

## Archetype in Grimm's *Cinderella and Rapunzel*

This article analyzes

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### ABSTRACT

This article attempts to analyze archetype in Grimm's *Cinderella and Rapunzel* that uses comparative studies to find differences and similarities of archetype in Grimm's *Cinderella and Rapunzel*. This article uses archetype concepts that two stories have collective unconsciousness that love can solve problem. This article uses comparative studies to find archetype in Grimm's *Cinderella and Rapunzel*. The study aims at comparing two different literary works. The results of this article can be formulated as follows: 1) Archetype concepts can be seen in Grimm's *Cinderella and Rapunzel* because they have same characters types and themes. The two main characters of two stories face complication from harsh condition but after meeting a prince, their life change better. The themes of two stories are love. 2) Archetype in Grimm's *Cinderella and Rapunzel* have similarities and differences. The similarities of the two stories are the two main characters faces complication because of bad women, themes of the two stories are love. Archetype in Grimm's *Cinderella and Rapunzel* get resolution by marrying a prince. The differences of two stories are the way of the two main characters to meet a prince. In *Cinderella* comes to the prince party with fairy's help and leaves her shoes that lead to prince meets and marries her. In Grimm's *Rapunzel*, she meets a prince in a tower by using her long hair.

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### INTRODUCTION

#### A. Background of the Study

Abrams defines that in work literature has collective unconsciousness of the human race that expressed in dreams (1992:12). The collective unconsciousness can be seen in Grimm's *Cinderella and Rapunzel* that love can be resolution from complication. This article uses archetype concepts that denotes recurrent narrative designs, patterns of action, character types, themes, and images which are identifiable in a wide variety of works of literature (Abrams, 1999:12). In Grimm's *Cinderella and Rapunzel* have same themes that are love that can solve complication and character types. Complication can be seen in Grimm's *Cinderella* when she lives with

her step mother and sisters can be seen this following quotation:

There she had to do hard work from morning till night, get up before daybreak, carry water, light fires, cook and wash. Besides this, the sisters did her every imaginable injury-they mocked her and emptied her peas and lentils into the ashes, so that she was forced to sit and pick them out again. In the evening when she had to sleep by the fireside in the ashes. And as on that account she always looked dusty and dirty. (Grimm's tale.1993:105)

From the quotation, the writer analyzes that archetype in *Cinderella's* problem

when she lives with her step mother and sisters Archetype in Grimm's Rapunzel can be seen when she was twelve years old, the enchantress shut her into tower in a forest can be seen this following quotation:

She was twelve years old, the enchantress shut her into tower lay in forest, and had neither stairs nor door, but quite at the top was a little window. When the enchantress wanted to go in, she placed herself beneath this and cried, "Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let down thy hair to me," (Grimm's Tales, 1993:72)

From the quotation, writer finds archetype that main character faces harsh condition in her life because of an enchantress.

This article writer describes how Archetype in main characters in Grimm's Cinderella and Rapunzel and the similarities and differences in Grimm's Cinderella and Rapunzel. Objectives of this study is to describe Archetype in main characters in Grimm's Cinderella and Rapunzel and similarities and differences in Grimm's Cinderella and Rapunzel. The writer uses comparative studies to compare two archetype in Grimm's Cinderella and Rapunzel by looking for differences and similarities and qualitative research. The writer concludes that Archetype can be seen in archetype in Grimm's Cinderella and Rapunzel because they have same characters types and themes. The two main characters of two stories have love when

they suffer and better life after meeting prince. 2) The two stories have similarities and differences. The similarities are the two stories have same character types, and themes that the main characters of two stories faces harsh condition, the themes of the two stories are the way to solve problem by love .The differences of two stories are Cinderella who face harsh condition when lives with her step mother and sisters, Rapunzel suffers when lives with enchantress.

This research is aimed at discussing Archetype in main characters in Grimm's *Cinderella and Rapunzel*, and similarities and differences in Grimm's *Cinderella and Rapunzel*. This study expects that the readers of this research can understand the archetype of the two fairytales. A literary work has moral value besides its beauty of the literary aspects. Plato emphasized moral and utility of a literary work. Therefore, a literary work covers two functions that is to function as an education means and an entertainment as well. For education, this study will give additional motivation for students to understand literature as archetype. For teachers, this research can be used as material for teaching literature by applying the concept of archetype in many literary works.

## RESEARCH METHOD

Grimm's Cinderella and Rapunzel have similarities and differences that can be analyzed by qualitative research that main data is taken from Grimm's folklore. The supporting data is taken from articles, journal of literature, e-book, and other related sources which have relationships with the main data. The collecting data technique includes intensive close reading, note taking, classifying the data, interpreting, and discussing the data. After the folklore has been analyzed, then the data displayed into the tables which been discussed previously, the next chapter contains of discussion discussed the findings that have been founded by using data source and expert triangulation.

## RESEARCH FINDINGS

### 1. Archetype is described in Grimm's *Cinderella and Rapunzel*

Archetype can be seen in Grimm's *Cinderella and Rapunzel* because they have same characters types and themes. The two main characters of two stories have same complication that they live in harsh condition but they struggle to get resolution from their problem. The themes of two stories are love that can be resolution from the two stories complication.

#### 1.1. Archetype in Cinderella

Cinderella's complication is harsh condition when she lives with her step mother and sisters can be seen this following quotation:

There she had to do hard work from morning till night, get up before daybreak, carry water, light fires, cook and wash. Besides this, the sisters did her

every imaginable injury-they mocked her and emptied her peas and lentils into the ashes, so that she was forced to sit and pick them out again. In the evening when she had to sleep by the fireside in the ashes. And as on that account she always looked dusty and dirty. (Grimm's tale.1993:105)

From the quotation, the writer analyzes that archetype in Cinderella gets complication because of harsh condition when she lives with her step mother and sisters.

#### 1.2. Archetype in Rapunzel

Rapunzel has archetype that face harsh condition when she was twelve years old, the enchantress shut her into tower in a forest can be seen this following quotation:

She was twelve years old, the enchantress shut her into tower lay in forest, and had neither stairs nor door, but quite at the top was a little window. When the enchantress wanted to go in, she placed herself beneath this and cried, "Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let down thy hair to me," (Grimm's Tales, 1993:72)

From the quotation, writer finds archetype in Rapunzel face harsh condition when she lives with tower lay in forest, and had neither stairs nor door, but quite at the top was a little window.

Archetype can be seen in Grimm's *Cinderella and Rapunzel* because two characters in two stories have same complication that are bad women who live with the two main characters. In Grimm's Cinderella lives with her bad step mother

and sisters and in Grimm's Rapunzel, she lives with a bad enchantress.

## **2. Similarities and Differences in Grimm's Cinderella and Rapunzel**

Grimm's *Cinderella and Rapunzel* have similarities and differences. The similarities of the two fairytales are struggle to achieve better life because of harsh condition. The differences between Grimm's *Cinderella and Rapunzel* are different struggles.

### **A. Similarities in Grimm's Cinderella and Rapunzel**

Grimm's *Cinderella and Rapunzel* have similarities that they have to struggle to achieve better life because they face harsh life when the two main characters live with bad person that Cinderella lives with bad step mother and sisters, Rapunzel lives with a bad enchantress.

Cinderella's complication when she lives with bad step mother and sisters can be seen in this following quotation:

When the step-daughters heard that they too were appear among the number, they were delighted, called Cinderella and said, "comb our hair for us, brush our shoes and fasten our buckles, for we are going to the festival at the king's palace."

Cinderella obeyed, but wept, because she too would have liked to go with them to the dance, and begged her step-mother to allow her to do so. "Thou go, Cinderella! Said she. "Thou are dusty and dirty, and wouldst go to the festival? Thou hast no clothes and

shoes, and yet wouldst dance!" (Grimm, 1993:106).

The quotation shows that Cinderella can not attend prince party though she begs to her step mother and sisters.

Rapunzel's complication when she was twelve years old, the enchantress shut her into tower in a forest can be seen this following quotation:

She was twelve years old, the enchantress shut her into tower lay in forest, and had neither stairs nor door, but quite at the top was a little window. When the enchantress wanted to go in, she placed herself beneath this and cried, "Rapunzel, Rapunzel let down thy hair to me," (Grimm's Tales, 1993:72)

From the quotation, writer finds archetype in Rapunzel face harsh condition when she lives with tower lay in forest, and had neither stairs nor door, but quite at the top was a little window.

Similarities in Grimm's *Cinderella and Rapunzel* are same ending of the two stories that happy ending

In Grimm's Cinderella They live happily ever after. The prince finds Cinderella and marries her can be seen in this following quotation:

Then she seated herself on a stool, drew her foot out of the heavy wooden shoe, and put it into the slipper, which fitted like a glove, the king's son looked at her face, he recognized the beautiful maiden, he took Cinderella on his horse, the wedding with the King's son with Cinderella had to celebrated (Grimm, 1993:110-111)

The quotation tells that Cinderella's resolution by marrying a prince that loves her that shows love can solve Cinderella's problem life.

The prince wanders to the forest and meets Rapunzel, the prince can see because of Rapunzel tears and they live happily. The situation can be seen in this following quotation:

Two of her tears wetted his eyes and they grew clear again, and he could see with them as before. He led her to his kingdom where he was joyfully received, and they lived for a long time afterwards, happy and contented (Grimm, 1993:74).

The quotation shows that Rapunzel's complication can solve when she marries with a prince that she lives happily that shows love can be a resolution.

### **B. Differences in Grimm's *Cinderella* and *Rapunzel***

The differences between Grimm's *Cinderella* and *Rapunzel* are different resolution from their harsh life condition.

#### **A. In Grimm's *Cinderella***

Cinderella does not allow her mother to attend a prince party that she really want to attend there. She goes to her mother's grave beneath the hazel tree and cries there. Her struggle can be seen in this following quotation:

"Shiver and quiver, little tree, Silver and gold throw over me" Then the bird threw a gold and silver dress down to her, and slippers embroidered with silk and silver. She put on the dress with all speed and went to the festival. Her step mother,

however did not know her, and thought she must be a foreign princess, for she looked so beautiful in the golden dress (Grimm, 1993:107).

The quotation tells that Cinderella attends to the festival and her step mother does not recognize her. Then Cinderella meets a prince at the festival that can be seen in this following quotation:

The prince went to meet her, took her by the hand, and danced with her (Grimm, 1993:107).

The quotation shows that Cinderella meets a prince. Then Cinderella leave a prince and escapes from him so quickly that prince can not follow her. When Cinderella runs down, she leaves her maiden left slipper. The situation can be seen in this following quotation:

When evening came, Cinderella wished to leave, and the King's son was anxious to go with her, but she escaped from him so quickly that he could not follow her. The king's son had, however used a stratagem and had caused the whole staircase to be smeared with pitch, and there when she ran down, had the maiden's left slipper remained sticking (Grimm, 1993:109).

From the quotation Cinderella leaves the prince and leaves her maiden's left slipper. Then the prince looks for Cinderella and marries her.

#### **B. In Grimm's *Rapunzel***

Rapunzel feels in love with a prince when he climbs tower where she lives with

an enchantress. The prince tries to save Rapunzel from the enchantress but she clutches Rapunzel's beautiful tresses and takes Rapunzel into a desert where she has to live in great grief and misery. The situation can be seen in this following quotation:

And she was so pitiless that she took poor Rapunzel into a desert where she had to live in great grief and misery (Grimm, 1993:73).

The quotation shows that Rapunzel face harsh condition because of the enchantress. Prince tries to save Rapunzel from the enchantress but his eyes are blind when he falls from tower.

## CONCLUSION

The results of this article can be formulated as follows: 1) Archetype concepts can be seen in Grimm's Cinderella and Rapunzel because the two main characters of two stories face harsh condition but after meeting a prince, their life change better. The themes of two stories are love. 2) Archetype in Grimm's Cinderella and Rapunzel have similarities and differences. The similarities are complication and love. Archetype in Grimm's Cinderella and Rapunzel have resolution by marrying a prince. The differences of two stories are the way of the two main characters to meet a prince. In Cinderella comes to the prince party with

fairly's help and leaves her shoes that leads to prince meets and marries her. In Grimm's Rapunzel, she meets a prince in a tower by using her long hair.

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