

Analysis of Survival Aspect Faced by The Main Character in The Revenant's Movie

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ABSTRACT

The objective of this paper is to figure out the main character's survival in the wild and to depict what types of survival aspect that the main character used to survive against the enemies. The researchers use a qualitative descriptive research method. It means the technique of collecting data or theories from books and journals obtained from electronic portals and analyzing important notes that have been made. Documentation technique is using to collect whole the data which is appeared in the movie and descriptive analysis using to analyze the data have been found. The source of data from this research is The Revenant movie. The researcher uses the theory of DwiYuni who described types of survival and the theory of Sun Tzu in Rikawati that described the strategic of survival. The results showed that (1) 4 types of survival the researcher found in this movie; jungle survival, sea survival, dessert survival, and Antarctic survival. (2) The strategic of survival used by main character: planning, raid tactics, power, moving, and strategies position.

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INTRODUCTION

Literature most generically is a literary work. Literature has many advantages when compared to other writings such as authenticity, artistry, beauty in content, and expression. Many literary works can be found in real life such as poems, prose, novels, and dramas. There is one literary work that is always in demand by many people because the storyline and the play of the characters make many people feel what is happening in the story, the namely is a movie. (Wellek & Warren, 1954), explain "if all truth is conceptual and propositional, the arts even the art of literature-cannot be forms of truths". (Khairunas & et al, 2018) explained that the main character is the most important part because it is very influential in his running of a creation. The writers choose The Revenant movie as main object of this research. The Revenant movie shows the strategies of survival. It becomes the main highlighted in this movie. Everyone must be experienced to survive. Survival played an important role in human life because people can get what they want based on their strength and needs.

There are some significant relevant studies to this research. Defined by (Mihoub et al., 2015) survival is not done alone, but survival is also related to a group that experiences difficult circumstances and changes from normal life and is not according

to what it should be. Survival for nature lovers is the art of life; survival is a science to defend oneself from various threats in the wild by using makeshift equipment with the aim of survival. Survival builds a mentality for the people involved. (Hisbullah, 2020) stated that survival is an art, the ability to know and master how to use all the possibilities of nature and make full use of it. (Bakilapadavu, 2018)

DwiYuni in (Gilang, 2018) described 4 kinds of survival that consist of (1) sea survival, (2) jungle survival, (3) desert survival, and (4) Antarctic survival. These kinds of survival reflect of The Revenant movie where the main character must keep survive from any obstacle will face with all any conditions appear during the journey of life.

(Rikawati, 2018) explains in her thesis that there are 5 strategies to keep survive where it is adapted from the book *Aplikasi Strategi Perang Sun Tzu*, those are (1) planning, (2) raid tactics, (3) power, (4) weak point and strong point, (5) move, and (6) strategies position. These strategies are closer to The Revenant movie. In this research, the writers analyze the survival faced by the main character in The Revenant movie in the area of psychoanalysis. The analysis will be accordingly based on psychoanalysis approach which is designed by Sigmund Freud. To explore literature through psychology approach has to be brought with psychoanalyses. It means the study of literary text which adapted to psychological aspect of certain character. Therefore, (Minderop, 2010) it is considered that the use of psychological approaches is very important in the research of literature.

METHOD

This research uses descriptive qualitative method. The descriptive qualitative methods is a method of collecting qualitative and detailed data explanation that usually used by researchers. According to (Lambert & Lambert, 2013), this method should be planned to get the any data needed by researcher. The data has important section because from this data the researchers will begin to analyze any possibilities answer based on the problem been formulated.

The object of the research is The Revenant movie published in 2015 directed by Alejandro G. Inarritu. The data is all the scenes and dialogues related to the survival faced by the main character. The data is taken by conducting some steps. First is by watching the movie more than three times. Then, the researchers collect all the scenes and dialogues about survival which is suitable to the references the researchers used.

This research is focused on types of survival and the strategies shown by the main character in The Revenant movie. Based on DwiYuni's Theory, the researchers finds 4 types of survival; jungle survival, sea survival, dessert survival, and Antarctic survival. For the strategic of survival, The researchers uses Sun Tzu's theory in (Rikawati, 2018): planning, raid tactics, power, moving, and strategies position. The data sources for this research are The Revenant movie and some relevant theories in searching the meaning of types of the survival and the strategy to keep life.

This research mainly focuses on recognizing types of survival and strategy to keep survive from the wild's life. The researchers require a good instrument to obtain the data. The instruments are being mentioned, such as the file of The Revenant

Movie, the laptop, e-book as a main priority book source, notes. So, the main instrument is to collect and analyze the data been taken and continue to analyze based on appropriate the theories been taken. This research does several steps to get a good result: First, the researchers watch The Revenant Movie over and over, and then taking notes that the researchers considers is important and needs it. Second, the researchers look for any book references such as e-book that suitable for the research of this movie. Third, the researchers categorized the type of survival and the strategy of survival that the researchers had found based on the relevant theory. Fourth, the writer begins to analyze that data carefully.

In the next steps, the researchers begin to analyze the data based on the relevant book sources that the researchers had collected. The steps as follow: First, The researchers show the data have found. Second, The researchers do an in-depth analysis of every single data by using relevant book sources, especially DwiYuni's Theory and Sun Tzu's theory in (Rikawati, 2018).

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

The research focuses on the discussion of the battlefield survival that are faced by the main character, Hugh Glass and the group had a hard time changing the weather as they made their way to the hide seller's camp in movie scene. In order to analyze how Glass is described experience of field survival, the researcher uses the Dwi Yuni's theory because the theory has the same problems that exist in this movie. Dwi Yuni's theory explains the battlefield of survival shows the main character tries to survive at the various fields. The researcher finds four types of survival that is suitable to main character face his survival in the movie; jungle survival, sea survival, dessert survival, and Antarctic survival.

Strategies of survival is a type of thinking the explorers or survivors to achieve their dream, goals, and through the difficult situation of survival in a region. A group or individual need a well-thought plan in order to achieve the desired life. The writer uses Sun Tzu's theory in (Rikawati, 2018) to analyze this part because this theory is so depicting in this movie, how to survive with a survival strategy by experiencing it. The researcher finds strategies of survival faced by the main character; planning, raid tactics, power, moving, and strategies position.

1. Jungle Survival

Jungle Survival is an activity to survive in a place where there are poisonous plants, wild animals that can attack, and have extreme weather that is uncertain. Because Jungle is one of the world's harshest and most inhospitable places. Survival in the forest was the first experience that the hide hunters went through. The equipment they prepare is very complete because they know what difficulties they will experience. There are many kinds of animals that live in the forest. Flesh, hide and horns can be used as the key to survival in this state. Due to the unpredictable weather in the forest, the hide of hunted animals can be used as clothing or body warmers.



Figure III.1 Jungle survival described of Hugh Glass have hunting results

It can be seen that Hugh Glass and Hawk for to survive in the jungle they carry complete hunting equipment and quite a lot. Have equipment that has been prepared before starting the hunt. In this field it is easy to find food because there are many animals that can be hunted for consumption.

2. Sea survival

Sea survival is a situation that is almost easy to do, a lot of water and sea animals that can be hunted for food. Swimming skills are also needed to reach the goal of survival. Not only sea, river lakes with fast flow also require skills to survive. Sea survival is survival in dangerous water areas. Sea survival is survival in water areas, and rivers are water areas making rivers included in sea survival. In rivers and in the sea there are lots of fish and other living things that can be consumed, and the body really needs water for energy. Tools for fishing and water are needed to survive in places that are farther away



Figure III.2 Glass looks for food in the river

Hugh Glass hears the sound of water and approached the river, because Hugh Glass was thirsty and hungry. There he took water and drank it with a bottle, and looked for fish to eat, Hugh class survived in watery areas for days, because in that area it is very conducive to survive.

3. Desert survival

Desert survival is a person to survive in uncertain conditions such as dessert; dehydration is the biggest threat when surviving in the desert. And people in this situation must brought the water, Hot weather and difficult water sources will make the people involved in this area victim. While in the desert they struggle to survive by looking for desert animals that can be consumed. Water that has been prepared before passing through the desert is used for their energy. The scorching heat of the sun and thirst are the main enemies of this terrain.



Figure III.3 the group in desert

In this scene, Hugh Glass and his group walked through the desert to their next destination, the next destination was a campsite to sell hunting goods. Hugh Glass and group survived by hunting and selling their prey skins to different tribes.

4. Antarctic survival

Antarctic Survival is an unfavorable condition where you have to deal with cold weather on snowy terrain, and people have to deal with the possibility of hypothermia and frostbite. In this situation the crowd cannot hunt for food, because the animals with large portions for the large group are in hibernation. Cold weather and hypothermia that hit the group that left Hugh Glass forced them to survive longer in cold weather. Hugh Glass is a navigator in the group who knows the entire area of trade and hunting routes. Low average temperatures and strong winds are difficulties in this survival field.



Figure III.4 Antarctic Survival

From this scene above, high mountains covered by snow that the group was passing by, brought hide and into the town of hide sellers. The chilly temperature pierced their bones, and they used the hide as their warm clothes.

Strategies of Survival by the Main Character

1. Planning

Planning is thinking process to decide what activity needed to achieve the main purposes and the first priority act to do. It includes inventing and preserving the plan, as psychological aspect which implement the conceptual skills. The first plan was when Hugh Glass and the group survived the impending cold in the forest and survive the Ree tribe attack. The group discuss and ask their captain, as to how they survive.



Figure III.6 Fitzgerald asks the captain, as how to survive

A good plan will help all the people involved towards their desired goals even if it is more difficult than taking the easy, dangerous path.

2. Raid Tactics

Raid tactics is one of good strategy for group, the people involved can hunt for survive with this strategy. Working together is the key to this strategy, to get food or hunting results. Raid tactics is one the strategy when you going for hunting, with raid tactics Hugh Glass can will get animals that can be consumed for the group. Only selected people have hunting skills and have the composure in themselves, and that the raid tactics can go according to plan.



Figure III.7 Hugh Glass and group go hunting

The scene shows that they kept distance and hide among the trees in the forest. And Hugh Glass shoots the animal's heart right it dies immediately and does not escape.

3. Power

Power is the ability of a person's muscles to overcome load resistance with maximum strength and speed in one complete motion. Power that can be used in survival activities and is a key strategy for survival. Strong power is needed by the hunter group to continue the route to reach the campsite of the hide sellers. One of the draining strategies in the physical body of humans, which can be used in survival, because they will face something unknown and dangerous in the forest path.



Figure III.8 search for food

The purpose can give a person abundant strength if it motivates him to go ahead and pursue any obstacle. Hugh Glass has a goal that deeply wounded him, that is to take revenge on his son who was killed. The strength needed is indeed very much and Glass does not care about the pain, and that he can sustain her life until he can achieve her goal.

4. Moving

Moving from one place to another and better that is one of strategy for survive. Survival requires this strategy due to gain security and survives to the goal. To survive, moving from one place to another and better can be a key strategy. Because the people involved must get food and a place to rest while in survival activities.

This scene when Hugh Glass moves to the river by crawling, when he was badly injured.



Figure III.9 Hugh Glass crawling to find the river

Moving and tirelessly can find something, which definitely helps us in doing survival activities. Moved to a safer place from the ree tribe and found a river that must have contained edible fish for Hugh Glass. Survival activities require continuous movement, not just moving, but must find a definite place or destination to continue to survive.

5. Strategies Position

The strategies position could be a shelter in case of emergency, or in the case of a battle formation. In the case of taking refuge in a place, the person involved must find or establish a strategies position for survival.

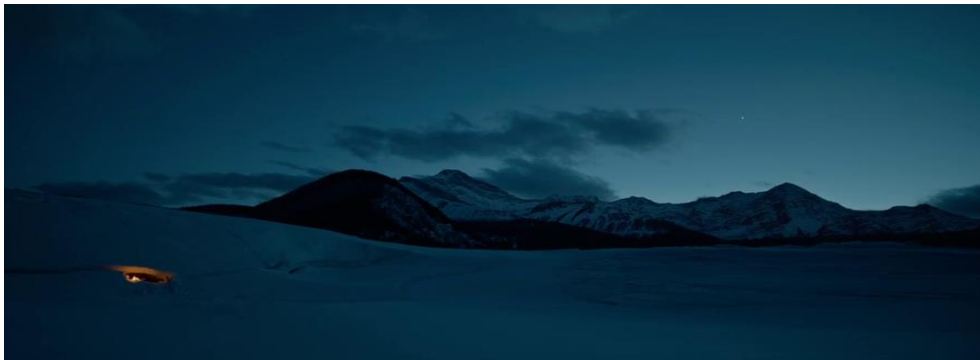


Figure III.10 Hugh Glass took refuge in cave

A strategic place is a great position for someone who is involved in survival activities. And if there was no any single place, Hugh Glass would make a place to protect and cover him from the extreme weather. Hugh Glass with the high skills of his group to survive in the wild is used by him very well, that it will keep him alive.

CONCLUSION

The researchers sum up that there are four types of survival. The first is Jungle Survival that is dominant filled with wild and poisonous animals and dominant in tropical area. The second is Sea Survival that dominant in area which consist most of water. The third is Dessert Survival, mostly survived in dessert area. The fourth is Antartic Survival, survival in winter area.

There are six types of survival strategies, the first strategy is planning, all activities experienced by a person require proper planning to achieve all of their goals, then raid tactics are used to hunt in groups, the third strategy is power that has been confirmed for someone to use it to be more useful to continue life. Fourth is the weak point and strong point, to know and learn of a places or animals in survival situations. Fifth is move, is the key to survival as the goal. And the last is strategies position. This strategy is to find a place to stop in extreme weather uncertain.

The object of this analysis is taken from The Revenant movie as core of the analysis. The plot and story of the movie is fascinating. It educates viewers who is watching to know and learn about survival in a difficult place or the place they live in now. Anyone can watch this movie because it contains a lot of information about

knowledge how to survive from new environments that can be taken for someone who is experiencing survival.

The writer expects for the readers and also for the next researcher to be able to explore the wide variety of approaches to literary criticism such as; Personality, Historical-biographical, Sociological, or Post-structuralism. Providing a suitable reference to make wider discussion and be adapted to the theory or references have been chosen can also be the key factor for The researchers to take this topic.

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