DID on Kevin Wendell Crumb Characters in Split Movie

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Abstract – Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID) formerly referred to as multiple personality disorder, is a condition wherein a person identity is fragmented into two or more distinct personality states. The objective of this research is to analyze DID symptoms that occur in the main character in Split movie based on the theory stated by National Alliance on Mental illness (NAMI). This research is using descriptive qualitative method. The results of this research show that the main character of Split movie, Kevin Wendell Crumb, suffers from this Mental Illness and makes him having multiple personalities. This symptom is caused because the treatment is not well from the nearest family and another person or had a bad experience the time of childhood which affects his psychological condition that drives him mad, becomes a psychopath, threaten the social life, and this makes people around him were uneasy with a presence that could not be guessed because it has more than two personalities. The appropriate people experiencing the multiple personality disorder are more introverted and rarely interact with the surrounding environment.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Literature is a written communication whether in poetic shape or dramatic or fiction. It always communicates human experiences and employs devices of narrative (Ramrao, 2016). Film and literature are two different things with a similar goal to create sublimity in human imagination and understanding. Both film and literature work hand in hand to boost the progress of human civilization. And they are the complimentary in nature and one is no substitute to the other, like letters and sounds in human communication. Film and literature inspire and enrich each other’s. They also ennoble human mind through action, images, words and replicating life of human beings. (Ramrao, 2016). It is the basic form of knowledge in any kinds of surface, it has major priority for people who get into the literature field. Literature equated with a collection of stories, poems and plays that revolve around a particular topic, such as a novel, poems, plays, watching movie and so forth. In literature, people also can learn about a fiction, drama, comedy, poems, and movie or film.

In this study, the researchers discuss about fiction movie. It can discuss two things, character and plot. The researchers take character side, especially main character because main character is the point of the movie taken. Characters are actors in fiction or drama. The characters can be concluded as an actor that shown in a work, which is interpreted by the reader, have the moral quality and a certain tendency as expressed in his speech and what is done in action (Am, Kuncara, & Setyowati, 2017).

In this research, the researchers chose the “Split” Movie because it has a lot of aspects of main character which can be discussed about psychological disorder. There are two or more characters that come up in the “Split” movie referring to their degree of playing role in the movie. The researchers take psychological focus on the topic Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID). It is also known as multiple personality disorder, has been portrayed in many films over the decades. Dissociative identity disorder (DID) is characterized by the presence of two or more distinct identities or personality states that recurrently take control.
of the individual’s behavior, accompanied by the inability to recall important personal information that is too extensive to be explained by ordinary forgetfulness (Verhulst, 2017).

A dissociative disorder allegedly includes three components: fantasy, dissociation, and compartmentalization. Compartmentalization means lacking awareness of the other identity’s existence (unproved) or, alternately, a state in which the elements of one identity do not penetrate the other, or at least there is an attempt to block this part in the individual’s personality (Edelstein, 2015). At the same time, there appear other identities or personality parts in a dissociative state. These parts or identities include the traumatic memories, or react to the trauma in different ways. This identity received a few labels: emotional personality (EP); traumatic identity states (TIS); traumatic personality states (TPS) (Edelstein, 2015). When people with DID switch from one identity state to another, they are often disorientated and may present with complex, puzzling, dramatic pictures which cause diagnostic confusion. They may alienate treatment services with challenging and self-destructive behaviors and provoke antagonism and rejection (Leonard & Tiller, 2016).

This movie is particularly gripping, luring in audiences by depicting a man with DID kidnapping and preparing to torture three teenage girls. Kevin (played by James McAvoy) juggles 24 personalities that are based on stereotypes: a cutesy 9-year-old infatuated with Kanye West, a flamboyant designer, and the “Beast,” a superhuman monster who sees the girls as “sacred food.” Kevin falsely represents people with DID through exaggerated symptoms, extreme violence, and unrealistic physical characteristics. The senior author, an expert in DID, has not seen any DID patient who is this violent in 25 years of clinical practice. Kevin’s ghastly personalities are so over-the-top that terrifying scenes are making audiences laugh (Brand, 2018). This movie has a very complex psychological side involving a man played by James McAvoy as Kevin Wendell Crumb in the Film directed by M. Night Shyamalan whose character helping Kevin from psychological illness, such as his trusted psychiatrist Betty Buckley as Dr. Fletcher, Anya Taylor Joy as Casey Cook, Jessica Sula as Marcia and the last Haley Lu Richardson as Claire.

Based on the explanations above, the researchers are interested in analyzing Dissociative Identity Disorder of Kevin Wendell Crumb which is the main antagonist character in the “Split” movie.

II. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This is a descriptive qualitative research. It was a research design part of qualitative method that allowed the researchers to describe a phenomenon by presenting the facts in rich detail without attempted to interpret them. Qualitative research was done without give priority in numbers, but focused on the deep understanding to interaction between concepts that is analyzed (Ermalina, Rahayu, Pipit, 2017). In addition, descriptive research designs help provide answers to the questions of who, what, when, where, and how, associated with a particular research problem. It means that the qualitative research focuses on the understanding in the concept of the research. They are some procedures that the researchers use as follows: the first step is by watching the movie several times in order to take the dialogues in the form of words, phrases, and sentences that contain information relating to the issue of research and taking screenshot for support the written data in order to give the depiction about the situation of main character. Next is collecting the data from dialogues and narrations in “Split” Movie, finding the theory which supported to the topics being analyzed, identifying and or classifying the data. After completing all the required data supports, the researchers conduct the analysis of the psychological side and Dissociative Identity Disorder in the main characters.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

3.1. Analysis of Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID)

The main character is played by James McAvoy as Kevin Wendell Crump in this movie suffering from DID, it has been strongly reinforced by some of the scene stated he suffered DID. In “Split” movie, Kevin experiences trauma as a child caused by his mother screaming at him most of the time. Here some personalities from Kevin Wendell.

1. Kevin Wendell as Barry
Barry is a man who loves fashion and often sketches fashion trends. He is very talented. Barry is a character who often intersects with the outside world. He is cheerful, energetic and has a positive aura. Hence, Barry often interacts with psychologists, Karen Fletcher in each session.

2. Kevin Wendell as Hedwig

Hedwig is one of personalities from Kevin Wendell, In Kevin's adult body, he can turn into a 9 years old boy who likes to wear sportswear and dance to Kanye West songs. In his room there are various images of animals made using crayons.

3. Kevin Wendell as Patricia

Kevin also often wears modest middle aged women's clothing, complete with a pendant. His character is calm, yet mysterious. Patricia, as she asked to be called, was like a mother to other characters in Kevin's body.

4. Kevin Wendell as the Beast

The beast is one Of personalities Kevin Wendell, The last character of Kevin Wendell, the beast has a rough and cruel character, he is the 24th character that appears but cannot be denied that at the end of the story he can be defeated by Casey

5. Kevin Wendell as Dennis

Dennis, He is rigid, protective, powerful and has the pleasure of seeing teenage daughters dance. It was she who kidnapped Claire Benoit, Marcia, and Casey Cooke, then took her into a dark, musty basement. They were prepared for a ritual in welcoming the 24th character, The Beast.

At Dr. Fletcher’s house minutes 15:09
Dr. Fletcher : “You’ve managed there for 10 years. You’re functioning very well, Barry. And it’s a rare and wonderful place for you to work”.
Barry : “Yes, it is”.
Dr. Fletcher : you know. “Of all my other clients with your Disorder”, you’ve been the most consistent at your job. Did something happen, Barry?

The conversation between Barry and his psychiatrist Dr. Fletcher above, shows that Barry suffering from Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID), Barry always comes to visit Dr. Fletcher to share what he felt and happened when he does any activity every day.

Figure III.1 Barry (Kevin Wendell) meets with his Psychiatrist

At Street side of lake minutes 21:41
Joe : “Like they have powers or something. Karen, these are patients. They have been through trauma”.
Karen : “And perhaps now they are capable of something we’re not. We have brain scans now. “DID patients have changed their body chemistry with their thoughts”.

The statement of Dr. Fletcher as psychiatrist Barry in the real that Kevin Wendell suffered Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID) from his observations during communications with Barry.

3.2 Kinds of Symptoms that appeared in Kevin Wendell

In the analysis, the researchers find three kinds of symptoms of Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID) in Kevin Wendell in this movie
from statements of (NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 2015), that are 1. Dissociative Identity Disorder, 2. Dissociative amnesia, 3. Depersonalization disorder.

1. Dissociative Identity Disorder

Data 1

Formerly known as multiple personality disorder, this disorder is characterized by alternating between multiple identities. A person may feel like one or more voices are trying to take control in their head. This happened to Kevin Wendell where he has more than two personalities, and this made him suffer from dissociative identity disorder, and made him the person who could not have guessed.

Figure III.3 Kevin Wendell (Hedwig) becomes a child as one of his personalities

At underground Kevin’s house minutes 25:25
Marcia : We’re his food?
Casey : “How old are you”.
Hedwig : “Nine”.
Casey : So you’re not the guy that took us?
Hedwig : “No”.
Casey : you’re not the lady?
Hedwig : “What are you”, blind?
Casey : “You don’t know how they think”.
Hedwig : “No, they don’t tell me much. I just ate a hotdog”.
Casey : “Could you help us, Hedwig?”.

Kevin Wendell remained feeling the changes in himself, even when he was a 9 year old private named Hedwig.

Data 2

On the other hand Kevin Wendell could be a good and soft personality, such as a picture below, we can see that Kevin Wendell became a mother who were combing her daughter’s hair. Dissociative Identity Disorder actually has a bad influence for the life of the people who experience that thing.

The researchers concludes from what Kevin Wendell (Hedwig) felt when one personality

Figure III.4 Another personality Kevin Wendell becomes a Mother (Patricia).
At At underground Kevin’s house minutes 43.48
Patricia : “I have you meal, sleepyhead. Eat. It’s good? It’s paprika in it. I’m sorry. I think I'll put a pretty flower in your hair. There we are. That’s to show how important you are. Come along. We’ll have a proper meal. I understand”. This must all seem so unsatisfactory for you. But we are doing the best we can. Good?

2. Dissociative Amnesia

Dissociative amnesia may surround a particular event, such as combat or abuse, or more rarely, information about identity and life history, and an episode can last minutes, hours, days, or, rarely, months or years. Time of visit Kevin Wendell to psychiatrist Dr. Fletcher, the psychiatrist suspect that people talk to him instead of Barry or Dennis, although the psychiatrist asked him repeatedly, but he admitted that he is Dennis. Here we can deduce that Kevin Wendell amnesia for a moment.
Figure III.5 Kevin Wendell did not realize that he is Barry or Dennis
At Dr. Fletcher’s house minutes 38:54
Dr. Fletcher: “I’m gonna take a professional guess based on the description of all 23 all identities that live in Kevin’s body, that I’ve gotten from Barry. I think I’m talking to Dennis. But he’s been banned from the light because, among other reasons, he has a proclivity to watch young girls dance naked, which he himself knows is wrong and has fought against with little success. I’m encouraged we can finally meet. And I’ve guessed this because you’ve adjusted the chocolate dish twice since you came in here and I understand you have OCD”.

Barry: “I see. Now, I see. That’s clever. That’s clever, but I’m not Dennis”.

3. Depersonalization Disorder
Data 1
Depersonalization disorders more often appears in teenagers and young adults with marked loss of feeling of self-existence. They suddenly feel different; his body drastically changed and became different. They often feel themselves regardless of their own body and watch what happens to his body. Such as Kevin Wendell when the last identity appeared he feels hurt and his feeling so strong, and he can not control body and his strength.

Figure III.6 the last identity of Kevin Wendell appeared something happen in his body.
At Underground Kevin’s house 01:38:40
Kevin Wendell: “Thank you, Hedwig. Everything’s fine now”.
Casey: “Kevin Wendell Crumb”.
Kevin Wendell: “Kevin is asleep. We’ve made him sleep far away. You can call his name all you like, dear, but he’s not going to hear you. The beast has shared with us his dream of a larger group to sustain him”.

Data 2
Personality character that emerge at the last second make Kevin Wendell lose control, so he kills her psychiatrist Dr. Fletcher. The last identity is the personality of the beast, which is animals and acting creepy. Making Casey very frightened, and eventually Casey decided to fight to the last character of Kevin Wendell appearing, and finally Casey can struggle to beat Kevin Wendell

Figure III.7 Kevin Wendell becomes a beast personality and he said he is not a human
At Underground Kevin’s house 01:43:36
Kevin Wendell: “Your gun cannot hurt me. Can’t you see I am not human, Kevin is a man, I am much more, you are different from the rest”.

3.3. The Impact of Dissociative Identity Disorder in Kevin Wendell

According to Myrick, Services, & Brand, (2016:1) Dissociation is “a disruption and/or discontinuity in the normal integration of consciousness, memory, identity, emotion, perception, body representation, motor control, and behavior” (American Psychiatric Association (APA)2013,p.291). Dissociative experiences are common in both children and adults, ranging from mild detachment from current surroundings to severe detachment and identity fragmentations seen in Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID).

The impact of Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID) in life of Kevin Wendell makes a bad influence to his environment, so he kidnapped and imprisoned three women in the underground prison, and torturing them.

Data 1

Figure III.8 when one of personality Kevin Wendell kidnap 3 women

At parking area and underground Kevin’s house 03:45
Marcia: “Pardon me”, Sir ? I think you have wrong car. We woke up in here. What the hell is going on?
Kevin Wendell: I choose you first. It’s only gonna be a minute.
Casey: Pee on yourself. Pee on yourself.
Marcia: No, no, no, no, open the door.
Claire: Hey, are you okay?
Marcia: He wanted me to dance for him. The outside door is locked.
Claire: everything is okay.

Data 2

The impact of dissociative identity disorder is very detrimental to the person with the disease, what can harm you and others who encountered. Such as Kevin Wendell becomes a beast and he killed Dr. Fletcher and when Kevin Wendell realized he just realized that he had killed the psychiatrist.

Figure III.9 the Beast killed his Psychiatrist

At underground Kevin’s house 01:28:08 and 01:31:32
The beast: thank you for helping us till now.
Dr. Fletcher: I guess I should tell.
The beast: Dr. Fletcher about this.
Casey: Claire, let’s go. (Kevin Wendell Crumb) 5X
Kevin Wendell: Who are you? What’s happening?
Casey: Something horrible.

Kevin Wendell

What are we doing here? What happened to my dad?
Kevin Wendell: What’d I do? Did I hurt you?

3.4 How to Treat Mostly Appeared Character of Dissociative Identity Disorder on Kevin Wendell Crumb

After sufficient stabilization is established, patients may move into the second stage of treatment, which involves developing a narrative including no traumatic and traumatic experiences. Patients strive to gain mastery over memories and resolve trauma-related cognitive distortions.

Data 1

Figure III.10 Barry (Kevin Wendell) counseling to Dr. Fletcher

At Dr. Fletcher’s house 17:20
Berry: “This was just a visit, I’m doing much better, I actually”.
Dr. Fletcher: “Don’t you want your sketches, Barry? You’re usually very protective of them”.
Berry: “Yeah. Thanks. I’ll see you next week at our usual time. Thanks for fighting for us, Dr. Fletcher. Thank Dr. Fletcher”.
Dr. Fletcher: “Welcome”.

According to the dialogue of scene above, the researchers analyzed that Kevin Wendell always comes to attend counseling with his psychiatrist Dr. Fletcher.

Data 2

Figure III.11 One of the personalities of Kevin Wendell always comes and visits Dr. Fletcher

At Dr. Fetcher’s office minutes 54:10
Dennis: “Doctor, not this again”.
Dr. Fletcher: “The others told me that you and Patricia told the group about the beast. And I told them that these are just scary stories that Dennis and Patricia tell the others to scare them. How this beast can crawl on walls, like the best rock climbers using the slightest fiction and imperfections to hold his body close to seemingly sheer surfaces. How his skin is thick and tough like the hide of a rhinoceros. Do you really believe the stories about the beast”.

Dennis: “Hmm”.
Dr. Fletcher: “If this is you, Dennis, I understand why Kevin needs you. You are strong and disciplined. You are precise and you will not be taken advantage of. You can trust me. For example, I do have the ability to use Kevin’s full name and bring him forward as he has in the past”.

In the analysis above the researchers explain how to treat character of Dissociative Identity Disorder which is that personalities often appeared on Kevin Wendell, one of the personalities of Kevin Wendell always comes and visits Dr. Fletcher to counseling but on the other hand Dr. Fletcher already knows kinds personalities of Kevin Wendell.
IV. CONCLUSION

Thus the discussion and analysis of Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID) in the movie Split in character Kevin Wendell Crump (James Mc Avoy) the writer concludes that amnesia, stress, trauma disorder began from an event, or experience violence directly, and it may make a person feel stress.

The exact cause of personality disorders remains uncertain. However, it is clear there are both biological and, psychological factors that influence the development of personality disorders.

a. Kinds of Symptoms that Appeared in Kevin Wendell

A person may feel like one or more voices are trying to take control in their head. This disorder is characterized by alternating between multiple identities. This happened to who has more than two personalities.

b. The Impact of Dissociative Identity Disorder in Kevin Wendell

Patients with Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID) had also symptoms before experiencing psychological disorder itself. And these symptoms have a very negative impact on the loves themselves and their environment. Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID) had many problems in daily life that will be faced. Usually they are do not believe themselves. And make she did not feel comfortable in the crowd.

c. Treatments of Mostly Appeared Character in Kevin Wendell’s Dissociative Identity Disorder.

Treatment and healing people with Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID) are simply as therapy with the therapist. Therapy is done too many ways according to the symptoms and effects of Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID) are sufferers. Even the most perfect healing is the will and way of self. Healing that should be guided by the psychiatrist.

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