

## CHAPTER 3

### ANALYSIS

In this chapter, this study tries to analyze in detail some problems. First is by explaining Heathcliff's life as a foundling. This aims are find out who Heathcliff was and his circumstances in the story. Second is by analyzing Heathcliff's egoism form in his personality. The discussion of these problems wants to identify Heathcliff's character toward *Wuthering Heights*. Those analyses are explained as follows:

#### **A. The Life of Heathcliff in *Wuthering Heights***

*Wuthering Heights* is a novel by Emily Bronte that has two main narrators. The primary narrator is Mr. Lockwood – the visitor – who begins and ends the narrative and he is recording the story from Ellen (Nelly) Dean. She is Lockwood's inside source of information. As the housekeeper of the Earnshaw family, she is raised with the children and serves them for over twenty years. So, she knows intimately the history of the family. This part will discuss about Heathcliff's life presents in Emily Bronte's *Wuthering Heights*.

#### **1. The Childhood of Heathcliff**

As explained in the previous chapter that character is the person who play in a narrative work, then it is divided into major and minor character. Major character is the character has a lot to say and always appear on the stage.



surname. His identity or legal connection to the family is not legitimized. He will always be an outsider (McGlenn and McGlenn 12).

Heathcliff childhood is miserable. His coming to Wuthering Heights has put him in a great pressure, because most of members of Earnshaw family tend to dislike him. It is because of his status social appearance. Haethcliff often receives bad treatments from people around him. In other words he is being rejected.

‘and I had no more sense, so I put it on the landing of the stairs, hoping it might he gone on the morrow.’ (Bronte 34).

The quotation above shows that it is one of the rejections on Heathcliff by Nelly. On first day his coming to Wuthering Heights, Nelly does rejection by giving no attention on Heathcliff's existence. The way she shows her ignorance is by letting Heathcliff sleep in the stairs. She ignores him by letting Heathcliff sleeps there hoping he will leave on the next day. It shows her rejection toward Heathcliff's existence.

Meanwhile the relation toward Heathcliff and Hindley is not good. It starts on Heathcliff's arrival to Wuthering Heights. When he is adopted, he tries to establish a fraternal relationship with Hindley, but Hindley jealous of him. He feels jealous because Hindley feels Heathcliff takes all his family's attention especially from his father. Hindley's resentment at his father's protective attitude toward Heathcliff soon turns into hatred. Hindley also dislike when his sister Catherine become close with Heathcliff.







“And he will be rich, and I shall like to be the greatest woman of the neighborhood, and I shall be proud of having such a husband” (72).

From the quotation above, it can conclude that Catherine accepted Edgar marriage because she is attracted by Linton's social position. Even though her truly love is only for Heathcliff, Catherine decides to marry Edgar Linton and separates from Heathcliff. It shows that Catherine's expectation about her social status made her blinded by the idea of being upper class lady with a good manner.

Heathcliff listen to Catherine's argument. At that time he becomes shocks and heartbroken because he never imagine that Catherine will regard Heathcliff so low since they have grown and spend time together.

‘I've no more business to marry Edgar Linton than I have to be in heaven; and if the wicked man in there had not brought Heathcliff so low, I shouldn't have thought of it. It would degrade me to marry Heathcliff now; so he shall never know how I love him...’ (74).

‘My love for Linton is like the foliage in the woods. Time will change it, I'm well aware, as winter changes the trees – my love for Heathcliff resembles the eternal rocks beneath – a source of little visible delight, but necessary. Nelly I'm Heathcliff – he's always, always in my mind – not as a pleasure, any more than I am always a pleasure to myself – but as my own being – so don't talk of our separation again – it is impracticable’ (88)

From the quotation above shows that after Heathcliff over heard Catherine's argument to Nelly, he thinks that Catherine has betrayed their love by marry Edgar Linton. He is deeply hurt by his separation from Catherine. Heathcliff lost his love at that time. He feels lacked love and affection. His depressed of his love motivated him to change his behavior becomes wild. Without love his action becomes destructive. He always does brutal action. Heathcliff's life was spirited by his desire to take

















Heathcliff usurps the affection of Mr. Earnshaw from his children. As an adult, Heathcliff repeats the process, as he usurps the affection of Hareton and takes pride in the fact that he would be defended by the son in a fight with the father. Ultimately, Heathcliff taking over ownership of the Heights thereby dispossesses the rightful heir, Hareton. Heathcliff destroys the natural familial emotional bonds which previously existed in the Earnshaw family.

The role of the usurper leads to Heathcliff's suffering at the hands of Hindley and it is the treatment by Hindley to him after the death of Mr. Earnshaw. It arouses in Heathcliff deep and abiding hatred and all-consuming passion for revenge. He never forgot an injury inflicted on him during his childhood. As seen in his childhood, Heathcliff often receives bad treatment from the people around him. He has black hair and dark eyes, seems to represent wild appearance, it caused hatred from the people who see him. Heathcliff's low status causes him to receive bad treatments such as through the cruelty from Hindley, the betrayal from Catherine and underestimation from Edgar. These arouse the conflict among them.

From the simple background of Heathcliff's life we know that in the past, Heathcliff's childhood is full of rejection and unpleasant attitudes from the surroundings. When he comes to Wuthering Heights, he totally meets new surroundings. All the people he meets are the people no one accepts him. Since the traumatic memory keeps all the sufferings by himself while thinking of every possible way to survive in the hard and difficult conditions.

### **Psychoanalysis of Heathcliff in *Wuthering Heights***

Heathcliff is the main character in *Wuthering Heights*. His life in the novel is full of rejection. It makes him become painful and thinks to take revenge is the way to defense his life and to overcome the hatred toward him. In this section, this study tries to analyze on Heathcliff's id, ego, and superego that forms egoism in Heathcliff's personality.

In this novel Heathcliff is described as a foundling brings home to *Wuthering Heights* by Mr. Earnshaw. His coming there is full of rejection. It makes him become suffer and painful. Heathcliff suffers from anxiety as a result of his failure on the development of personality. There are events or experience in the past that leaves a painful memory lived inside him.

Heathcliff's egoism is caused by some experience of being suffered in the past especially for the experience that happened in his childhood. The painful experience of being rejected hurts him emotionally and leaves a memory of rejection in his mind. Psychologically, the most phase of one's development is his childhood. Therefore, any event or experience that he has experienced will give a lot of influence in shaping his character in the future. As we know that Heathcliff's life is miserable in his childhood. His coming puts him in a great pressure. However, the pressure not only come from the member of *Wuthering Heights*, but also come from the neighbors.

Since his bad experience above, Heathcliff would automatically create a defense to protect himself from being rejected that makes him suffer. He wants to be



respected by people around him. Therefore in defending himself, he protects his feelings for being hurt. Heathcliff seems to be a good child. He tries to establish a fraternal relationship with Hindley, but Hindley is jealous of him and he treats Heathcliff badly because of his jealousy that he thinks Heathcliff takes his father's affection. It makes him become hurt, and choose to keep his hurt feeling that show up in front of Hindley. The leisure of Heathcliff for being respected by people around him especially to Hindley above shows Heathcliff's id that wants the people received his presence well. As Boeree said that id is driven by the pleasure principle which strives for immediate gratification of all desires, wants, and needs (5).

As we know during his childhood, Heathcliff suffers from many kinds of rejection from people in his surroundings. The rejection toward him is because of his background as vagrant. Since his appearance when he comes to Wuthering Heights is so inferior, and the people who live in the house are wealth enough and dress properly, then most of the family member rejects the coming of the 'gypsy brat' makes him feels down. He wants to be a successful person for being respected. It is because living in Wuthering Heights with his new family he never appreciated as the member of the family, but more than as the servant of the house. Moreover, he overhears the conversation of Catherine and Nelly about Edgar's proposal to marry Catherine, and then she received his proposal. Heathcliff becomes hurt to know that Catherine decides to marry Edgar because her expectation about her social status, She attracted by Linton's social status. Shortly, Heathcliff thinks that Catherine betrays his love and separates him to marry Edgar Linton because of Heathcliff's low status.



himself and rejects new people who he meets. This is the signal that he makes a rejection toward the surrounding because he has the painful emotional experience of being rejected.

Heathcliff's egoism is seen when he takes revenge toward people around him badly and makes him suffers. In this case something that makes Heathcliff becomes an egoist person is because he takes to take revenge toward people around him.

Below, is one of Heathcliff's plans to take revenge toward Hindley;  
'I'm trying to settle how I shall pay Hindley back. I don't care how long I wait, if can only do it, at last. I hope he will not die before I do.' (56)

The quotation above explained that Heathcliff tries to plan revenge against Hindley back because of in the past Hindley treats him badly. It shows Heathcliff's superego that he takes the wrong way to take revenge. Heathcliff's revenge is the wrong ego-ideal that he takes. In Schultz and Schultz said that superego is the moral aspect of personality; internalization of parental and social values and standards (56). Meanwhile, the ego-ideal that Heathcliff choose to be an egoist person is the part of superego which consists of good and correct behaviors. In this case something that makes Heathcliff becomes an egoist person is because he takes the bad ego-ideal to take revenge toward people around him.

The revenge is not only toward Hindley but also it is done to Catherine who betrays Heathcliff's love by marry Edgar that he thinks Edgar has separates him with Catherine because of marriage.

Heathcliff gets his revenge when he finally makes Hindley live in poor condition. When his wife dies, Hindley becomes a drunkard and gambler. Then Heathcliff makes Hindley suffer. He also tricks Hindley in a gamble so that he loses all his wealth including Wuthering Heights. Heathcliff is still unsatisfied although he has got what he wants. Heathcliff wants to make revenge not only to Hindley but also to Hindley's son, Hareton. The revenge which is done to Hareton is more or less similar to his father. Heathcliff treats Hareton as a servant and that is why Hareton becomes uneducated and illiterate until adult. He has to serve Heathcliff in the same way as Heathcliff used to serve his father, Hindley.

The revenge is still continuing toward Catherine and Edgar. It happens in Heathcliff's marriage with Isabella. She is Edgar's sister who loves Heathcliff. Even though there is no love for Isabella, Heathcliff chooses to marry her with a plan to take revenge toward her brother and Catherine. By marrying Isabella, Heathcliff thinks that he will make Catherine hurt because he betrays Catherine's love. Then he will be close to Linton's family. It shows when Heathcliff's son and Edgar's daughter meet. He wants to marry Linton Heathcliff (Heathcliff's son) with Cathy Linton (Edgar's daughter) to own the Linton's property.

'My design is as honest as possible. I'll inform you of its whole scope,' he said. 'That the two cousins may fall in love, and get married. I'm acting generously to your master: his young chit has no expectations, and should she second my wishes she'll be provided for at once as joint successor with Linton.'

'If Linton died,' I answered, 'and his life is quite uncertain, Catherine would be the heir.'

'No, she would not,' he said. 'There is no clause in the will to secure it so: his property would go to me; but, to prevent disputes, I desire their union, and am resolved to bring it about.' (199).

From the quotation above shows that Heathcliff wants to marry his son to Cathy Linton is just for inheriting Thrushcross Grange as his own.

