

## PSYCHOPATH ANALYSIS IN SWEENEY TODD MOVIE

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| <b>Keywords:</b> Psychopath; Movie; Main Character |  | <b>Abstract:</b> Movie is loved by almost people in the world. Many messages can be delivered on a movie. In this case, the writer wants to examine the movie entitled “Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street by Tim Burton in 2007. This movie is a drama musical thriller genre because it contains many mysteries that must be paid more attention to understand about the psychological of Todd as the main character. The purpose of this research is to find out the psychopath characteristics of main character. The method that the writer used is qualitative method, after analyzing all the data the writer found that there are 5 characteristics of psychopath, which are: Aggressivity, Criminality, Lying, Violation of the right of others and Behavior that indicates apparent lack of guilty, anxiety and remorse do not have a sense of empathy. The most dominant characteristics of psychopath is Aggressivity. |                      |
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### INTRODUCTION

Movie becomes one of the most attractive media for a literary work. We can image a story by watching a movie. Barsam (2010:3) said that movie to entertain the audience and play in cinema. As the entertain part to be enjoyed by audience it is can be called as a play that recorded by camera and with good images it will show in the cinema for the entertaining purpose. Movie itself is a very common entertainment that most of people find to relax and gain the different knowledge so that the movie not only just for entertainment issues but also can be used as the education. Phillip Gillet (2008:1) “Movie is a story to move audience eliciting tears, fear or laugh. Academics followed behind them, assess and justify with emotional response”. It means, movie is one of the scientific works.

Perhaps no type is portrayed more frequently in the movies than a callous, calculated and aggressive person. Thrillers, detective movies, science fiction, historical drama, and even adventure films contain characters who can be said to possess psychopathic characteristics. Searching the Internet gives several hit lists over the most fascinating ‘psychopathic’ characters in movies. The psychopathic character usually acts as the villain in the movie, introducing the conflict or disturbance in the story that drives the action of the movie. Although no studies have been carried out on this issue, it is possible that a proportion of the general population has an impression of how psychopathic persons are from the movies.

The action in the movie can be analyzed from the perspective of variety of psychological theories. King (1979:4) says, “Psychological knowledge is applied to various spheres of human



activity including the family, education, employment, and to the treatment of mental health problems.” It means psychology can be used to analyze the character of someone who is experiencing mental health problem.

Psychopathy is a psychological construct that describes chronic immoral and antisocial behaviour, a lack of consciousness, and the ability to lie and deceive without feeling guilt or discomfort. Psychopathy is often used interchangeably with sociopathy, dissocial and antisocial personality disorder, and shares many features with histrionic and narcissistic personality disorder (Blackburn, 2007). While the different terms are defined and measured in slightly different ways, the concepts are highly correlated, and what is said in this article about psychopathy can generally be said about DSM-IV antisocial personality disorder and ICD-10 dissocial personality disorder (Hare & Neumann, 2008). Psychopathy has been the most studied of any personality disorder, and many biological and psychological correlates of psychopathic behaviour are known.

According Hyatt (2011:18) “Psychopathy is an emotional disorder, which, if it develops into its full form, puts the individual at risk of repeated displays of extreme antisocial behavior. This antisocial behavior can involve reactive aggression but that is also associated with elevated levels of instrumental aggression. Schouten and Silver (2012:6) said that “The Psychopath ignores social, legal, and moral standards, if conduct in order to meet his/her own needs at the time, often ignoring potential long term consequences in difference to immediate gains”.

From this theory, Psychopath is the mental illness, psychopathic disagree with the social standards, laws, and moral. Matthys and Lochman (2010:3) argue that “personality characteristics of psychopathic such as absence of empathy, an absence of guilt, an absence of guilty, shallow emotions and the inability to form and sustain lasting relationships”. That statement can be assumed that the psychopath characteristic is the absence of empathy, lack of guilt, irresponsibility, a lack of guilty in themselves even though they made a mistake, often lied in every little thing to satisfy their feeling, and not being able to establish a relationship or unfaithful.

Martin Kantor (2006:1) argue that “Psychopathy is both a serious psychological disorder that threatens our individual happiness and a widespread social problem that threatens our entire civilization”. It means, Psychopathy is a serious psychological disorder that threatens the happiness of individual and broad social problem that threatens our entire civilization. Because they born with an empathic behavior, a psychopath usually irresponsible, manipulative, delusive and does not have a sense of humanity towards humans, animals even environments. Martin Kantor (2006:34) also said about the characteristic of psychopathy from the core manifestations of the disorder:

1) Violation of the Right of Others

Psychopaths are notorious for their serious disregard for and tendency to violate such rights of others as their rights to life, liberty, and happiness.

2) Failure to Conform to Age-Appropriate Social Norms

Psychopaths usually do not conform to the norms governing being a Good Samaritan, but they mostly do conform to the “norms” governing cheating on one’s income taxes, or sending empty boxes out of state to save on sale taxes.

3) Unreliability

Psychopathic individuals tend to be erratic, unpredictable, reckless, impulsive people unconcerned about the effects of their actions on others.



4) Impulsivity

There is a lack of foresight based on a lack of forethought and a lack of desire or ability to plan ahead. If it feels good, they do it, and they do it now, unconcerned about the future consequences of their present hedonistic.

5) Treachery and Disloyalty

As treacherous individuals, psychopaths even give the lie or the expression “honor among thieves”.

6) Aggressivity

Characteristic of aggressivity psychopaths is their tendency to demolish people, take the advantage from people in a bad way, which they do for several reasons.

7) Criminality

They are sadist who like to create suffering in innocent Victims and because they just want to prove themselves Once again that their elevated self-esteem is not irrational but justified by their above-average abilities and accomplishment.

8) Flamboyant Sexuality

Sexual wildness, including multiple marriages and divorces, is often part of the psychopathic behavior. While some sexual wildness can be understood as hormonal in origin, as the product of overactive neurotransmitters, or as just ordinary philandering, some is symptomatic of psychopathy.

9) Hypocrisy

Psychopaths typically do not do what they say they are going to do. They instead make a break the promises.

10) Manipulation

Psychopaths manipulate others in order to attain nutriment and power. In their manipulation they are indifferent to ethical and social restraints, and have no real attachment to their marks, so that when one does not provide them with what they want, they try another until they achieve their goals.

11) Charming and Conning

Many psychopaths are charmers. As such they depend on the use of flattery and offers of friendship to enchant.

12) Lying

Psychopaths advance a number of euphemisms for their lying, such as “telling white lies,” “puffery,” or “hyperbole”, but these are, as the psychopath will no doubt only reluctantly admit, lies nevertheless.

13) Behavior that indicates an apparent lack of guilty, anxiety, remorse and do not have sense of empathy

Psychopathic individuals act as if they are unable to Adequately experience anxiety, guilt, and remorse, or do not have a sense of empathy and that seeming feelings of anxiety, guilt, and remorsefulness are a sham.

Several studies have been previously conducted to analyze this issue. First, Nurul Hikmah (2011), in her attempt to analyze the main character in Orphan movie as the unit of analysis. Psychopathic problem viewed from Sigmund Freud’s psychoanalysis concept is used as the theoretical framework of the research. She concluded the main character becomes the girl that has a negative character such as: immoral, inhuman, manipulative aggressive, lack of empathy, impulsive and etc. Second, Cici Nuraeni (2016), She focuses in Amy’s psychopath by using McCord’s theory (1964) about characteristics of psychopath. He divides psychopath into six categories: Asocial, Uncontrolled Desires, Highly Impulsive, Aggressive, Feels little guilt and



a warped capacity for love. The result her research is found in Amy's psychopath. While in terms of causes, that family disruption and economic aspects play important role on Amy's psychopath. Hence, differing from previous related studies above, this paper aims to analyze the characteristic of Mr. Todd in Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street by Tim Burton.

## **METHOD**

The writers use descriptive qualitative method because the writers describe and analyze the data into short essays in writing this research. The writers try to analyze the characteristics psychopath of Mr. Todd by using Martin Kantor theory who divided the characteristic of psychopath into 13 but the writers focus in 5 characteristics namely: Aggressivity, Criminality, Lying, Violation of the Right and Behavior. The data was taken from the movie of Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street by Tim Burton. The data will be analyzed from the scene and the dialogue which related with psychopath of the main character. In analyzing data, the writers have some steps and also references from a lot of sources.

Qualitative research is a research method used to examine the condition of natural objects, as opposed to experiments where the researcher is a key instrument, data collection techniques are carried out in a merge, data analysis is inductive, and qualitative research results emphasize the meaning rather than generalization (Sugiyono,2008:9)

## **RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

### **Result**

The writers can be interpreted that the characteristic of psychopath which is Aggressivity, Criminality, Lying, Violation of the right of others and Behavior that indicates an apparent lack of anxiety, guilty, remorse and do not have a sense of empathy in the movie "Sweeney Todd the Demon Barber of Fleet Street".

The result of the research that the writer finds the data finding that is the characteristic of psychopath in "Sweeney Todd the Demon Barber of Fleet Street" as much as 25 data describes a psychopath is Aggressivity 9 data , Criminality 6 data, Lying 4 data, Violation of the right of others 3 data and Behavior that indicates an apparent lack of guilty, anxiety, remorse and do not have sense of empathy 3 data.

Of the five psychopath characters contained in the movie Sweeney Todd the Demon Barber of Fleet Street has the most dominant character that often appears that is Aggressivity. Seen from the main characters in several scenes of tendency to demolishing people such as: Mr.Tod tries to cut out his victim's throat, kill his wife and daughter and also to cook his victims.

### **Discussion**

The writers are going to analyze the data as randomly as follows:



## 1. Aggressivity

### a. Mr. Todd attacking Adolfo Pirelli (00.48.05 – 00.48.21)



#### Discussion:

Based on the type of Psychopath according to the Martin Kantor, with that picture the characteristic of the psychopath on the main character (Mr. Todd) can be categorized into an Aggressivity. Characteristic of aggressive psychopath is their tendency to demolish people, which they do for a several reasons. That describes aggressive behavior of Mr. Todd because hurting Adolfo Pirelli because Pirelli's threatened to tell his real identity to Beadle Bamford. From the above sub-topics, it can be concluded that Mr. Todd is a psychopath who tendency to demolishing people. he did for his own reason.

### b. Mr. Todd agree to Ms. Lovett to cook his victims flesh into a pie (01.07.15- 01.07.45)

**Ms. Lovett: "Seems an awful waste, such a nice, plump frame business needs a lift, debts to be erased, think of it as thrift, as a gift, if you get my drift"**

*Mr. Todd: "Huh!?"*

*Ms. Lovett: "Good, you got it, and I am sure they cannot compare as far as taste"*

*Mr. Todd: Ms. Lovett, what a charming notion*

*Ms. Lovett: "Think about it! lots of other gentlemen will soon be coming for a shave, won't they? Think of all them pies"*

*Mr. Todd: "It is man devouring man, my dear"*

#### Discussion:

The statement above is categorized into Aggressivity, which describes Mr. Todd want to demolishing an innocent people. Triggered by his partner (Ms. Lovett) to make his victims disappeared to avoid the evidence. From the above sub-topics, it can be concluded that Mr. Todd is a psychopath who has a demolish people, Mr. Todd is tendency to demolishing people (cook his victims flesh into a meat pie), which he does for a several reasons (to make his victims body disappear).



**c. Mr. Todd try to kill his daughter (01.46.00 – 01.46.05)**



**Discussion:**

Based on the picture above, the characteristic of the psychopath on the main character (Mr. Todd) can be categorized into an Aggressivity. Characteristic of aggressive psychopath is their tendency to demolish people, which they do for a several reasons. That describes aggressive behavior of Mr. Todd because he trying to kill his daughter. Because his daughter saw him when he killing Judge Turpin.

From the above sub-topics, it can be concluded that Mr. Todd is a Psychopath who tendency to suffering people, which describes that Mr. Todd want to kill daughter because his daughter saw that he killed the Judge Turpin. Mr. Todd does not hesitate to kill anyone even his daughter.

**2. Criminality**

**a. Mr. Todd cut out Adolfo Pirelli's throat after knowing he's not died yet (: 00.50.45 – 00.51.10)**



**Discussion:**

Based on the picture above, the characteristic of the psychopath on the main character (Mr. Todd) can be categorized into a Criminality. He is sadists who like to create suffering in innocent victims; and because they just want to prove to themselves once again that their elevated self-esteem is not irrational but justified by their above-average accomplishments. That describes the sadistic behavior of Mr. Todd who cutting Adolfo throat after he know Signor Aldofo Pirelli was not die yet. From the above sub-topics, it



can be concluded that Mr. Todd is a Psychopath who tendency to suffering people. He is sadist even he cuts a Pirelli's throat after knowing Signor Adolfo Pirelli was not dead yet.

**b. Mr. Todd is overbearing himself to take the advantage from Adolfo Pirelli (: 00.33.57-00.34.04)**

Mr. Todd: "Signor, I have serviced no kings, yet I wager that I can shave a cheek with 10 times more dexterity."

Discussion:

Based on the statement above, it can be categorized into Criminality, the characteristic of criminality is their like to elevated self-esteem is not irrational but justified by their above-average abilities and accomplishments., which describes Mr. Todd want to take the advantage from Adolfo in a bad way, which he does for his own reason. Mr. Todd pride himself to degrading Adolfo Pirelli. From the sub-topics above, it can be explained that Mr. Todd is a psychopath who has a take the advantage from Adolfo in a bad way. He was overbearing himself that he could shave 10 times more dexterity than Adolfo.

**3. Lying**

**a. Mr. Todd tells about a white lies to Toby (00.49.11-00.49.16)**

**Ms. Lovett: "Signor, we got an appointment"**

*Mr. Todd: "Signor Pirelli has been got away. You better run after Him".*

*Toby: "No Sir!, I should stay in here"*

*Mr. Todd: "I tell you one, will you tell Ms. Lovett and I said to give you a nice big a bottle of gin"*

*Toby: "Thank you Sir!"*

Discussion:

Based on the dialogue above, the writers categorized it into Lying. Characteristic of lying is telling white lies, puffery. Psychopath will no doubt only reluctantly admit, which describes lying despite experiencing problem (attacking Adolfo Pirelli) with his euphemism for his lying. Mr. Todd lies to Toby because he does not want Toby know what he did to Signor Pirelli.

From the above sub-topics above, it can be concluded that Mr. Todd is a psychopath who telling a white lies. Mr. Todd offered a bottle of gin to make him looks like a good people. Behind that, all he did to cheat Toby to get him out of his place where Adolfo Pirelli was attacked.

**b. Mr. Todd pretends to forgive Ms. Lovett (01.48.35 – 01.48.42)**

**Mr. Todd: "Ms. Lovett, you are a bloody wonder. Eminently practical and yet appropriate as always as you have said repeatedly there is little pint in dwelling on the past. Now come here, my love"**

*Ms. Lovett: "do you mean it?"*



**Discussion:**

Based on the dialogue above is categorized into Lying. Characteristic of lying is telling white lies, puffery. Psychopath will no doubt only reluctantly admit, which describes lying because he pretended to forgive Ms. Lovett before he throwing her into a fireplace and locked her. From the above sub-topics above, it can be concluded that Mr. Todd is a psychopath who telling a white lies. Mr. Todd pretended to forgive Ms. Lovett. Behind that, all he did to make a Ms. Lovett trust him and then he throwing her into a meat pie stove.

**4. Violation of the right**

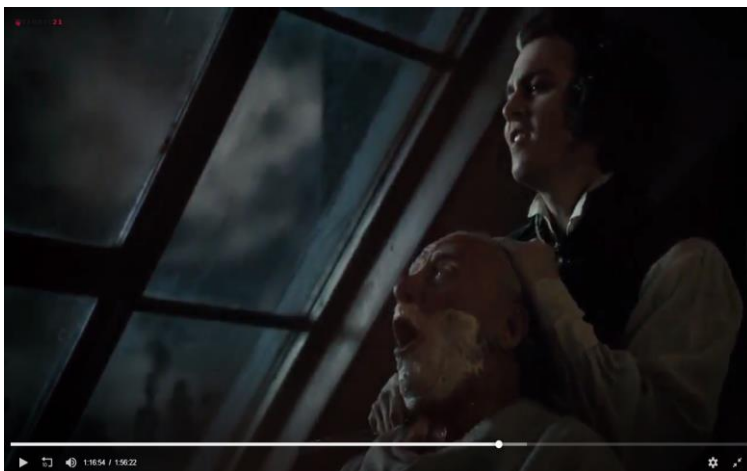
**a. Mr. Todd stabs Turpin's throat and slash him (01.44.52 – 01.44.55)**



**Discussion:**

Based on the picture the characteristic of the psychopath on the main character (Mr. Todd) can be categorized into a Violation of the right of others. Mr. Todd tendency to violate such rights of others as their rights to life. It describes the sadistic behavior of Mr. Todd who slash Turpin's throat after stabbing. From the above sub-topics, it can be concluded that Mr. Todd is a Psychopath who and tendency to violate such rights of others as their rights to life, liberty, and happiness, Mr. Todd was not satisfied enough to kill Judge Turpin quickly. He intentionally stabbed Judge Turpin's throat with the blunt parts of his razorblade so Turpin felt suffering before he slashed his throat.

**b. Mr. Todd cuts out an old man's throat. (01.16.50 – 01.16.55)**



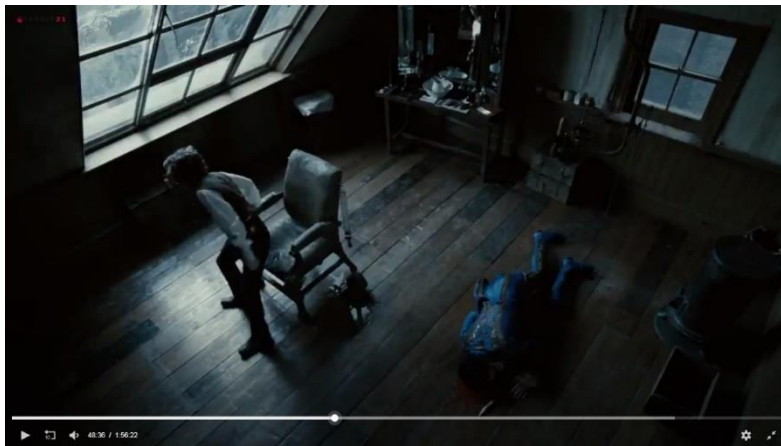


**Discussion:**

Based on the picture, the characteristic of the psychopath of Mr. Todd can be categorized into a Violation of the right of others. Mr. Todd tendency to violate such rights of others as their rights to life. That describes the sadistic behavior of Mr. Todd because he killed an innocent people to fulfill his wrath. From the above sub-topics, it can be concluded that Mr. Todd is a Psychopath who and tendency to violate such rights of others as their rights to life, Mr. Todd does not like to look the other people happy. He intentionally killed an innocent people who come to his barbershop.

**5. Behavior**

**Mr. Todd sitting down in his chair after hurting Adolfo Pirelli (00.48.36 -00.48.41)**



**Discussion:**

Based on the picture above is categorized into Behavior that indicates an apparent lack of guilty, anxiety, remorse and do not have a sense of empathy and that seeming feelings of anxiety, guilty. It describes quiet behavior, lack of anxiety, guilty. He does not feel guilty after hurting Adolfo Pirelli. From the sub-topic above, it can be concluded that Mr. Todd is a psychopath who does not feel guilty after hurting Adolfo Pirelli. Mr. Todd showed no guilty emotions when hurting people.

**CONCLUSION**

Based on research has been done from the limitation of problem to describe of data and discussion, the writers concluded the most dominant character in the movie Sweeney Todd the Demon Barber of Fleet Street is Aggressivity. The results showed that the writers found the findings of psychopath characters found in the movie Sweeney Todd the Demon Barber of Fleet Street as much as 25 data. Then the writer describes and classify Aggressivity 9 data, Criminality 6 data, Lying 4 data, Violation of the right 3 data and Behavior 3 data.

The cause of his Aggressivity is because Mr. Todd failed to execute Judge Turpin. His first failure caused severe depression because Judge Turpin could not be killed at that time. That's why Mr. Todd lost his temper and then finally he tendency to demolish an innocent people who come to his barbershop.

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