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Penelitian ini focus pada tokoh utama di novel yang berjudul *The Revenant: A Novel of Revenge* oleh Michael Punke. Isu yang penting pada novel ini adalah pertahanan hidup Hugh Glass melawan induk beruang. Untuk mengetahui itu, peneliti menggunakan teori defense mechanism dan new criticism. Hasil dari penelitian ini karakter dari Hugh Glass adalah pemberani, bijaksana dan pantang menyerah. Kemudian defense mechanism yang di gunakan oleh Hugh Glass adalah intellectualization, rationalization, reaction formation, repression dan sublimation.

Kata Kunci: Mekanisme Pertahanan, bertahan hidup, kegelisahan..

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There is a psychological aspect in the novel *the Revenant: a novel of Revenge*. It is a defense mechanism that makes the researcher interested in analyzing this novel. This novel tells about Hugh Glass, who has performed a defense mechanism when the main character gets a bad experience with mothers of bear.

Stories occur along the Missouri River. Hugh Glass is a forest expert, sniper and game hunter and perhaps most important he is a survivalist. The story continued when he was attacked by the mother bear, and the damage he suffered was enormous. His colleagues left him alone because they thought he would not survive and die. However, Glass does not die. He slowly regained the power to move and began to crawl towards Fort Brazeau, where he hoped to supply before chasing Fitzgerald and Bridger. He survives by eating small animals and plants, but he hit mothers of the wolf when he found a herb of wolves eating buffalo carcasses. He made them afraid to use torches made from wise branches and enjoyed a few days of rest, relaxation, and lots of food. After regaining his strength, he pursues Fitzgerald for revenge. In this case, Michael Punke's novel *The Revenant: a novel of Revenge* to psychoanalysis and describes Hugh Glass character to be analyzed. This novel use psychological theory about defense mechanism.

The researcher chooses *The Revenant: A Novel of Revenge* because this novel tells about the struggle of the main character to survive and defend himself from the attack of bear's mother. It is hard for Glass when he can do anything after his body is badly wounded. He got depress and want to die

4. Make conclusions based on the results of data analysis.

ego does not have its own energy. However, the superego is different from the ego in one important way. (36).

Id, ego, and superego are related to anxiety because everyone has internal conflicts. Internal conflicts between id and superego can make the ego feel anxious.

2.4 Defense Mechanism

To be able to respond to all types of attacks, the first thing to do is prepare psychologically for a possible confrontation. One must realize that at a certain moment he can face dangers that come from other humans. Emotional and mental readiness must be seen as an element that is necessary for the process of defense mechanisms.

The process is called a defense mechanism. In Freud's theories, this is a tactic developed by the ego to help deal with id and superego. The ego defense is normal; it's normal that everyone uses it. In other words, defense mechanisms are psychological strategies in which people reduce or avoid negative circumstances such as conflict, frustration, anxiety, and stress. Therefore it is assumed that most people are motivated to reduce this negative state. A theorist has paid much attention to the identification of a defense mechanism, and various kinds of the mechanism have been suggested.

Defense mechanisms can be in the form of unconscious and conscious mental processes such as repression that allows a compromise solution for personal problems or conflicts. Compromise generally involves hiding problems

2.4.1 Denial

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psychoanalysis theory about Defense mechanism to describe the main character struggle against her sadness after her husband's death. After her husband was dead, she continues her life and still survives with her situation, and she more loves her husband after she read the letter from her husband before she died.

The researcher also finds the same theories but different object. This is from University of Sunan Ampel Surabaya, *Defense Mechanism of Andy Dufresne in Stephen King's Rita Hayworth and The Shawshank Redemption* by Noerliz Isnaini 2016. This thesis used psychoanalysis theory about defense mechanism to describe Andy Dufresne who was innocent of murdering but Andy has been convicted spending the rest of his life in Shawshank State Prison. This research focuses on the one main character, Andy Dufresne, his defense mechanism and how he shows it.

However, the researcher has different topics with that research. This research will be discussed the themes as represented in the title, hope and find the way as the story of Hugh Glass. From the second and the third previous same theories but a different object. The researcher analyzes Hugh Glass with defense mechanism term. It can be seen from the problem statement that the researcher focuses on the defense mechanism Hugh Glass feels anxiety and how he cope his anxiety by doing defense mechanism.

The quotation above, explain if Glass keeps silent and only sees a flock of wolves eating a buffalo child, chances are he will not get anything to eat. While he desperately needs nutrition after a few weeks he only ate roots and mouse. Glass doubted he had managed to travel fifty kilometers since the first time he crawled. Glass reached for the dry sage branch, and he held it close to the fire, the branch immediately caught fire. Glass wonders if the fire will be able to survive as far as the distance between him and the wolves must be handling.

“Glass looked again at the wolves, they suddenly seemed larger. He hesitated for an instant. No, turning back, he decided. *This is my chance*, with the burning sage branch in one hand and the four backup branches in the other, Glass crawled down the bank toward the wolves. At fifty yards, the alpha male and his mate looked up from the hindquarter to stare at this strange animal approaching the buffalo calf. They viewed Glass as a curiosity, not a challenge, after all, they had eaten their fill.” (Punke 92)

Glass ventured to face a flock of wolves, and now he faced directly with the four wolves. A white wolf showed off its bloodied fangs and took half a step towards Glass. The white wolf is confused whether he should defend his prey or his fear with fire. The branch in Glass's hand began to burn, and he remembered the bite of grizzly fangs that tore at his body. Then there was the roar of thunder rolling all over the valley. Drizzle began to fall, and Glass said: “god, not now.” White wolves act fast and take a position to attack. Glass grabs the four sage branches and adds them to the burning branch. The fire soared and swallowed dry branches.

“He trusts the torch toward the wolf with one ear. Flames singed the animal's face and it jumped backward with a yelp. The white wolf leapt at Glass's flank, sinking its teeth into his shoulder. Glass pivoted, craning his neck to keep the wolf off his throat.” (Punke 93).

“Glass looked again at the gap in the woods where Fitzgerald and Bridger had fled. His jaw set as he thought about what they had done, he felt again the visceral desire to strike out in pursuit. This time though, he also felt the weakness of his body. For the first time since the bear attack, his mind was clear, with clarity came an alarming assessment of his situation.” (Punke 60).

From the quotation above, when Glass wanted to pursue them and take revenge, in reality he could logically do nothing because he was sick with dying caused by a bear attack, Glass also thinks that if he keeps on chasing he want to be able to do it because he does not have any weapons and with high probability he will also lose. Glass felt a deep desire to pursue them, but this time, he also felt his body weaken. Since the first bear’s attack, his mind was clear; with the clarity he was able to judge the situation carefully. Glass removes the desire to pursue those who have betrayed him. Intellectualization reflect in this novel because when Glass wants revenge, chasing them is impossible, his condition still weak and even though he tries to chase then get avenge, he will lose.

Rather hesitantly mixed up, Glass began to examine his wounds. He saw a wound on his neck, a little worried because the throat was seriously injured. With a slight bow, he can see the scratching marks that extend and the shoulders to the neck are reflected water. Glass lifts his right arm.

“The pain tar made him think of Bridger. He remembered that the boy had tended his wounds. Still, it wasn’t the image of Bridger nursing him that stuck in his mind. Instead, he saw Bridger looking back from the edge of the clearing, the stolen knife in his hand.” (Punke 61).

From the previous sentence above, when Glass some of the wounds smeared by Bridger’s pine sap, he again recalled the betrayal done by Bridger, not remember when Bridger took care of him, but Glass remembered when he turned from the

Occurs when a person feels the urge to do or say something and then he or she does or says something that is effectively the opposite of what they want.

“Sume so, Lieutenant.Didn’t get close enough to find out.” (Punke 211)

During the trial between Glass and Fitzgerald, he always turned back what had happened while in the forest between him and Glass.

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Glass thinks about the knife carried by Bridger. Glass throws away the memory of the knife now. It is impossible for him to take it in his condition, injury and cannot walk. If the knife had been there, he would not have bothered to find a way to skin the swings he had managed kill snake to eat. Glass vowed to get the dagger back but not now, because the conditions were not possible to walk. Now Glass crawls along the road beside the Grand River. He throws away to want to reconcile him because the time is not right. Maybe someday he will try hard to find those who have betrayed and avenged him.

Hugh Glass also uses repression when he gets the remaining buffalo's meat from the wolf whose he fights. He thought back to the knife that should make it easier to slice the meat.

“Glass removed the hide with the dull razor. A task that should have taken minutes took hours, an interval during which he thought bitterly about the two men who stole his knife.” (Punke 96).

The time lag that made Glass remember the knife, but he delayed his desire to get the knife, Glass felt that at this time he had no time for it. Glass throws away the feeling of wanting to make things and revenge. Sometime that is certain he will take revenge. Glass does not have the time or equipment to process to work the

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