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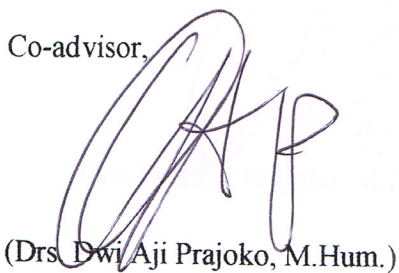
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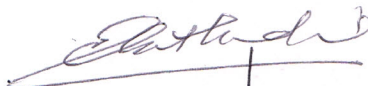
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ABSTRACT

The objectives of the study entitled *Masculinity Crises and the Related Symbols* in Edith Wharton's *Ethan Frome* are (1) to describe the crises of masculinity suffered by the main character, (2) to know the causes of the masculinity crises, (3) to analyze the symbols that convey the crises of masculinity. The writer applies the library research including Internet browsing finding the conceptual models of masculinity crises, its causes and symbols. The conceptual models are used to find the data in the novel. The data corpus is in the form of words, phrases, clauses, and discourse that refer to the masculinity crises in Edith Wharton's *Ethan Frome* published by Charles Scribner's Sons in New York by the year of 1970. The psychological approach is used to analyze the masculinity crises of main character descriptively.

Ethan's masculinity crises are: cowardice, despair, powerlessness and inferiority. Ethan's cowardice is shown when he becomes fear in facing his life and wife. Ethan's despair is seen when he loses his self-confidence to reach a happy life. His powerlessness is indicated by his no-love-based marriage out of his importance. Ethan's inferiority is shown by his obedience to his superior wife.

The causes of Ethan's masculinity crises are interrupted education, female superiority, and poverty. The interrupted education is shown when he has to stop his study at Worcester because of his father's death. The female superiority is seen from Zeena's power that controls in the family. The poverty can be seen when he wants to rent money from Andrew Hale to make up his economic life.

The symbols related to masculinity crises are winter, money, letter "L", and suicide. Winter symbolizes irony, satire, and tragedy. Money becomes the symbol of authority, prestige and courage. It is seen from Ethan's condition that needs money to solve his poverty. The letter "L", which connects the main house with the woodshed and cow barn, is missing from the house. In New England's tradition, this "L" shape is a kind is long-roofed that is built at right angles to the main house. The last symbol is suicide. Suicide is symbolizing the peak of his despair.

ABSTRAK

Skripsi yang berjudul *Masculinity Crises and the Related Symbols in Edith Wharton's Ethan Frome* mempunyai tujuan yaitu: (1) untuk menjelaskan krisis maskulinitas yang di alami oleh Ethan Frome, (2) untuk mengetahui penyebab-penyebab krisis maskulinitas yang di alami Ethan Frome, (3) untuk menganalisa simbol-simbol yang berhubungan dengan krisis maskulinitas. Penulis menggunakan studi pustaka dan data internet untuk menemukan konseptual model dari krisis maskulinitas, sebab-sebab, dan simbol-simbol. Konseptual model digunakan untuk menemukan data dari novel. Data korpus terdiri dari: kata-kata, frase-frase, klausa, dan wacana yang mengacu pada krisis maskulinitas dalam novel *Ethan Frome* karya Edith Wharton yang di terbitkan oleh Charles Scribner's Sons di New York pada tahun 1970. pendekatan psikologi di gunakan untuk menganalisis krisis maskulinitas dari tokoh utama secara sistematis.

Krisis maskulinitas yang di alami Ethan Frome adalah: kepengecutan, keputus asaan, ketidak berdayaan, ketidak punya kekuasaan. Kepengecutan Ethan terlihat ketika Ethan takut dalam menghadapi kenyataan hidup dan menghadapi istrinya. Keputus asaan Ethan terlihat ketika dia kehilangan rasa percaya diri dalam mendapatkan kebahagiaan hidup. Ketidak berdayaan Ethan ditunjukkan pada Ethan tidak punya rasa cinta terhadap istrinya. Ketidak punya kekuasaan Ethan terlihat ketika Ethan selalu menurut pada kekuasaan istrinya.

Penyebab-penyebab Ethan mengalami krisis maskulinitas adalah: putus sekolah, perempuan mempunyai kekuasaan dalam keluarga, kemiskinan. Ethan Putus sekolah terlihat ketika dia berhenti kuliah di Worcester sebab ayahnya meninggal. Kekuasaan perempuan dalam keluarga terlihat ketika Zeena dapat mengontrol dalam keluarga. Kemiskinan terlihat ketika Ethan ingin meminjam uang kepada Andre Hale untuk memperbaiki kehidupannya.

Simbol-simbol yang berhubungan dengan krisis maskulinitas adalah: musim dingin (winter), uang, huruf "T", dan bunuh diri. Musim dingin (winter) berhubungan dengan kesedihan, kepahitan, dan tragedy. Uang disimbolkan dengan kekuasaan, kedudukan. Ini terlihat pada kondisi Ethan yang membutuhkan uang untuk mengatasi kehidupannya. Huruf "L" dihubungkan dengan rumah kayu dan kandang sapi, yang berhubungan dengan rumah. Dalam tradisi di New England, bentuk "L" adalah bentuk rumah yang panjang yang dibangun belok kekanan berhubungan dengan rumah utama. Symbol yang terakhir adalah bunuh diri. Bunuh diri di simbolkan dengan puncak dari keputus asaan Ethan Frome.

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