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### Abstract

This research is entitled "Analysis of Plot In Punke's "The Revenant" written by Michael Punke. The purpose of this research is to determine the elements of plot, order of plot, and the type of plot in the novel "The Revenant." There are two problems in this research, namely: What are the plot elements in the punke the revenant novel?, and how the sequence of plot stories in the novel "The Revenant" makes it interesting and turned into a film. Meanwhile, the source is taken from the novel entitled "The Revenant." The method used in this research is the qualitative method. The theory used in this study is the theory of Kenney, How to Analyze Fiction (1966). This theory is used to analyze the plot structure. Overall this novel has a theme of revenge, of course, and The results of this study indicate that the novel "The Revenant" is divided into two parts. First, character recognition, potential conflict. Which contains the conflict, climax and resolution of the story. therefore, the plot that appears is progressive.

*Keywords: plot, plot structure, The revenant.*

### 1. Background of the study

Literary work is an imaginative process of an author shown in a literary work. The results of this imagination can be in the form of written literature and oral-literary works. Literary works are also the author's reflection on existing phenomena. Literature as a work of fiction has a deeper understanding, not just an imaginary story or wishful thinking of the author, but a manifestation of the author's creativity in exploring and processing the ideas that are in his mind. Literary works stand through two elements, intrinsic elements and extrinsic elements. Intrinsic elements can be found in the storyline and become part of a literary work. Intrinsic elements in the novel are in the form of theme, setting, plot, characters and characterizations, point of view, language style, and message. The position of the plot in a literary work is very important because the plot is the most prominent element because the plot is the fabric of the story or the framework of the story from beginning to end. Based by explanation, researcher is interesting to focus on analyzing the plot of this literary work because the plot of this novel is very interesting, it has even been filmed and won an Oscar in 2015. This novel

also won a Golden Globe Appreciation in 2016, won as the best film, drama and inspiring film.

**1. Problems of the study**

Through the background description, then the researcher makes a problem formulation as below:

What are the plot elements in the punke the revenant novel?

**2. Aims of the study**

Through the formulation of the problem, purpose of this study is to explain the plot elements in the novel punke the revenant.

**3. Research Method**

Research methods are the main key to obtaining accurate and scientifically justifiable research results. Descriptive method is used to answer the formulation of the problem in this study. The theory in this study was introduced by Kenney (1966). used three stages to analyze it. First, the data will be collected, after which it is identified in depth to identify the plot structure. Second, the data are classified based on the structure in the plot of the novel. Third, data classification is managed to get results.

**Data Source**

The Source research data was taken from Michael Punke: The Revenant. This novel is the main source. To support the primary sources above, researchers also need other data called secondary sources that help in the process of analyzing primary data. Therefore, researchers get a lot of information taken from journals, literary theory, literary books, watching movies, some information taken from the internet.

**Method and Technique of Collecting Data**

Procedure in data collection is the key in this research, because the primary purpose of research is to obtain new data. in getting the data, the authors use qualitative methods, so that the type of data taken is similar to the data described. To obtain more detailed data, the researcher used the note-taking technique, which was to note things that contained intrinsic elements, so that the assessment of variables was carried out using a qualitative descriptive study in the form of a focused study.

The steps taken are:

1. Read the novel in its entirety and repeatedly.
2. Finding and collecting relevant books or online articles to support research.
3. Determine the problems contained in the novel that can be used as research.

### **Method and Technique of Analyzing Data**

Literary research is a qualitative study of literary texts through literature. Therefore, this study is a qualitative study using library facilities as a source of analysis. Qualitative research is a real operational form and its presentation is formed as clearly as possible by using a series of words so as not to cause a different interpretation from the reader.

The work steps in this research are:

1. Read and understand the contents of Michael Punke's novel: *The Revenant*.
2. Finding and collecting relevant books or online articles to support research.
3. Determine the problems contained in the novel that can be used as research.

## **4. Analysis**

In the analysis of this novel *The Revenant*, the writer discusses the plot of the novel. To make the analysis is understandable for the readers, the thesis has divided the chapter into four subchapters. They are elements inside of the plot, the order of plot, and type of plot.

### **Element of Plot**

In this subchapter, the writer elaborates the plot of Michael Punke *The Revenant*. The plot consists of five elements. They are exposition, rising action, climax, falling action and the resolution. Fifth element in the plot will be described as follows.

### **Exposition**

On August 24, 1823, Hugh Glass is strongest men on the team and the main character of the novel, was attacked by a mother grizzly bear until she died. Henry realizes that Glass's chances of survival are slim. Henry offers to reward a \$70 bonus for two people to stay with Glass when she dies. "We needed to make better time. I need two volunteer to stay with him. Stay with him here until he dies, give him a proper burial, the catch-up. The rocky mountain company will pay 70 \$ for the risk of staying back"

The two guards were John Fitzgerald, a skeezy person, violent, and Jim Bridger a nervous nineteen year old volunteer.

### **Rising Action**

While Fitzgerald was sitting with the glass while Bridger was gathering wood, Fitzgerald was up to something. He wished he had the Glass rifle, the Anstadt. Meanwhile, the young Bridger helps Glass but is bullied by Fitzgerald. "Did he wake up?" Bridger stood behind him, his arms full of firewood.

Fitzgerald startled, fumbling for an instant. "christ, boy! Sneak up on me again like that, and I swear to god I'll cut you down!"

He intends to kill Glass so that he will die and catch up with the group as soon as possible. Just before joining the group, Fitzgerald threatens Bridger that they should tell lies when Glass is dead and bury him properly.

### **Climax**

the glass isn't dead yet. He gained his strength gradually and was able to move and started crawling towards Fort Brazeau, he hoped to gain the strength to catch up to Fitzgerald and Bridger. He survived by eating the flesh of animals and plants on the way. In Fort Brazeau, Glass met a Frenchman named Kiowa Brazeau, he was a very smart merchant. Kiowa introduced Glass to the group of explorers and suggested that Glass accompany them by boat. Glass agrees. Unfortunately, on the way a group member is killed by Arikara's attack, and Glass travels to Fort Union alone. There was no one for Fort Union, and Glass realized the group had gone to Fort Manuel in Yellowstone. He arrived on New Year's Eve. when he manages to meet and see Bridger, the glass immediately attacks him, but he stops when he remembers that Bridger didn't fight back. After calming himself down, he got word that Fitzgerald had stolen the skin from captain Henry that he was headed for Fort Atkinson. some time afterward, Glass finally arrived at Atkinson. He learns that Fitzgerald has joined the army, he demands that Fitzgerald be tried. At the trial, Fitzgerald accused Glass of being delirious after the bear attack so he imagined they stole his things and left him. Before Fitzgerald could finish his testimony, Glass was fed up, he pulled out his gun and shot Fitzgerald in the shoulder.

**Falling Action**

Glass was imprisoned in Fort Atkinson for two weeks before being released by Kiowa. Kiowa is on its way to St. Louis when he heard about what had happened, he managed to get to know the major constable and convinced the Police Major to release Glass without punishment. And Kiowa also managed to get back Asnandt, Glass's favorite rifle.

**Resolution**

Glass eventually moved on with life by joining Kiowa at Fort Brazeau. Captain Andrew Henry announced that they were bankrupt. And Bridger the boy wanted to go and continue the adventure by joining a group of men trapped in the Big Horn.

**Order of Plot**

After examining and analyzing the novel, *The Revenant*, the writer can conclude that the order of the plot is chronological. Because the story is written in sequence from the beginning to the end.

**The Type of Plot**

through description of the analysis above, author has obtained the results that Glass has succeeded in inventing his emotions and revenge, Glass has mistreated Bridger, but he stopped because of pity. And glass had also shot Fitzgerald and ended up in prison, but was released by a Frenchman named Kiowa and took him to Fort Brazeau. Here, the story ends. Based on the final results of this story, the researcher concludes that the plot type of this novel is a closed plot.

**Theme**

Overall this novel has a theme of revenge, of course, Glass is willing to drag her body hundreds of miles just to give the account to Fitzgerald and Bridger who have betrayed her, and also just to reclaim her Anstadt. This novel *The Revenant* is also a thrilling story about betrayal, greed, and the struggle between life and death of Hugh Glass - an explorer who has gone through an extraordinary journey in the plains of America in the 19th century.

**6. Conclusion**

Based in the result of plot analysis in Michael Punke's novel The Revenant which has been discussed in the previous chapter, got result that The plot structure used in the novel "The Revenant" is divided into two parts. First, character recognition, potential conflict. Which consists of conflict, climax; and the end or resolution of the next story has been told in the novel about the sequence of stories starting from when Glass was attacked by a bear until he was paralyzed and left by two friends who left him alone, until finally Glass recovered and managed to wreak revenge on his two friends, Bridger and Fitzgerald from the beginning of the journey. Until the end of the story, therefore, the plot that appears is the progressive plot.

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