

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of The Study

Literature is a form of work in the form of oral, written, even images that can be enjoyed and have meaning and value in every literary work. Literary science actually appeared for a long time when the Greek philosopher Aristotle (384-322 AD) had more than 2000 years ago he wrote a book entitled 'Poetica' which means: author, poetry, maker. The term 'Poetica' in literature is often referred to by a wide variety of terms. For example, W.H. Hudson called it The Study of Literature, where literature itself in Latin means learning, writing, or grammar. Andre Lefevere called it the Literary Knowledge, and A. Teeuw called it the Literary Scholarship. Therefore, a form and work of creative art whose object/subject is human and life using language as its medium (Semi, 1988). (Sumardjo, 1997) have an opinion on literature that literature is an expression of the human person in the form of thoughts, feelings, ideas, experiences, and beliefs in the form of dazzling images using language as a medium. As revealed by Mursal Esten (Esten, 1978) that literature is an expression of an artistic and imaginative fact as an image of human life and society in general by using language as its medium and has a positive effect on human life.

Speaking of literature is endless, literary works are often known for two types, namely fiction and non-fiction. Fiction, which means imagination and non-fiction, is non-imagination. Literature also has many types of works such as: poetry, drama, biography, essays, etc. According to Ahmad Badrun, creating works that are imaginative using symbols and language as a tool to make art activities (Badrun, 1983). Non-fiction works take real data that is history or news, then package it in interesting writing to excite readers who enjoy it. Although a work of writing includes works of fiction, but can describe reality. As (Saryono, 2019) argues that literary works are able to record both natural and non-empirical empirical experiences – the supernatural.

Movies are also often called movies have the understanding of a moving image that uses communication media to convey a message to its connoisseurs. Film does not include literary works, but all supporting things or objects of filmmaking such as: scenarios, cinematography, and texts used in filmmaking. As revealed by Effendi (1986), Film is a tool of artistic expression and cultural results that is considered as communication from various technologies such as voice recorder, photography, and from fine arts and literary theater arts, architecture and music art.

Many films were produced, one of them was "Forrest Gump". Forrest Gump is a 1994 Comedy Drama Film, directed by Robert Zemeckis, written by Eric Roth and produced by The Tisch Company. The film stars Tom Hanks as the main actor because he has good actor skills. Robert Zemeckis as the director of Forrest Gump film born on May 14, 1952 in Chicago, Illinois USA, who is experienced in making films such as: Back to the Future (1985), Back to the Future Part II (1989), Flight (2012), and directing as many as 14 films with a tendency for fantastic genre films, romance, comedy, and drama.

This film is one of the best and most successful films from Robert Zemeckis, although produced in 1994, it told a plot that has been understood by the public. Robert was assisted by several producers and script writers such as Eric Roth, Wendy Finerman and Steve Tisch had a total duration of 142 minutes. The film also received a response from various communities, markets, and industries.

The film released in 1994 received a response from the market, the budget spent to produce the film was 55 million USD and earned a large profit of about 677 million USD, for the addition of the film also got an industry response such as being able to enter the box office and get a rating of about 90% for the film.

Then the response occurred in the community. This film received nominations and winners of various famous awards in the United States such as Oscar Award. Forrest Gump won best director, best editing, best performance, best visual, best picture in the same year of its release in 1994.

From the explanation above there are two reasons researchers are interested in this film first because of the skill actor and the first cinematography skill actor. Forrest Gump became one of Robert Zemeckis' films, although a comedy film, the film depicts human psychological conflicts in depth. The film tells the story of a man with an below average IQ named Forrest Gump (Tom Hanks) who was taken care by his mother. Forrest Gump was bullied by his friends since childhood and he was thought of him as a fool. Until it was claimed to be a child who could not do anything by the Doctor and his principal. Besides his weakness, He had a lot of talent that make Forrest much loved by people around him. On his first day of school, he met Jenny, the only friend who was willing to accept and did not bully Forrest. They become best friends into adulthood.

With his limitations Forrest was able to continue his education to college with his ability to run (earned when he was chased by his friends using a car), he entered the football club and won several awards. When he graduated from college, he enlisted in the military and was sent to Vietnam. There he met a black man named Bubba and became his friend.

Bubba invites Forrest to do the shrimp business with him after the war is over. Forrest becomes a man of merit for being the savior of his Commander by running fast so that it gets an award. However, he lost his best friend Bubba who was so badly injured that he could not be saved. Healing from the bullets he was supporting. Forrest discovered his pent-up talent is playing ping-pong and becoming a tennis athlete so as to bring his country to the international event in a Chinese match. Forrest spends his time looking for Jenny, spending his savings to buy the shrimp fishing boat he promised Bubba. His efforts always fail, but he continues to work hard and unyielding, his retired and disabled commander joins Forrest for the shrimp-catching business. Eventually, they became successful people and were able to finance the Bubba family.

One day Jenny returns to see Forrest, Forrest proposes to her but Jenny refuses (for unknown reasons) but Jenny also loves Forrest and proves her love by sleeping with him. Blind, Jenny leaves Forrest. Forrest was so sad, he decided to run around the United States for more than 3.5 years, he was famous in televisions and newspapers. He got a letter from Jenny who saw him running on television. Jenny asks Forrest to come to her house after their long separation. Jenny is a little boy who turns out to be their son. Jenny tells Forrest about her illness, the AIDS virus. Forrest takes them back to Greenbow, Alabama. Jenny and Forrest eventually get married, but it's not long before Jenny dies. Forrest takes great care of his son and gives him the same name; his son grows up to be a very intelligent boy. Every now and then Forrest visits Jenny who was buried under the tree where they played as a child. The film's scene closes with Forrest delivering his son to the school bus, and a happy smile adorning his face.

Researchers decided to take the topic of Life Struggle in this study because many lessons can be taken from the main character, Forrest Gump. Forrest Gump can be used anywhere, anytime, and anyone. Researchers decided to use research theories that are in accordance with what is in humans, namely research theory with an individualized psychology approach. The theory put forward by Alfred Adler, one of the researchers who had lived with Sigmund Freud and had worked with him also developed a similar theory.

From these reasons, researchers wanted to conduct research on Forrest Gump related to psychological approaches, so the researchers titled the researcher "An Analysis of Life Struggle in the Forrest Gump Film: An Individual Psychological Approach"

B. Research Question

This research has the following research question as follow:

1. How does Forrest Gump overcome the bullying of his friends related to Individual Psychology?
2. What motivation that encourages Forrest Gump in the Life Struggle?

C. Limitation of Study

The researcher focused to analyze the main character based on the Life Struggle reflected in Forrest Gump film.

D. Objectives of The Study

The objectives of the study are to answer about research question that is on the problem of the study, as follow:

1. To explain Forrest Gump to overcome bullying of his friends related to Individual Psychology.
2. To describe the motivation Forrest Gump in the life struggle.

E. Benefit of The Study

The study is expected to give benefit as follow:

1. Theoretical Significance

The author hoped that this research can provide information, references, and contribution to develop and understanding of Individual Psychology in the Literature, especially the “Forrest Gump” movie.

2. Practical Significance

Based on the theory of individual psychology, this research added insight into the “Forrest Gump” movie. Readers and other students can use this research can as a reference for studying literature, especially in individual psychology. This study can inspire other readers and students by using other topics related to the “Forrest Gump” movie.