

SOCIAL CLASS AND ITS IMPLICATION TO SOCIAL JUSTICE IN HOWARD PYLE'S THE MERRY ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD: A MARXIST PERSPECTIVE

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Abstrak

Penelitian ini menunjukkan perbedaan antara kelas atas dan kelas bawah, dimana kelas bawah tidak mendapatkan keadilan seperti halnya kelas atas. Petualangan Menikah dengan Robin Hood merupakan gambaran kehidupan yang sangat kompleks. Gejala yang terjadi antara kelompok miskin dan kaya yang lebih mementingkan keuntungan pribadi dikenal dengan istilah kapitalisme. Untuk mengungkapkan nilai dan makna yang akan penulis sampaikan dengan menggunakan tokoh utama yang digambarkan sebagai sosok yang kuat dalam membela keadilan. Kesimpulan dari penelitian ini adalah bahwa dalam kehidupan manusia kita tidak akan terlepas dari apa yang disebut dengan konflik sosial, bahkan hal tersebut telah dijelaskan dalam ilmu sosiologi.

Kata Kunci: Robbin Hood, Kelas Sosial

Abstract

This research shows the difference between the upper and lower classes, where the lower classes do not get justice as well as the upper classes. The Adventure of Marring Robin Hood is a very complex picture of life. The turmoil that occurs between poor and rich groups who are more concerned with personal profit is known as capitalism. To express the value and meaning that the author will convey by using the main character who is described as a strong figure in defending justice. The conclusion of this paper is that in human life we will not be separated from what is called social conflict, even it has been explained in sociology.

Keywords: Robbin Hood, Social Class

1. INTRODUCTION

Social class is a form of division of population or society into stratified class layers with the embodiment of high and low classes. Groups that have a higher position in the social hierarchy have the opportunity to have greater access to power and resources. In today's life, social classes can be found in various groups, both formal and informal. Examples include educational institutions—schools, workplaces, and friend groups. Social class in a society is based more on the orientation of values that are important in the social group or society at large.

Descriptions of social class problems can be found from literary works such as short stories or novels. Literary works such as novels or short stories are images of real or very lively familiarity with the real world as a result of the author's imaginative thinking process whose story material also does not see the author's life experience. This novel uses traditional material and language so that it is easy to understand for those who read this novel.

The novel consists of episodes of the British national team of the villain Robin Hood and his followers. The villains in this novel do not merely want to harm society but have the aim of upholding justice. The social class problem that occurs in this novel is the oppression between the upper class and the lower class. In this novel, the author tells the main character as a criminal who can also be called a hero for lower class society, because the main character robs the rich and the proceeds of the robbery are given to the poor.

The storyline of *The Adventures of Merry Robin Hood* begins with Robin Hood as he becomes a criminal who comes into conflict with a forestry expert and goes through many adventures and law enforcement. Robin Hood, who was on his way to an archery competition, accidentally killed a Sheriff's officer where one of the residents in Nottingham was in charge. The sheriff, who did not accept the death, vowed to find the perpetrator of the sheriff's death.

This novel is very popular with readers because it raises the character Robin Hood who was very popular in the 19th century. Many artists and filmmakers are interested in the storyline of this novel and make it a very interesting film to air. This novel is also composed using simple material and traditional language so that it is easily understood by readers. The novel weaves traditional material into a colorful and coherent narrative created by partially retaining the flavor of the ballad and adapting it for young people to read.

There's a reason researchers use this novel for analysis. The existence of Robin Hood in this novel attracted researchers to analyze this novel. The character Robin Hood is very famous for his rebellious nature as well as a hero. In this novel, Robin Hood plays an important role in upholding justice and as a leader. The character Robin Hood who is told as an honest criminal who has a high humanitarian spirit, namely helping the poor and enforcing the law, really inspires heroes. author and interested in analyzing this novel.

2. METHOD

The type of research used in this study is qualitative descriptive. Where qualitative research according to Sugiyono (2009) is research used to obtain in-depth data, namely data that contains meaning. What is meant here is data that actually consists of words, sentences and discourses. Using data collected in qualitative descriptive analysis, consisting of words, sentences and discourses in (Nilamsari, 2014).

3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

3.1. Research Finding

The finding is divided into three parts: 1) What kind of social class is described in Howard Pyle's *The Merry Adventure of Robinhood*; 2) How does social class Howard Pyle's *The Merry Adventure of Robinhood* affect social justice; 3) Why is social class discussed in Howard Pyle's *The Merry Adventures of Robinhood*.

3.1.1 Kind of social class is described in Howard Pyle's *The Merry Adventure of Robinhood*

3.1.1.1 Class Struggle

The *Adventures of Merry Robbin Hood* which contain Marxist values. The value of Marxism is the value of the class struggle to demand justice and is full of the value of the abolition of social strata, the value of mutual fate, the value of multiculturalism and the value of anti-capitalism or equality. An example of the data is a quote from a sentence that is :

"Then they swear that although they themselves have been dispossessed, they will deprive their oppressors, whether they be barons, abbots, knights, or nobles, and that from each oppressor they will take what has been extorted from the poor through unjust taxes, or land rent, or wrong fines".

This sentence is a quote that contains the value of Marxism (the struggle for justice).

3.1.1.2 *The Distance Between the rich and the poor*

There are distances or difference between the rich and the poor. It An example of the data is a quote from a sentence that is :

"so that, after a while, when people begin to realize that they are not harmed, but money or food comes just in time for many poor families, they come to praise Robin and his joyful people, and tell many stories about him and his actions in Sherwood Forest, because they feel he is one of them".

"to the poor they will give help in times of need and in trouble, and will return to them what has been unjustly taken from them".

3.1.1.3 *The Oppression of the rich to the poor*

In the novel show that any oppression of the rich to the poor. It has in dialogue :

"throughout that year, fifty or so good dashing men gathered around Robin Hood, and elected him to be their leader and leader. Then they swore that although they themselves had been dispossessed, they would deprive their oppressors, whether they be barons, abbots, knights, or nobles, and that from each oppressor they would take what had been extorted from the poor through unfair taxes, or land rent, or wrongful fines. But to the poor they will give help in times of need and in trouble, and will return to them what has been unjustly taken from them. Moreover, they swore never to harm a child or molest a woman, whether she was a maid, wife, or widow; so that, after a while, when people began to realize that they were not harmed, but that money or food came just in time for many poor families, they came to praise Robin and his joyful people, and told many stories about him and his actions in Sherwood Forest, because they felt he was one of them"

The quotation dialogue above makes clear the opposition caused by the bourgeoisie who took everything that belonged to the proletariat so that

Robbin Hood and the gallant and good man vowed to avenge anyone who would take away the oppressors from any class who would oppress the poor and they vowed to protect children and even all women and establish justice for the proletariat.

3.1.2 The influence of social class on the social justice in Howard Pyle's *The Merry Adventure of Robinhood*.

3.1.2.1 Social Justice

The villains in this novel do not merely want to harm society but have the aim of upholding justice. The social class problem that occurs in this novel is the oppression between the upper class and the lower class.

"Hello, where are you going, little guy, with your one-penny bow and arrow?"

Then Robin became angry, because no young person likes to be ridiculed with his green years.

"Now," he said, "my bow and my arrow are as good as the sparkle; and what's more, I went to the shooting match in Nottingham Town, the same has been announced by our good Nottinghamshire Sheriff; There I will shoot with other dashing men, because the reward has been offered in the form of quality beer."

Then someone holding a glass of beer in his hand said, "Ho! Listen to the child! Boy, son, your mother's milk is still a little dry on your lips, but you are reluctant to stand with the good gallant men in Nottingham butts, you who are unable to pull a bowstring of two stones." (Howard Pyle, 1883 : 1).

The form of opposition in the above data quote is the resistance of Robbin Hood as a proletariat to the bourgeoisie depicted in the quotation, namely the forestry sheriff who belittles a young man named Robbin Hood who is on his way to an archery competition in Nottingham.

3.1.2.2 *The Distance between the rich and the poor is widening.*

There is a quote where Robbin Hood struggles with one of the forestry sheriffs caused by the attacks of the bourgeoisie and the resistance of the proletariat to protect himself.

"You said I'm not an archer," he shouted loudly, "but say it again now!"

The shaft flies straight; the archer fell forward screaming, and lay face down on the ground, his arrows trembling from his arrow tube, his gray goose shaft wet; heart blood. Then, before the others had time to gather their wits, Robin Hood had gone to the depths of the green forest. Some began to pursue him, but not wholeheartedly, for each feared the death of his companion; then immediately they all came and picked up the dead man and brought him to the City of Nottingham.

Meanwhile, Robin Hood runs through a green forest. Gone was all the joy and brightness of everything, for his heart ached within him, and ingrained in his soul that he had killed someone (Howard Pyle, 1883: 1).

The above quotation illustrates the form of opposition between Robbin Hood as a proletariat and a sheriff as bourgeoisie, where Robbin Hood expresses his contempt for the sheriff. Because of the conflict, Robbin must serve his sentence by settling in the green forest that will become his home for years to come, never again seeing happy days with the young men and women of sweet Locksley Town. because he was forbidden, not only because he had killed someone, but also because he had hunted the King's deer, and two hundred pounds were put on his head, as a reward for anyone who would take him to the King's court.

3.1.2.3 *The rich act arbitrarily*

In the conflict between the people rich with the people poor become widespread and the people rich act arbitrarily to people poor. In fact in dialogue :

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3.1.3 Reasons of addressing social class in Howard Pyle’s The Merry Adventures of Robinhood.

As explained earlier, Hooward Pyle in his work raises the story of the struggle of the lower class in upholding justice. The cause of class conflict in the novel story is based on the Marxism system that applies in people's lives.

The novel The Adventures of Mary Robbin Hood tells the story of the British national team of the villain Robin Hood and his followers. The villains in this novel do not merely want to harm society but have the aim of upholding justice. The social class problem that occurs in this novel is the oppression between the upper class and the lower class. In this novel, the author tells the main character as a criminal who can also be called a hero for lower class society, because the main character robs the rich and the proceeds of the robbery are given to the poor.

3.2 DISCUSSION

The social class problem that occurs in this novel is the oppression between the upper class and the lower class. In this novel, the author tells the main character as a criminal who can also be called a hero for lower class society, because the main character robs the rich and the proceeds of the robbery are given to the poor.

According to Karl Mark the essence of social justice is if a society has been created the realization of self through compassion, and the collaboration of a classless society, without violence, and without oppression, and humans who are free from all forms of alienation human. So, social justice is a justice that depends on the power structures control groups who suffer from injustice (society is not capable of everything various forms of exploitation and rape), which determine the life of society in dimensions political, economic, social, cultural, legal and ideological. It is appropriate with story of The Merry Adventures of Robinhood novel. It tells about class society, between high class and low class in the characters in the novel. The struggle to get a justice in life and happiness. The social justice is part of Marxist. Every principles of Marxist contain of socialism. The works of Marx offer promises and hopes the creation of prosperity and prosperity, peace and security, and problem solving faced by the proletariat, for the sake of creating social justice.

The injustice is in the form of confiscation of property taken from the poor, as well as the death penalty for those who hunt deer in the forest, which is carried out because the poor there have difficulty finding food. Robin Hood who heard the story immediately took action, he went to the rich man or seller there who took his property and gave the proceeds to the poor. After knowing the kindness of Robin Hood, finally many people became followers of Robin Hood and they were eager to uphold justice.

4. CLOSING

Based on the analysis and discussion in the previous chapters, the study comes to the following conclusion. Firstly, the kind of social class describe in Howard Pyle's The Merry Adventure of Robinhood are, class Struggle, The distance between the rich and poor, and the oppression of the rich to the poor. Class struggle in this novel is to demand justice and is full of the values of the abolition of social strata, the value of mutual fate, and the value of anti-capitalism or equality. The distance between the rich in one of the problem in this novel because in this novel the people rich and the people poor in this social life is very difference treatment. The last is the oppression of the rich to the poor, in this case in the novel the people poor have oppression of the people rich.

Secondly, The Influence of social class on the social justice in Howard Pyle's The Merry Adventure of Robinhood are, Social justice, The distance between the rich and the poor is widening, and The rich act arbitrarily. Social justice, problem that occurs in this novel is the

oppression between the upper and lower class. Then, the distance between the rich and the poor is widening in this novel the poor people very difficult to get the justice in social life because always get oppression of the people rich. The last is the rich act arbitrarily is conflict between the people rich with the people poor become widespread and the people rich act arbitrarily to the people poor.

Thirdly, the reasons of addressing social class in Howard Pyle's *The Merry Adventure of Robinhood*, the social class problem that occurs in this novel is the oppression between the upper class and the lower class. In this novel, the author tells the main character as a criminal who can also be called a hero for lower class society, because the main character robs the rich and the proceeds of the robbery are given to the poor.

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