

CHAPTER III

BILBO BAGGINS' CHOICE AND RESPONSIBILITY

3.1 Bilbo Baggins Characterization

The main character is an important character in a story that is appeared continually (Nurgiyantoro 176). Bilbo Baggins is a round character in his way, the way he as a good man to hold his anger and a bad man such as he steal the ring that will explain in the next quotation. He as a good man, it is told in the novel *The Hobbit* he is a hobbit that was originally kind. He is kind to everyone even though he meets someone he does not know but he can be good to strangers.

Bilbo shows good characters because he of all his behavior Bilbo often he hold his anger to keep him a good hobbit in the eyes of someone he just know and not everyone can stay calm like Bilbo even if he is bothered by someone, but Bilbo shows as a good person. As explain in quotation below:

“And of course they did none of these dreadful things, and everything was cleaned and put away safe as quick as lightning, while the hobbit was turning round and round in the middle of the kitchen trying to see what they were doing.” (36)

“Then there was a silence. But that too seemed menacing to Bilbo. “If goblins are so near that he smelt them,” he thought, “then they’ll have heard his shrieking and cursing. Careful Now, or this way will lead you to worse things.” (135).

Gollum who screams loudly with his cries that makes Bilbo terrified. Bilbo who has intended to steal that precious ring by defeating Gollum from his agreement to answer all the puzzles and makes Gollum to think of it as a ring he does not carry, as it falls when he brings the dying Goblin to eat.

In the sentence it is shown that Bilbo intends to take the ring that belongs to Gollum, a cursed creature who for years has kept a gold ring that has the power possessed by the enemy. The intention also makes it evil, and also Bilbo makes Gollum angry, when Gollum know he is the thief of his rings.

Gollum is also angry that he also lose both what he needs right now, he will eat Bilbo into his dinner, and loses the ring he loves. Because Gollum also has snatched the ring from his friend, and because he loves the ring and was captivated by the ring that became the greatest power of the enemy of all Middle Earth region, the dark power dominated by Sauron (the ring owner).

From both of the quotation above it show that Bilbo has two different attitudes. The first quotation shows that Bilbo is good to his newcomers’ guest, by his goodness Bilbo trying to keep his anger from the uninvited guest that makes the valuable things

Sometimes Bilbo can be dishonest, Bilbo becomes dishonest when he sees the ring he finds in the cave when he meets Gollum who loves the ring very much. Bilbo wants to steal the ring when Gollum going to his secret cave. Bilbo is seemed hypnotize by the ring and gazing to the rings that he take from the ground.

“He guessed as well as he could, and crawled along for a good way, till suddenly his hand met what felt like a tiny ring of cold metal lying on the floor of the tunnel. It was a turning point in his career, but he did not know it. He put the ring in his pocket almost without thinking; certainly it did not seem of any particular use at the moment. He did not go much further, but sat down on the cold floor and gave himself up to complete miserableness, for a long while.” (123)

And Bilbo who has stolen the arkenstone of Thorin's precious things he has wants many years after his defeat from a dragon who wants his glittering treasure. He chooses to steal the ring that fell from Gollum in the cave when Gollum does not know it.

“Suddenly Bilbo’s arm went towards it drawn by its enchantment. His small hand would not close about it, for it was a large and heavy gem, but he lifted it, shut his eyes, and put it in his deepest pocket. “Now I am a burglar indeed!” thought he. (377)

Bilbo who likes to see beauty, now he likes to steal that is not his right. Bilbo sees something beautiful sparkling and made him take the beautiful shimmering stone. With his deep pocket he could hide the stone even though it was big and shiny. He hides it in the deepest pockets. He also has the intention of not telling the dwarves that he conceals the stone, but that he will tell them at the right time. He also thinks that this stone is also its part, because they (the dwarves) are finished on the goal that is towards their home (Erebor). At the beginning of him following the Balin ride would give Bilbo money worthy if they made it to their house.

He chooses to steal two things that it is important for Bilbo. He does not care with the owner, because he steals for good things. Bilbo is hypnotized when he takes a ring that has the power to destroy the middle earth, but with the ring the world is spared from destruction, because the enemy does not know who took the ring. Bilbo is hypnotize by the stone with a sparkling, he became dishonest because he wants to save Thorin from his greedy sickness and save his friend from the battle.

2. Kind hearted

Kind hearted trait that stands out in him is clearly visible at the time when helping his friend in distress. Like his dwarf's friends who is stuck as a food of a huge spider. Because of his nature Bilbo can do good things because of his habit.

“Bilbo's next job was to lose a dwarf. What was he to do? If he cut the string which hung him up, the wretched dwarf would tumble thump to the ground a

good way below. Wriggling along the branch (which made all the poor dwarves dance and dangle like ripe fruit) he reached the first bundle.” (262)

The kindness of Bilbo is that makes him like his friends who love to help. In a very difficult situation Bilbo also helps his friends who are in danger. Bilbo cuts the ropes that bind the dwarves, in that way Bilbo helps them. After Bilbo has helped his friends hanged by cobwebs, the dwarf squirm after falling on the ground and unleashed a spider web that has kept them nonmoving. Bilbo cut the ropes that tied his friends one by one, and also release all his friends. Bilbo has a good heart that he will choose to fight and release his friend. He still help his friend although his life in a danger while he help his friend.

Sometimes Bilbo would not admit that he wants to go for an adventure, it is shown when he meet Gandalf and Bilbo feels his peace is lost when Gandalf invites him to adventure into the wild.

“I should think so—in these parts! We are plain quiet folk and have no use for adventures. Nasty disturbing uncomfortable things! Make you late for dinner! I can’t think what anybody sees in them,” said our Mr. Baggins. (25)

He explained that he was refuses the invitation of Gandalf because he did not want any trip. Because he choose prefers peace. He remains very hard to refuse the invitation of Gandalf the gray to go adventure with him. He also tells a bit about his

Bilbo has agreed to follow the directions of Gandalf and Thorin. He will also do what he tells to find the precious stone of Thorin in the pile of gold, and even Bilbo will meet the most dangerous enemy, the Dragon with his fire breath. He convinces himself to want to walk along with their orders, walking in the great hall of Thorin's home to find the stone. Although he meets Smaug, he must remain to search for the stone with his courage which he has gathered before he enters the enemy territory. He also does not want his friends to be disappointed because Bilbo does not want to help them in that regard. He tries to be proud of everything, and does not confuse his doubts and his fears about things that are dangerous to him. He can choose to be coward or to be brave, but he decides to be brave. Bilbo now changes to be brave that makes him confident to find the arkenstone.

3.2 Bilbo Baggins' Choices

Based on existentialism theory by Jean Paul Sartre previously, he says that man is condemned to be free. Condemned, because he did not create himself, yet is nevertheless at liberty, and from the moment that he is thrown into this world he is responsible for everything he does (Sartre 16). Based on the theory of existentialism by Jean Paul Sartre earlier, he said that humans are condemned to be free. Cursed, for he did not create himself, but remains free, and from the time he was cast into this world he was responsible for everything he did (Sartre 16). In this case Sartre said

that human beings are free to choose as they please, they are free to choose according to their wishes and actions on their own choice. Man is also responsible for what he chooses, because his choice makes man himself an independent person. While in the analysis below, it will be explained about the existence. The main character in the novel the hobbit, namely Bilbo Baggins. This is about freedom and responsibility. Both will accompany her to seek identity on her life, and gain an unforgettable experience.

In the novel there are three phases which indicate that many choices he choose, to make a clearer explanation that divides the three phases. The first phase is the phase in which Bilbo is still in his comfortable home, the second is the phase in which Bilbo is on his way to Erebor with his friends, the third is the phase in which Bilbo after the journey. The following explanations of Bilbo Baggins' choice in the three phases:

3.2.1 Bilbo's choice Before the journey

This is the phase where Bilbo still has not departed and is still entertaining his guests. In this phase Bilbo never prepared to go, and he must agree to Gandalf's suggestion.

“They were on ponies, and each pony was slung about with all kinds of baggages, packages, parcels, and paraphernalia. There was a very small

pony, apparently for Bilbo. “Up you two get, and off we go!” said Thorin. “I ’m awfully sorry,” said Bilbo, “but I have come without my hat, and I have left my pocket-handkerchief behind, and I haven’t got any money. I didn’t get your note until after 10.45 to be precise.” (64)

At the quotation, Bilbo looks very eager to travel, at that time Bilbo also wishes to see the vast and beautiful nature in him Bilbo also has a descendant of a hobbit Took family who like adventure. Bilbo is none other than a Took and then the part of Took begins to grow in his heart as he desperately wants the journey with his joyful heart.

The second quote shows that Bilbo looks confused with the choice because Bilbo has the heart of Took like his mother, now his Tookish’ heart is not as strong as the one and he still wants to stay in his cozy home. Bilbo’s mother is a descent of Took family because she like journey, because her mother and Bilbo is a part of Took. Bilbo has already made a new determination to wake up late because he is not sure he would join the journey tomorrow.

The third one sees that Bilbo is confused between following the journey or not because of the letter given by Gandalf. In the letter it is known that Thorin has waited for Bilbo at the by water at 11:00 am, and when Bilbo reads the letter it is already 10.45. Bilbo, who initially has the intention to stay at home, Gandalf asks him to go to meet them so as not to be late Bilbo is also very confused, he has evaded not to leave but because of the insistence Gandalf Bilbo goes to see Thorin and his friends. In a state he does not understand he goes without harping a hat or a

Thorin, puzzled by a mysterious missing pony, worries him, after hearing strange things from his dwarf friends Thorin makes the decision to send Bilbo toward a suspicious place, in a forest that saw a flame in the forest, for it is Bilbo responsible to obey what Thorin wants. A burglar, as a burglar he has to go investigate the fire.

Another greatness of a hobbit is that it can walk silently in the woods, for only a hobbit can do that over a dwarf or any other creature. His salvation cannot be thought of Bilbo is a burglar and the burglar must do what he should do as a burglar. The choice is also good for his dwarf friends, he can also be a bait or information seeker by doing what he has to do in order for his friends to survive.

- The second choice during the journey

This is the second assignment that Bilbo must do for release his friends and help to finish that journey from helping his friends.

“For some time Bilbo sat and thought about this water-gate, and wondered if it could be used for the escape of his friends, and at last he had the desperate beginnings of a plan. The evening meal had been taken to the prisoners. The guards were tramping away down the passages taking the torchlight with them and leaving everything in darkness. Then Bilbo heard the king’s butler bidding the chief of the guards good-night.” (287)

Bilbo thinks of what might be saved with his friends from the robust prison of the elves, for he will not have succeeded in becoming a burglar without his friends.

Bilbo has time to look around that his luck is on his side, he sees the big barrels of wine from the lake town. Seeing the guards partying with wine, he has the opportunity to steal the keys of the prison after the sleeping guards drinking wine.

After Bilbo sees the circumstances of the nodding elf guards and begins to fall asleep he also begins to perform the action of stealing the keys of the prison by wearing the magic ring he has found in the creepy goblin cave. Bilbo chooses to steal a prison lock and frees his friends. He immediately walks quickly to free his friend. Even though Bilbo is trembling when he unlocks the lock, and frees one by one from them. With courage Bilbo opens the door because it is his last chance to free his friends from the guards. Bilbo become brave and trying to help his friends, he chooses that never thinking about the money, or anything that he wants. Bilbo's chooses to release the dwarfs from the prison by his kind hearted.

3.2.3 After the journey

In this phase Bilbo and friends get what they wants, it is the important things for Bilbo and his friends. They are getting his hometown to get his important task to fulfill.

“Suddenly Bilbo’s arm went towards it drawn by its enchantment. His small hand would not close about it, for it was a large and heavy gem; but he lifted it, shut his eyes, and put it in his deepest pocket. “Now I am a burglar indeed!” thought he. “But I suppose I must tell the dwarves about it—some

time. They did say I could pick and choose my own share; and I think I would choose this, if they took all the rest!” (379)

Bilbo becomes a complete burglar when he sees the beauty of the stone arkenstone, a very beautiful diamond, although it is very large and the diamond is very beautiful. Given that Thorin's explanation of arkenstone is valuable to the dwarfs because the diamond shows the power of the dwarfs. As Bilbo picks up the stone that has been attracted by its beautiful charm.

After he steals the diamond he just feels that he is the perfect burglar. In his heart he thinks that Bilbo is entitled to his reward and the division of the forty-fifth treasure. He also thinks of choosing the beautiful stone as his right. After taking the stone, Bilbo also wants to tell this to the dwarves who are very hopeful of his mission as a successful burglar. Bilbo refuses to tell him that he has already earned the beautiful diamond.

The arkenstone is the brightest diamond that found by Thorin's father. Bilbo understands the diamond and steals it, he chooses to steal the arkenstone because he wants to make his friends get their home back, but Thorin still greedy he just wants the arkenstone. That's why Bilbo steals the arkenstone just to save his friend from his sick (greedy), and keep it in his deepest pocket.

fees and remunerations he will get if he follows the trip. The thing he wants the most to know is whether he will come back safely and what he should do on his journey and how he can overcome things that might endanger his life while traveling. After all the questions Bilbo has questioned, he follows the journey hesitantly.

Thorin who believes in Gandalf to find someone as a burglar. Gandalf has chosen Bilbo an intelligent Hobbit to hide in a narrow place because of his short body and other advantages. Bilbo's choice to follow the journey is a suggestion from Gandalf and inevitably he has to follow what Thorin and his friends wants a burglar and his responsibility is also mentioned that Bilbo will enter the secret door of the Erebor and steal the arkenstone.

That is the responsibility he must do after choosing his choice to travel to the lonely mountain that is his responsibility that is faithful and obey what is ordered by Thorin. Every people wants to know if he decide to choose he must to think the risk, and thinking more to decide what is the right choice. The choices have the risk, that's why Bilbo needs to know the risk, when he knows the risk he can think the right choice to choose.

3.3.2 Bilbo's responsibility during the journey

- The first responsibility during the journey

In this first phase of his journey that he is responsible that makes to release the pony and do his responsible of what he choose to fill his task.

“Bilbo wished himself a hundred miles away, and yet—and yet somehow he could not go straight back to Thorin and Company empty handed. So he stood and hesitated in the shadows. Of the various burglarious proceedings he had heard of picking the trolls’ pockets seemed the least difficult, so at last he crept behind a tree just behind William.” (71)

Bilbo's choice is to find out what is in the forest, because he already knows what is in the forest Bilbo can again warn Thorin and his friends. However, the thief's soul emerges when he sees the situation even Bilbo cannot return with empty hand, he is confused what to do. In the darkness Bilbo thinks and considers everything that exists. Maybe Bilbo can make the Trolls die by stealing the blades and stabbing them.

Bilbo may be frightened in that situation, perhaps he is also disgusted that he still misses his comfortable place, his home. Bilbo who has already participated in this journey, he must be a whole Burglar in this case inevitably. Bilbo makes himself as a burglar since he chooses to follow the journey, and every choice has the responsibility of what he choose. Bilbo trying to do whatever Thorin commands.

He is responsible for stealing trolls pockets that help to flee the ponies. It is easy for him to walk slowly and steal something in the pocket of Trolls. The ponies is the important that make his journey to be more enjoy and more fast to get his purpose. He thinks as a smart hobbit, and makes resolution of that problem, that is to steal something from Trolls pocket and release the ponies.

- The second responsibility during the journey

This is the second of his Journey that his task must be fulfill the task from his responsible of what he chooses before and he must to flee with his friends.

“They soon found thirteen with room enough for a dwarf in each. In fact some were too roomy, and as they climbed in the dwarves thought anxiously of the shaking and the bumping they would get inside, though Bilbo did his best to find straw and other stuff to pack them in as cosily as could be managed in a short time. At last twelve dwarves were stowed.” (292)

Bilbo has thought carefully that the barrels are his last chance to escape the prisons and territories of the elves. They collect 13 large kegs, they can carry one dwarf in a barrel even the barrel is too big to put the dwarves in the barrel. In order to successfully escape, Bilbo fills the barrels with straw grass to keep the guards unnoticed as they were thrown into the hole leading to the river.

Although Bilbo has a hard time concealing the dwarves he also thinks how he can escape, but he constantly hopes for his plan to succeed. With his intelligence he was on time and the guards starts throwing the barrels. In the case of Bilbo, it is someone who is kind to his companions to find the right solution to liberate them even though he himself has difficulty escaping from the kingdom of the forest elf king to continue the journey.

