Slang is a type of taboo word that has no vocabulary and grammar but has the same meaning or meaning as a word that has grammar. Young people tend to use slang words. Taboo words are also used as a substitute for taboo sentences that have been heard by the public, and these words can only be understood by certain groups or people.

235/A Few Less Man/TTW/SLT

David : Where are you going?
Tom : I'm just gonna have a whazz.
Graham : See ya.
The participant in this conversation are David, Tom and Graham. The three of them are best friends. The participant in this conversation had equal status because they know each other. The conversation occurred in the Underground party, after the three of them managed to put Luke's body into the refrigerator Tom wanted to go party by reason of going to pee. When Graham also wanted to go like Tom, David asked Graham to stay and look after Luke's body because he wanted to go call Henry to tell them that their condition is fine and that they will immediately bring Luke's body to London. The utterance “I'm just gonna have a whazz” was used by Tom, he used whazz as a substitute for the drug words. The utterance “I'm just gonna have a whazz” according to Jay (1992) is included as the Slang type.

003&004/A Few Less Man/TTW/SLT

Tom : Wow!
David : Why has he got a boner? He shouldn't have a boner.
Graham : Do you think that vet was touching him up just now?

The participant in this conversation are David, Tom and Graham. The three of them are best friends. The participant in this conversation had equal status because they know each other. The conversation occurred in the Autopsy room at Ranger Station, Moment Tom, David and Graham entered the autopsy room they were surprised by Luke's body which has an erection. David wonders why Luke's body can get an erection like that he is sure that after Luke's death David did not see Luke have an erection. Graham could only argue that the vet did it. The utterance “Why has he got a boner? He shouldn't have a boner” was used by David, he used boner word as a substitute for erection words. David uses the word boner because boner is a condition in which a man has an erection. The utterance “Why has he got a boner? He shouldn't have a boner” according to Jay (1992) is included as the Slang type. Boner's words are taboo words that are still included in the slang word.
9) Scatology

Scatology is a taboo word that is more inclined towards human disposal or something related to human waste.

043&045/A Few Less Man/TTW/SCT
Graham : I shat myself on that plane.
Tom : We all shat ourselves, Graham. It was fucking terrifying.
Graham : No, I mean, I actually shat myself.

The participant in this conversation are Tom and Graham. The both of Tom and Graham are best friends. The participant in this conversation had equal status because they know each other. The conversation occurred at the place where their plane crashed, after Graham told Tom and David that he himself caused all the smells Tom thought it was just a joke made by Graham but after Graham confirmed the truth, they told Graham to go change his clothes that were dirty. The utterance “I shat myself on that plane” and “No, I mean, I actually shat myself” was used by Graham, he used shat word as a form to insult and express her sarcasm about Graham, Tom and David story because she though they’re a joke that makes by them to wasting her spare time. The utterance “We all shat ourselves, Graham” was used by Tom, he used shat word as a form to insult and express her sarcasm about Graham, Tom and David story because she though they’re a joke that makes by them to wasting her spare time. The utterance “I shat myself on that plane”, “We all shat ourselves, Graham” and “No, I mean, I actually shat myself” according to Jay (1992) is included as the Scatology type.

119&120/A Few Less Man/TTW/SCT
David : Anyway, I know you're upset, but do you think it would be OK for you to please take us to Mungus's place?
Maureen : Well, I don't know now. I feel like I'm having the piss taken out of me.
David : No-one's taking the piss out of you.
Maureen: You think because I'm not 25 years old, I'm not a sexual being, don't you?

The participant in this conversation are David and Maureen. David and Maureen are stranger. The participant in this conversation not equal status because they didn’t know each other. The conversation occurred in the way to Mungus’s house, David tries to persuade Maureen to take them to Mungus's house again. Maureen was angry because she thought that David, Tom and Graham didn't consider her a sexually driven woman because she was not 25 years old anymore. Even though David explained that it was all a misunderstanding but Maureen did not believe it because of the words that had been spoken by Graham. The utterance “I feel like I'm having the piss taken out of me” was used by Maureen, she used the piss taken out word as a form to insult and express her sarcasm about Graham, Tom and David story because she thought they’re a joke that makes by them to wasting her spare time. The utterance “No-one's taking the piss out of you” was used by David, he used the piss out word as a form to insult and express her sarcasm about Graham, Tom and David story because she thought they’re a joke that makes by them to wasting her spare time. The utterance “I feel like I'm having the piss taken out of me” and “No-one's taking the piss out of you” according to Jay (1992) is included as the Scatology type.

3.1.2 The Functions of Taboo Words

To analysis the functions of taboo words the researcher used Liedlich (1973) theory. According to the data above there are 6 of functions the researcher found in A Few Less Man movie, such as: Create Attention, Discredit, Provoke Violent Confrontation, Endearment, Interpersonal Identification, and Provide Catharsis. The researcher will analysis two examples in every function of taboo word which found in A Few Less Man movie.

1) Create Attention

One of functions of taboo words is create attention. It is when someone wants to get attention by using or uttered taboo words in public.
042/ A Few Less Man/FTW/CA
David : It bloody stinks around here.
Tom : Yeah.
Graham : That might be me.

The participant in this conversation are Graham, Tom and David. The three of them are Luke’s friends. The participant in this conversation had equal status because they know each other. The conversation occurred in the middle of jungle. This is happened when David smelled something stinky around them and Graham admitted that was his doing.

The utterance “It bloody stinks around here.” was used by David, the intention of David used bloody stinks words because he wanted to draw attention from Tom and Graham. David wanted to tell both of them that the place they were in now had a very strong smell. The utterance “It bloody stinks around here.” is included as the Create Attention Function according to Liedlich (1973) theory.

228/ A Few Less Man/FTW/CA
David : Have you shat yourself again, Graham?
Graham : No, just farted.
Tom : Oh, for fuck’s sake.
David : Oh, that's really bad.
Graham : Yeah.

The participant in this conversation are Graham, Tom and David. The three of them are friends. The participant in this conversation had equal status because they know each other. The conversation occurred in the church, Tom, David and Graham managed to hide from the pursuit of Henry and his men. The three of them hide in the cleaning equipment storage room, they try to be as slow as possible to speak so that Henry can't find out their whereabouts. As soon as there were no more footsteps outside the room David tried to make sure they were safe from Henry's pursuit but Tom suggested to him to cancel his mind and wait for a few
more minutes before they left the place. A few moments in silence, David suddenly smelled a bad smell and asked Graham if he had just defecated in the pants or not. Graham said that he just farted but because it smelled too strong and smelled so badly Tom and David could not stand the smell and wanted to get out of there. The utterance “Have you shat yourself again, Graham?” was used by David, When David said these words, he intended to get Graham's attention by asking him. He wanted to confirm whether Graham had defecated in the pants again or not. The utterance “Have you shat yourself again, Graham?” according to Liedlich (1973) is included as the Create Attention Function.

2) Discredit

The function of these taboo words is used by a person who is dissatisfied or dislikes another. These words usually appear when they feel dissatisfied or disagree with things that are not up to society's standards.

124/A Few Less Man/FTW/DS

David : She wants to have sex.
Tom : Who with?
David : With Graham.
Graham : What? Is she fucking joking?
David : She's definitely not joking.

The participant in this conversation are Graham, Tom and David. The three of them are friends. The participant in this conversation had equal status because they know each other. This conversation occurred on the middle of the way Mungus place, David returns after successfully persuading Maureen to take them to Mungus's residence, but Maureen offers a condition that they must meet. Maureen would drive them again if Graham wanted to have sex with her. The utterance “What? Is she fucking joking?” was used by Graham, he used fucking words because he wanted to show his disapproval about the terms Maureen had put on them. Graham couldn't believe what David had told them about
Maureen's terms. The utterance “What? Is she fucking joking?” according to Liedlich (1973) is included as the Discredit Function.

206/ A Few Less Man/FTW/DS

Graham : I was just gonna say what a great friend Luke was.  
Tom : Yeah.  
Graham : And how he had the biggest heart of anyone I've ever known.  
Tom : And the biggest cock.  
Graham : Yeah, I don't think I'll mention that.  
Tom : He did have a big cock though, didn't he? Who knew? What a bloody waste.  
Graham : Can you stop talking about our dead mate's cock, please?

The participant in this conversation are Tom and Graham. The both of them are best friends. The participant in this conversation had equal status because they know each other. The conversation occurred in the Church at Luke’s funeral, Tom and Graham are chatting and reminiscing about their days with Luke. Graham considers Luke to be a kind and generous friend but when Graham tries to remember Luke, Tom making vulgar jokes about Luke where he has large genitals. The utterance “Can you stop talking about our dead mate's cock, please?” was used by Graham, he used dead mate's cock words because he wanted to show his displeasure and disapproval with Tom's ever-offensive statement about the genitals of his dead friend. The utterance “Can you stop talking about our dead mate's cock, please?” are included as the Discredit Function according to Liedlich (1973).

3) Provoke Violent Confrontation

Liedlich (1973) states provoke violent confrontation is used to “To provoke violent response, taboo words are possible or can be used by the agitators as the most effective rhetorical method”.

David : I will, I'll bring him back in one piece.
Henry: Good. Cos if you don't, I'm gonna fuck you, David. I'm going to fuck you harder than you've ever been fucked before. Do you understand me?

David: Yeah, I understand.

Henry: Good.

The participant in this conversation are Henry and David. David is Luke's friends; Henry is Luke cousin and the both of them are acquaintance. The participant in this conversation had equal status because they know each other. The conversation occurred in front of the Ranger Station; Henry warns David to bring Luke's body in one piece. Henry told her that if David didn't get to London in time then he was going to have David going through something terrible and more terrifying than he had ever felt before. The utterance “Good. Cos if you don't, I'm gonna fuck you, David. I'm going to fuck you harder than you've ever been fucked before. Do you understand me?” was used by Henry, he used fuck words as a form of threat and orders for David to immediately deliver Luke's body back to London. He wanted to create a conflict with David because in his opinion it was David who caused Luke's to death. The utterance “Good. Cos if you don't, I'm gonna fuck you, David. I'm going to fuck you harder than you've ever been fucked before. Do you understand me?” according to Liedlich (1973) is included as the Violent Confrontation Function.

Henry: You can't run away from me. Stop! Stop, you lot. Time for a bollicking. Oh, you're a slippery fucker. When I get hold of you, you'll wish you never had an asshole, David.

The participant in this conversation is Henry. Henry is Luke cousin. The conversation occurred in the church at Luke funeral, Henry is very angry with the three of them and plans to beat and harass them because
of the joke that Graham made during the delivery of the eulogy at Luke's funeral. Henry chased the three of them everywhere and wanted to teach them a lesson, he wanted to beat them up because the three of them had been playing games at Luke's funeral. The utterance “Time for a bollicking. Oh, you're a slippery fucker.” was used by Henry, slippery fucker words are used to express someone's annoyance towards the person who make them to be upset. Henry's purpose in uttering the word is because the speaker wants to injure the listener through words. The utterance “Time for a bollicking. Oh, you're a slippery fucker.” according to Liedlich (1973) is included as the Violent Confrontation Function.

4) Endearment

Endearment is a function of taboo words used by others to their close friends or those closest to them. These words are usually used to increase the closeness of someone with the other person they are talking to.

131/A Few Less Man/FTW/EN

David : I don't know if you've heard of this concept, but married people aren't supposed to go shagging around.
Graham : It's not shagging around, is it? It's shagging one person for a very specific reason and these are very mitigating circumstances.
David : I'm not sure Mia's going to see it like that.

The participant in this conversation are David and Graham. The both of them are best friends. The participant in this conversation had equal status because they didn’t know each other. The conversation occurred in the way to Mungus’s place, David and Graham argue about who would have sexual relation with Maureen’s. According to Graham, why didn’t David have sex with Maureen instead of him but David didn’t agree with that opinion. The utterance “shagging” was used by both of them, shagging word also has a meaning as “sleep with” or “having sex with”, David and Graham used shagging word as a form to show their closeness and good relationship with each other, because shagging words
are usually said by the people who are close to each other. The utterance “I don't know if you've heard of this concept, but married people aren't supposed to go *shagging* around” and “It's not *shagging* around, is it? It's *shagging* one person for a very specific reason and these are very mitigating circumstances” according to Liedlich (1973) is included as the Endearment Function.

112/A Few Less Man/FTW/EN

David : How are we gonna find Mungus now?
Maureen : I know Mungus.
David : You do?
Maureen : Know where he lives, too. I can take you there if you like.
Tom : That'd be *fucking* fantastic, thank you!
Maureen : No problem, get in the Kombi.

**The participant** in this conversation are Maureen, Tom and David. Tom and David are friends and Maureen is stranger. The participant in this conversation didn’t have equal status because the both of them and Maureen didn’t know each other. The conversation occurred in the Police Station, when the three of them were thinking of ways to find Luke, Maureen suddenly came and told them that he knew where Mungus's lives. Maureen was willing to take them to Mungus's house if they didn't know how to get there. The utterance “That'd be *fucking* fantastic, thank you!” was used by Henry, he used *fucking* words as a form to show their gratitude towards Maureen for helping them. The *fucking* words in that utterance used as interlocking sentences by Tom, he is used that words as a form to show his friendship with Maureen. The utterance “That'd be *fucking* fantastic, thank you!” according to Liedlich (1973) is included as the Endearment Function.
5) Interpersonal Identification

These taboo words are used by people to identify the true character of a person or to define the personality of someone from their point of view.

019/A Few Less Man/FTW/CSII

David : Maybe Henry will answer the phone.

Tom : Mad Cousin Henry? That's even worse. Every time I see that psychopath, he threatens to put his prison mates on me.

David : He does that to me as well.

Graham : Me too.

The participant in this conversation are David, Tom and Graham. The three of them are besties. The participant in this conversation had equal status because they know each other. The conversation occurred in the Ranger Station, the three of them had a conversation about who will call Luke’s aunt and tell her about Luke’s death. They all don't want to be the ones to notify Luke's aunt because she is forgetful and deaf. Besides, they are also afraid that Henry (Luke's cousin) will pick up her phone because they know Henry's bad attitudes and behavior, which hates the three of them. The utterance “Mad Cousin Henry? That's even worse. Every time I see that psychopath, he threatens to put his prison mates on me” was used by Tom, he used Mad Cousin Henry and psychopath words as a form to show the character of Henry. In Tom opinion Henry had a bad and dangerous characters because every time Tom meets with Henry, he always gets very bad treatment from him. The utterance “Mad Cousin Henry? That's even worse. Every time I see that psychopath, he threatens to put his prison mates on me” according to Liedlich (1973) is included as the Interpersonal Identification Function.

116/A Few Less Man/FTW/CSII

David : Maureen, I'd just like to apologize on behalf of my friend. He's an idiot.

Maureen : Yes, he is, a total idiot.
David: I know. A total **fucking idiot**!

The participant in this conversation are David and Maureen. The both of them are stranger. The participant in this conversation didn’t have equal status because they didn’t know each other. The conversation occurred in the way to Mungus’s place, David apologizes to Maureen on behalf of Graham's stupidity for accidentally offending her. David explained to Maureen that it was just a misunderstanding and did not mean to offend her, David took the initiative to blame Graham's stupidity to assuage Maureen's anger. The utterance “He's an idiot” and “A total **fucking idiot**!” was used by David, he used **fucking idiot** words as a form to show Graham characters. He wants apologized to Maureen for Graham's words which had offended him so he explained to Maureen that Graham had a rather stupid character. The utterance “A total **fucking idiot**!” was used by Maureen, she used **idiot** words as a form to show Graham character. Maureen wanted to tell David about Graham's stupidity, from Maureen opinion Graham had a very stupid character because he could not distinguish between jokes and seriousness in conversation. The utterance “Because I knew, I couldn't trust you **fuckwits** to bring him back in one piece.” according to Liedlich (1973) is included as the Interpersonal Identification Function.

6) Provide Catharsis

Taboo words are used by users of taboo words as a tool for them to release the burden of problems, the emotions they fell and disturbing feelings experienced by the user. These words are more often used by someone to demonize other people so that they feel satisfied and better than the person they badmouth.

**095/A Few Less Man/FTW/PC**

David: Just put your foot down on the **fucking** accelerator!

Eric: **Jesus**, keep your hair on, will ya? You really should've checked before you put your penis in the wrong truck, you know?
David: This is no good. He's gone. Just stop the truck, please. Just stop the truck! Fucking, God, fuck! Fuck! Fuck!

The participant in this conversation are David and Eric. The both of them are stranger. The participant in this conversation not equal status because they didn’t know each other. The conversation occurred while they were chasing Mungus’s car, David and Eric had an intense argument. David was very angry with Eric because the vehicle driven by Eric was so slow that they couldn’t catch Mungus’ car, which had gone far too late. The utterance “Jesus, keep your hair on, will ya?” was used by Eric, he used Jesus word as a form to vent his frustration against David who yelled at him. The utterance “Fucking, God, fuck! Fuck! Fuck!” was used by David, he used Fucking, God, fuck! Fuck! Fuck! words as a form to vent his annoyance and anger because they have lost track of the car that had taken Luke’s body. He is very frustrated by what happened to him recently because he feels responsible for Luke's death. The utterance “Jesus, keep your hair on, will ya?” and “Fucking, God, fuck! Fuck! Fuck!” according to Liedlich (1973) is included as the Provide Catharsis Function.

Example 2:

060/A Few Less Man/FTW/PC

Lisa: What are you guys doing here?

David: It's a long story, but... Basically, we were in a plane and it crashed.

Angie: You had a plane crash? Bloody hell!

Tom: Yeah, he crashed it.

The participant in this conversation are Lisa, Tom, David and Angie. Tom and David are stranger with Lisa and Angie. The participant in this conversation not equal status because they didn’t know each other. The conversation occurred in the middle of wilderness, David, Tom and Graham meet Angie and Lisa while they get lost and didn’t know which
direction to get to London. Before they met Angie and Lisa, they tried to find a ride to take them to the airport. When they were desperate, they met a passing car and it was Angie and Lisa car, Lisa asked them why they were there. David told Angie and Lisa about their plane had crashed and they didn’t know which way else to go. The utterance “You had a plane crash? Bloody hell!” was used by Angie, when she used Bloody hell word as a form of expressing her admiration and surprises after hearing David's story about what they had been through before. The utterance “You had a plane crash? Bloody hell!” according to Liedlich (1973) is included as the Provide Catharsis Function.

3.2 Discussion

3.2.1 Type of Taboo Words

The types of taboo words found in the data source supported by the theory of taboo words types proposed by Jay (1992), he states that there are nine types of taboo words such as Cursing, Epithets, Obscenity, Profanity, Blasphemy, Insult, Vulgarity, Slang and Scatology. Based on the data, the researcher classified it in percentage as follows:

![Types of Taboo Words](Picture 1. Types of taboo words)
According to the data, taboo words can be classified into the nine types of taboo words such as Cursing, Epithets, Obscenity, Profanity, Blasphemy, Insult, Vulgarity, Slang and Scatology, and there are 243 taboo words types in A Few Less Man movie. There are Cursing 20 (8%), Epithets 36 (15%), Obscenity 62 (25%), Profanity 11 (4%), Blasphemy 11 (5%), Insult 9 (4%), Vulgarity 41 (17%), Slang 39 (16%) and Scatology 14 (6%). Thus, findings supported by the taboo words types theory from Jay (1992).

Based on the finding, this research and the previous research are different. The previous study from Rahmayani & Fitrawati (2018) entitled Analysis Types and Functions of Taboo Words in The Wolf of Wall Street Movie, their purpose of that research was to find the taboo words types based on Wardaugh (1986) theory. Based on their result obscenity type is frequently used by the character in that movie. By using obscenity, the speaker can easily debase other people’s pride and the speaker goal which want to hurt other people are easily to accomplished.

This research is different from the previous study because in this research the researcher found that there are nine types of taboo words, they are Cursing, Epithets, Obscenity, Profanity, Blasphemy, Insult, Vulgarity, Slang and Scatology based on Jay’s (1992) theory of taboo words types.

3.2.2 Function of Taboo Words

The function of taboo words found in the data source supported by the theory of taboo words function proposed by Liedlich (1973), he states that there are six function of taboo words such as Create Attention, Discredit, Provoke Violent Confrontation, Endearment, Interpersonal Identification, and Provide Catharsis. Based on the data, the researcher classified it in percentage as follows:
According to the data, taboo words can be classified into the nine types of taboo words such as Create Attention, Discredit, Provoke Violent Confrontation, Endearment, Interpersonal Identification, and Provide Catharsis, and there are 229 taboo words function in *A Few Less Man* movie. There are Create Attention 47 (20%), Discredit 32 (14%), Provoke Violent Confrontation 25 (11%), Endearment 57 (25%), Interpersonal Identification 29 (13%), and Provide Catharsis 39 (17%). Thus, findings supported by the taboo words function theory from Liedlich (1973).

Based on the finding, this research and the previous research are different. The previous study from Taufiq (2017) entitled *The Use of Taboo Words in War Dogs Movie (2016): A Socio-pragmatic Study*, her purpose of that research was to find the taboo words function based on Ljung (2011) theory. In the result of her study she found 11 function of taboo words, which consist of 2 main categories: stand-alone functions and slot fillers.

This research is different from the previous study because in this research the researcher found that there are six function of taboo words, they are Create Attention, Discredit, Provoke Violent Confrontation, Endearment, Interpersonal Identification, and Provide Catharsis based on Liedlich (1973) theory of taboo words function.
4. CLOSING

Based on the research, the researchers concluded two aspect in this research. The first aspect, the researcher found two hundred forty-three taboo words type in *A Few Less Man* movie. The researcher found many types of taboo words in that movie, the researcher used types of taboo words theory by Jay in 1992 because by using this theory, the researcher becomes easier to classify and analyze the data that the researcher has obtained. There are nine types of taboo words which have been found and discussed by researcher in the previous chapter.

Second, the function of taboo words theory proposed by Liedlich in 1973 helped the research to analyze the taboo words function in *A Few Less Man* movie. In this research, the researcher found two hundred twenty-nine taboo words based on the function theory. There are six function of taboo words which have been found by the researcher.

Based on the result of the finding, it can be concluded that this film has a unique storyline. Every conversation that occurs in the film always appears taboo or inappropriate words when it is mentioned in public. That’s why there are many taboo words that can be found in the film. By using Jay and Liedlich’s theory, it’s easier for researchers to analyze and classify data that contains taboo matters.

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