

AN ANALYSIS EGOISM OF KATHY'S CHARACTER IN *NEVER LET ME NOVEL GO* BY KAZUO ISHIGURO

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Abstract

This study discusses Kazuo Ishiguro's novel never let me go. This study tells the story of Kathy, a nurse who repeats her childhood story during her time at Haislam, making friends with Ruth and Tommy. The research will focus on Kathy as the main role in the novel. Kathy's egoism character in this novel greatly influences the storyline, Haislam and Kathy make the story at the height of the conflict and many things happen in the novel that are closely related to both of them, especially Kathy's egoism character. Therefore, this research will focus on selfishness Kathy.

The purpose of this study is to discuss the character of Kathy based on observations on novel stories, in order to obtain accurate and more complete data. This research will also be supported by several theories from experts so that the data obtained becomes more focused and the researcher also reads more than once so that all the data obtained becomes more complete. The results of this research show that the factors that cause break or conflict in friendships are Kathy's egoism.

This research can conclude that Kathy's character has a big influence in the storyline. One's egoism can affect friendship. Someone who has a egoism prioritize their own opinions which can lead to conflicts that damage friendships.

Keyword: *egoism, character, friendship*

INTRODUCTION

Literature is a creative work that contains the intent and purpose of the author. A literary work does not mean only having an idea, theory or system thought, but in a literary work contains ideas and systems thought (Grace, 1956). In other words, a literary work contains various ideas, theories and systems of thought. This whole aspect comes from its author has an important role in using the creative ideas embodied in their works.

A novel is a long prose-shaped essay contains a series of stories of someone's life with other people on around by accentuating the character and nature of each actor. Novel is a form of literary work in which there are cultural values, social,

moral and educational.

The researcher chosen *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro as an author because Nobel prize winner. The novel is told from Kathy's perspective, with a backward plot and is not at all slow considering that the stories are told from their childhood to their thirties. Kathy takes readers deep into her childhood with various snippets of stories and clues that will eventually culminate in one point. Kathy's memories are not told in chronological order but depending on which scene will support the clues that the writer spreads throughout the novel and will support the climax of the story before the ending.

Before explaining the egoism character of Kathy in the novel *Never Let Me Go*, the researcher explains the definition of the egoism and character. Egoism is a person who is always egoism. Egoism is all actions or action is always caused by the desire to benefit oneself (KBBI, 2013). According to Abrams in Nurgiyantoro (2007), characters are people who are shown in a narrative work, or drama, which readers interpret as having certain moral qualities and tendencies as expressed in speech and what is done in action. Character is an important element in literary works, especially in novel.

This study tries to analyze the egoism character of Kathy. The work was chosen because there has not been study which explores selfish character of Kathy.

RESEARCH METHOD

This study used the qualitative research. This research was explained with research design, literary approach, research instrument, data source, data collection procedure, data analysis procedure (Sugiyono, 2015).

Data collection procedure is First step to collect the data was read the novel entitled *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro. The second step was the researcher understood the content and the storyline of the novel. It can be translated some difficult word and sentences into the researcher language. Third step was identified word and sentence in the novel especially the quotation that showed the words which related with Egoism Kathy's Character. Four step was writing the report into a thesis.

Data analysis procedures they are: First step, organized data from this analysis, it had purpose to review the data more easily and quickly. Second step is classified data from all instrument based on variable research. It was grouped all problems egoism Kathy's character. Third step selected the data which relevant to answer the problems. After finding the question of support in egoism character, it was selected one by one and analyzed with the egoism character theory. Fourth or last step was interpreted the data, it had purpose to understand sample of characteristic data in this research and conducted by referend the quotation egoism character.

RESEARCH FINDING AND DISCUSSION

In chapter 9 beginning Egoism seen in novel never let me go novel when Ruth asked Kathy to get back her relationship with Tommy.

***“What I want is for us to make afresh start. We’re about even now, we’ve both done daft thing just to hurt each other, but it’s enough now. Martha bloodyH., I ask you! Maybe he did it just to give me a good laugh. Well you can tell him he succeeded, and these scores are all even again. It’s time we grew up and start afresh. I know you can reason with him, Kathy. You’ll deal with it the best way possible. Then if he’s still not prepared to be sensible, I’ll there’s no point carrying on with him.”**..... **“Tommy and I were made for each other and he’ll listen to you. You’ll do it for us, won’t you, Kathy?** (pg. 102 when Ruth talk with Kathy)*

The sentence bold show that Ruthask Kathy to get back her relationship withTommy because only Kathy can do it.

“Okay. I’ll talk to him. Like you say, we’ll leaving here soon. We can afford to waste time.”

The sentence bold show that Kathy received a request from Ruth. Kathy accepts Ruth's request because Ruth, Tommy, and she are best friends.

***“Tommy, let’s talk now. There’s somethingI want talk to you about.”**
“Obviously I don’t have all details. But weall know about you splitting with Ruth.” Tommy still looked puzzled. Finally he didanother little laugh, but this time it was areal one. **“I see what you mean.”** (pg 103when Kathy talk With Tommy)
“Just do it for my sake, tommy.”I told her I’d do my best, because by then I just wanted out of there. I was probably bright scarlet, what with her hugging me and everything. I mean, it’s not same, it is, now we’ve got bigger*

In the above conversation, we know that Kathy invites Tommy to talk with

the purpose of restoring Ruth and Tommy's relationship. Kathy talks about Tommy relationship with Ruth, who has separated. And Tommy catches that Kathy's words purpose to restore Ruth and Tommy's relationship to get back again. And Kathy forced Tommy into a relationship with Ruth for her sake. But Tommy shows that he loves Kathy by hugging her.

“Look, Tommy,” I said: “We’ll have to talk this over carefully soon. It’s really interesting and I can see how it must have made you miserable. But either way, you’re going to have to pull yourself together a bit more. We’re going to leaving here summer. You’ve got to get yourself sorted again, and there’s one thing you can straighten out right now. Ruth told me she’s prepared to call it quits and have you get back with her again. I think that’s a good chance for you. Don’t mess it up”.(pg.107 when Kathy talk with Tommy)

From the conversation above, it can be seen that Kathy's character is egoism because she tries to directly tell Tommy the purpose of their conversation that Kathy wants Tommy to return to Ruth.

He was quite for a few seconds, then said: “I don’t know, Kath. There are all these other things to think about.”

”Tommy, just listen. You’re really lucky. Of all the people here, you’ve got Ruth fancying you. After we leave, if you’re with her, you won’t have to worry. She’s the best, you’ll be fine so long as you’re with her. She’s saying she wants a fresh start. So don’t blow it” (pg.107 when Kathy talk With Tommy)

I waited but Tommy gave no response, and again I felt something like panic coming over me. I leaned forward and said: “Look, you fool, you’re not going to get many chances. Don’t you realize, we won’t be here together like this much longer?”.....

I was suddenly lost for what to say and just sat there tugging away at the clovers.....I never got to assess what kind of impact my talk with Tommy had had, because it was the very next day the news broke.(pg.110 when Kathy monoloug)

Tommy doesn't respond to Kathy's request, causing Kathy to get angry and say what she shouldn't have said. From an unintentional conversation, Kathy feels the impact of the conversation, their friendship is broken. Research has found several factors that cause friendship conflicts between Kathy, Ruth and Tommy, including the egoism of Ruth and Kathy and the incompatibility that Tommy makes.

CONCLUSION

Based on the results of the analysis conducted by the author, the authors found the egoism Kathy's character depicted she can't accept Tommy's refusal of her ask and the impact that friendship conflict lead to broken her friendship. Based on the conclusions drawn from the result of data analysis, the researcher tries to provide recommendation as for further research in the novel never let me go, there are some aspects that have not been studied deeper between the problem solving of the conflict and some of the characters in the novel. This research could be a reference for further research if there is indeed a discussion of relevance.

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