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- Trusting GOD completely means having FAITH that he know what is BEST for your life. (my Priest)
- Rules no. 1, be yourself, people will not like you anyway. (my friends Blackberry profile picture)
- Don't be disappointed if people refuse to help you. Remember the worlds of Einstein: "I'm thankful to all those who said 'NO' because of them, I did it myself." (my friends Blackberry profile picture)
- Enjoy your life, no matter how hard it may seem, when life gives you a thousand reasons to cry, show the world you have a million reasons to smile. (Jesus Daily Facebook Fan page)

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ABSTRACT

This thesis is entitled *Politeness Strategies of Alan in The Unrated Hangover*. The reason why the researcher chose this topic is because the researcher's curiosity in analyzing politeness phenomena from the main character based on Brown and Levinson's politeness strategies. This thesis only has one objective, to know what kind of politeness strategy that is used most by the main character Alan based on Brown and Levinson's politeness strategies.

In performing the research, the researcher needs a device to analyze the data. The device will support and give some objectives that make the researcher possible to collect and analyze the data into a good report. In this thesis, the researcher used a Qualitative research since the data engaged are displayed in the form of strings of words. The research was conducted by formulating the statement of the problem, collecting the data, classifying the data, analyzing the data and drawing the conclusion. As it is impossible for the researcher to analyze them all, in his thesis the researcher would like to choose the utterance stated by the character that belong to four types of Face Threatening Act strategies based on Brown and Levinson theory (1987). The Unit of Analysis of this research is focused on the politeness utterances produced by Alan. The writer took the data from *The Unrated Hangover*. The researcher in this study used some steps in collecting the data by buying the movie, watching the movie in order to understand the story, download the script from internet to find out the strategies used by the main character, and then categorizing the data into politeness strategies.

The Unrated Hangover is a movie produced by Warner Bros. pictures and Legendary pictures, written, produced and directed by David A. Siegel. In this thesis the researcher want to know what kind of politeness strategies are mostly used by the main character Alan in *The Unrated Hangover*, and the researcher found out that the character "Alan" used 48 Bald-on record utterances, 77 Positive Politeness utterances, 25 Negative politeness utterances, and 12 Off-record utterances, but "Alan" used Positive Politeness strategy most in his utterances. Although Alan is an awkward person or ADHD, but he is like any other normal person that tries to be polite, solidarity with others, and blend in with the others, and he also care about someone's feeling.