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ABSTRACT

This thesis with title Symbols of Freedom are represented by The Little Girl in Mark Osborne's Film *The Little Prince* has an objective to describe the symbol of freedom as represented by the little girl as the main character. Descriptive qualitative method is used to analyze the data, while literary research method is also used to gain references dealing with the object of analysis. Structural approach is used to analyze the structural elements like general description of the main character, conflict, and setting of this film. While semiotic approach is used to gain the main topic of this film which is a freedom. The result of analysis shows that the main character of Mark Osborne's film *The Little Prince* is The Little Girl. She is described smart, brave, and curious person. She also experiences both internal and external conflict. Setting in this film is divided into setting of place and setting of time. Icon in this film are the Little prince toys and the little prince story. While symbol are Life plan, The little prince, ordinary people, snow globe and pigeon. Then the last index in this film are broken life plan means that the restraint will be broken.

Finally, it can be concluded that a symbol of freedom in Mark Osborne's film is represented by Little Girl as the main character.

Keywords: *Freedom, Symbol, The Little Prince*

INTRODUCTION

Semiotic is the way of understanding how meaning is conveyed through the various methods human being employ to convey messages, and study of sign, for the example body language, gesture, letters, words, pictures, visual illustrations. In Film, Semiotics is a useful analytical tool for studying the ways by which visual images form a system for the communication of meaning. Any given moment can be rich in visual meaning, but we cannot be too scientific. A train is just a train. In this film The Researcher use semiotic to show symbols of freedom are represented by "The Little Girl". Semiotic consists of the study of symbol, icon, index. The Researcher used semiotic in this film because of the sign that appear in the film is like life plan board as a symbol of restraint that make little girl do anything that already arrange in the life plan board, based on that phenomenon, The Researcher wants to explain the signs included icon, index and symbol as the references in "the symbol of freedom".

The Little Prince is a Novel by *Antoine de Saint-Exupéry* is first published on April 6th 1943. To preserve that literature works, Mark Osborne adapted this movie from novel to film. It is released in France at May 22, 2015. According to www.imdb.com this film has 7.8/10 rates and 95% from 100% in www.rottentomatoes.com. This 160 minutes film also won 1 award for Best Animated Film in Cesar award and Nominated

in Annie Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Music in an Animated feature production and Outstanding Achievement in Production Design in an Animated Feature Production and in Hollywood music in Media Awards for Best Original Score-Animated Film.

The main character, Little Girl is preparing interviews in Weth Academy. Her “Mother” always supports her to make sure that accepted at the school. Unfortunately, “The Little Girl” was fail the interviews. However, the “Mother” has another plan, and tries to move the house near the school. Durring summer vacation, “The Little Girl” must do everything her mother’s plan on the life plan board. Her “Mother” hopes by learning every lesson on the board she can join with Werth Academy.

Beside their new home, there is a unique home, colorful old house was inhabited by an oldman who had a wreck plane in the backyard. “The Little Girl” and the oldman of Aviator is finally reunited, initiated through a picture story that created by the oldman to “The Little Girl”. That story was the experience of the oldman, as he used to be stranded in the Sahra desert and meet The Little Prince, who claimed come from an asteroid. Meeting with the oldman make “The Little Girl” could feel that childhood are joyful and full of imagination. However, This situation gave the impact towards the program proclaimed by the “Mother” for his future. She wants to be free like the other children on her age, but the fact does not say so.

The situation experienced by “The Little Girl” brings us to the problem dealing with freedom. Freedom is a natural right, the human being is born with. Everyone wants to be free and independent from others. Freedom is the right to do what one wants, live where he wants, eat what he wants, learns what he wants, and chooses the religion in which he believes, without ignoring or harming other rights.

Based on the previous explanation, The Researcher decides to discuss Freedom as symbolized by Little Girl in Mark Osborne’s Film *The Little Prince*. The Researcher wants to explain how “The Little Girl” achieve her freedom.

research questions.

RESEARCH METHOD

Data and Subject

The Little Prince is a Novel by *Antoine de Saint-Exupéry* is first published on April 6th 1943. To preseve that literature works, Mark Osborne adapted this movie from novel to film. It is released in France at May 22, 2015.

Unit of Analysis

In this research, the researcher discussed about intrinsic elements and extrinsic element from film through the events that happens in the story. Moreover, the researcher analysed the data using semiotic approach.

Technique of Data Collection and Analysis

The researcher does watching *The Little Prince* film as the source of data. The researcher decides topic. The researcher re-watch the film to collect the data such as structural and semiotic approach. The researcher does library and online research to

collect supported data. The researcher analyses the data based on the collected information use semiotic approach.

FINDING AND DISCUSSION

Finding

General Description of The Little Girl as the Main Character

Confident

The Little Girl belongs to the confident person because she always confident when she has to face everything. When she practices with The Mother before the exam, she keeps remembering all of the answers that is possibly will be asked by the examiners. When she comes inside the examination room, the examiners do not ask the question like they ever think before, but The Little Girl keeps answering desperately.

Precise

When The Old Man propeller destroys The Little Girl's wall, she already takes anything for the insurance.

Curious

When The Little Girl gets a paper of the story for the first time, she throws it away into the garbage. But, after she finds another thing among the pennies, she feels curious to know what is inside of the paper and read it. After she finish reading the paper, The Little Girl still feels curious with the next story. Because of that reason, The Little Girl wants to meet with The Old Man to ask about the story continuity.

Rebellion

When Mother catches The Little Girl for not doing the life plan, she gets angry with her and blames The Old Man. Afterwards, The Little Girl refuses to follow her Mother's life plan.

Care

On the first time she meets in The Old Man's house, The Old Man slips and falls. Then, The Little Girl asks him if he is okay. When The Old Man is being taken to the hospital by the ambulance, The Little Girl is running from her car and trying to catch the ambulance up.

Plot in *The Little Prince* Film

Plot is the sequence of incident or event which the story is composed and it may be concluded what the character says or thinks, as well as what he does, but it leaves out a description and an analysis and concentrates ordinarily on major happening.

Conflicts Experienced by Noah Calhoun as the Main Character

Internal Conflict

As the main character, The Little Girl experiences some internal conflicts in the film. The Little Girl internal conflict begins when Little Girl runs to the hospital to see The Old Man and back to her home, she thinks what she should do, whether she wants to forget everything or trying to help The Old Man. But finally, she decides to look for little prince and make The Old Man better again.

External Conflict

The Little Girl against Mother

When little girl's Mother finds out that The Little Girl is lying about the life plan, her Mother gets very upset for her attitude. Thus, little girl tells her Mother that she will not do everything about her life plans because that is not something that she wants.

The Little Girl against The Old Man

When Little girl knows about the end of the story of little prince, she is very angry for the reason why The Old Man does not help him so the little prince can survive. She says to The Old Man that she is very disappointed to know about little prince and feels like she wastes her whole summer to hear about the story. From that moment on, little girl throws everything related to The Old Man and the little prince, and back to the life plan again.

The Little Girl against The Businessman

When Little girl and Mr. Prince try to release the stars from the glass, the businessman appears and stops them. He tells them that all the stars are his own and it is going to be used for energy to lazy man, so the stars from inessential become essential. Little Girl and Mr. Prince have to run away from Businessman and his co-workers.

Settings Described in *The Little Prince* film

Setting of Time

Morning

This is the time when The Werth Academy exam starts, and Mother make sure that The Little Girl ready for thr exam.

Afternoon

This is the time when The Little Girl with The Police Officer come to The Od Man's house, and when The Old tell the story in the roof with The Little Girl.

Night

This is the time when The Little Girl study, and whe she wait her mother because of accident that proppeler destroy her home.

Setting of Place

Werth Academy

This is the place that The Little Girl and her Mother want as a school that The Little Girl will be attended. This is where the test is being held. In the beginning, it shows that The Little Girl tries to pass the Werth Academy's entrance test. Then, in the end of the film, it shows that The Little Girl is one of the student who attends classes in Werth Academy.

The Little Girl's Home

This is the place when The Little Girl failed the first exam, Mother uses plan B that they have to move to the new home near the academy so she can be more prepared and ready for the next exam.

The Little Girl's Bedroom

This is the place when The Little Girl studying, and got a paper of little prince story from The Old Man for introducing.

The Old Man's House

When The Little Girl curious about other story of the little prince, she comes into old man's house and ask about the story. She is very amazed with everything in The Old Man's house, since she never sees it before. Then, after meeting each other, she always comes to play and know about the story continuity.

The Old Man's Garden

After the accident, The Little Girl used to play every day with The Old Man to know each other and know about something new. The Old Man have a plane in his garden and little girl use it when she tries to looking The little prince.

Hospital

When The Little Girl decides to forget everything about The Old Man and The little prince, something happened to Old man, as an ambulance arrives in front of his home, little girl run to chase it in the middle of the rain. The ambulance brings The Old Man to hospital.

Strange Planet

When The Little Girl looking for The little prince flown with the plane, she thought something was wrong with the dark sky, as all of the stars are gone. She is curious about it before arrived to strange planet full with ordinary people.

BM.CO

This place is a corporation that takes control all of the ordinary people. When Little Girl comes, she saw someone similar with little prince in the BM.CO rooftop.

Because of that, she wants to come to meet him personally only to find out that he Mr. Prince, someone that looks nothing to little prince.

Warehouse

When The Little Girl meets Mr. Prince, he brings little girl into a strange place that looks like a warehouse. Suddenly, someone appeared and want to make little girl become a grown-up individual like Mr. Prince. However, after she successfully runs away, they arrived in this place, a warehouse that makes something that inessential turn into something essential.

Asteroids B-612

This is the place where the little prince lives, the place that little girl want to bring little prince back to so he going to happy again.

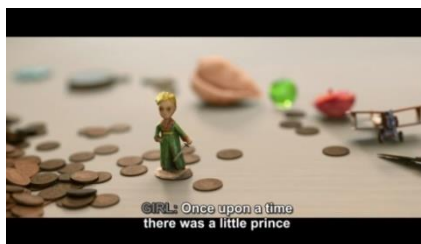
Discussion

Icon Described in Freedom as symbolized in Mark Osborn's Film *The Little Prince*

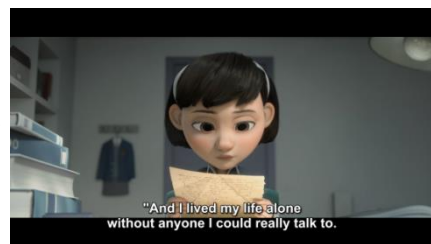
The Little Prince Toys

Toys in Oxford Dictionary means an object for a child to play with, typically a model or miniature replica of something. When little girl wants to count the coin, she found another thing beside the coin. This is the first-time little girl sees it as she never has toys before and thus, it makes her curious with the little prince story that is already gave from The Old Man before. From that moment, little girl tries to read the little prince story and start know about freedom.

The following figure supports the analysis of the above, it is described as follow:



The Little Prince toys



Little curious with the story

The Little Prince Story

The Little Prince Story becomes iconic in this film because this story gives The Little Girl's imagination and make her feel free like the little prince. From this story, she tries to look little prince to make The Old Man happy. When The Little Girl reads it, the camera toward to the paper which means that paper different with another paper little girl had ever read.

The following figure supports the analysis of the above, it is described as follow:



The Little Girl read the story



The Little Prince book

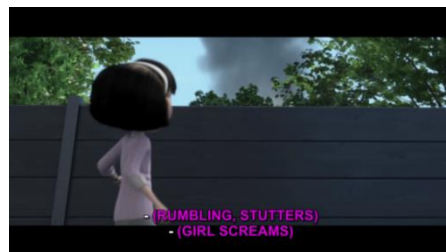
Index described in Freedom as symbolized in Mark Osborn's Film *The Little Prince*

Broken Life plan

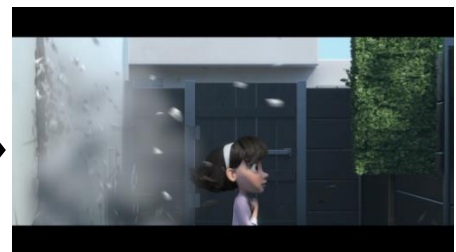
Broken life plan becomes an index because when The Little Girl looks at her new home, something blew up from neighbours and went through from the wall into The Little Girl's home, a propeller destroying life plan. She afraid with what will happen next and call the police to help her ask the neighbour. From that moment, little girl first time meet with the propeller owner, The Old Man.

This scene tell that the rule will be broken by the The Old Man since they play together until little girl forget all about life plan, yet she feels happy and feel freedom.

The following figure supports the analysis of the above, it is described as follow:



something blew up in the neighbor's backyard



The propeller through the wall and destroy everything



Life plan broken

The Old Man goes to hospital

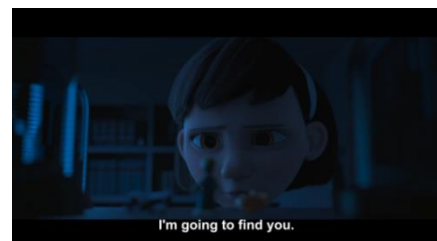
After Little girl give up about the little prince, she starts life like usual, do everything likes in the life plan. But in the middle of the rain, she looks ambulance in front of The Old Man's house in which makes little girl shock and starts chased it using bicycle to follow the ambulance to the hospital, and tell The Old Man do not leave her alone.

This scene has become a trigger to little girl to look for The Little Prince and find her own freedom. She runs away from home and uses the plane to look for The Little Prince, so The Old Man could feel better.

The following figure and dialogue support the analysis of the above, it is described below:



.Little girl won't leave the old man



Little girl decide to looking little prince

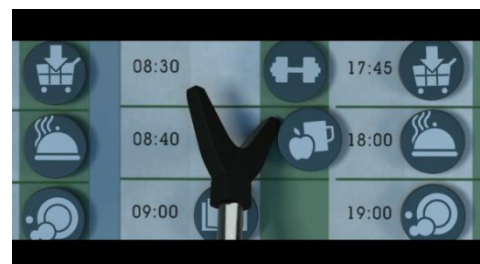
Symbol described in Freedom as symbolized in Mark Osborn's Film *The Little Prince* Life Plan

Life Plan is the symbolism of the bridle. in this film, it presents as the restraint for The Little Girl because she cannot do anything she wants. She has to do everything that already exist in the life plan. Mother makes that life plan for little girl so she can get ready before final interview, and when the camera zooming into life plan it showing that the life plan ruled every day, hour, and minutes of little girl. That make The Little Girl does not have freedom to do anything.

The following figure supports the analysis of the above, it is described as follow:



The Life Plan

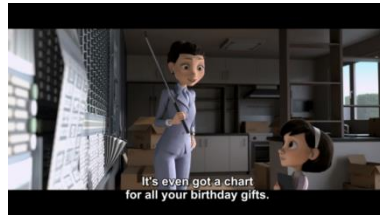


The Life Plan

Mother

Mother is the symbolism of the warden, because she always gives an order to little girl, and makes little girl to do everything that her Mother wants. Mother always check either The Little Girl does same thing like the life plan or not. She rules everything in the house and the retarder of The Little Girl freedom.

The following figure supports the analysis of the above, it is described as follow:



Mother tell about life plan



Mother keep checking the life plan

The Little Girl

Little Girl in this film symbolism as freedom, because she try to reach her own freedom through any obstacle, she wants to be free to do anything and become what she wants. In this film, she feels like cannot do anything because of life plan, but after she know The Old Man, she realizes that she has her own freedom and want to get it.

The following figure supports the analysis of the above, it is described as follow:

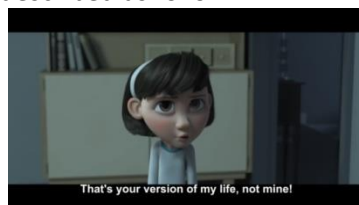


Figure 4.5.3.3 Little Girl do not want to do life plan anymore



Figure 4.5.3.3 Little Girl decide to grow up like what she want

The Little Girl's House

The Little Girl's House and all neighbor become symbol because they are all have same shape of house, and it become looks like jail for The Little Girl. When the camera follow The Little Girl's car it show that everyone have same shape house, and that exactly looks like jail.



Moving to new home

Ordinary People

Ordinary in Cambridge Dictionary is not different or special or unexpected in any way and it represent to no freedom because everything already set up and ordinary people just do. When little girl arrived in strange planet, all of the People looks ordinary people then, if little girl still do not know about her freedom as a child, she will become like that and forget about everything.

The following figure supports the analysis of the above, it is described as follow:



Ordinary People



Ordinary People

Snow Globe

Snow globe gift from little girl's father become symbolism because the snow globe represents the future for little girl if she still follows the life plan without arguing anything. When the camera close up into the building inside snow globe, it showing ordinary people work, that is the future of little girl if she still does thing same like the life plan.

The following figure supports the analysis of the above, it is described as follow:



Pigeon

In the end of the film, after little girl with her Mother visits The Old Man in the hospital, she brings a gift that is the little prince paper story which she put together to become a book and so it could make The Old Man feels happy. After that there is scene where pigeon flying from The Old Man home to The Little Girl house, meanwhile, The Little Girl and her Mother look happy stargazing with telescope together.

Pigeon represents peace for The Old Man, as he finally found his own freedom, and from that moment, Mother finally understand that she cannot force little girl to become like what she wanted and so, little girl found her own freedom.



The Old Man got The little



Pigeon fly from The Old



The Little Girl and her mother look happy stargazing with telescope together.

Conclusion

The following icon, index and symbol which is based on the symbols of freedom, are relate to the topic of research "Freedom as symbolized by Little Girl in Mark Osborn's film *The Little Prince*". There are two icons in the film, little prince story, and little prince toys. The girl holds important role for the freedom. In the film, The Little girl (symbol) reads the one page of little prince story (icon) and make little girl know. The Little Prince toys found when little girl want to count another world beside study, the pennies she got, the toys is inside it makes little girl curious and read the story, and come to old man house.

There are three indexes in this film which hold the key of the main topic. Broken life plan it represents that old man will make Mother's life plan broken, the hospital who make little become brave to do everything alone beside life plan, and the last pigeon who show that little girl finally found her freedom.

There are six symbols in this film. Life Plan is the symbolism of the bridle, in this film present as restraint for The Little Girl. Mother represent warden, the one who always check al little schedule, The Little Girl in this film symbolism as freedom, because little girl is the one who want looking for freedom. The Little Girl's House represent jail because have same shape with another neighbour, Ordinary people represent of no freedom people who always do everything same with the rule. The Snow Globe represents the future of little girl if she still doing like Mother want.

The explanation above is about the correlation between icon, index and symbol in this film relate to each other as the representation of the symbolism of the achieve freedom. In addition, the correlation between icon, index and symbol from this film can be describes, as we know there are lot of parent that want their kids become great more than them. But, sometime they are forgetting that children should have their own freedom to choose, play. Same like in this film that Mother control everything about The Little Girl that is why she feels sick of it and force to abandoned it.

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