

Rachel Wu's Romantic Love in Kevin Kwan's Crazy Rich Asian

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Abstract

This article aims to identify the type of love that occurs between Nick Young and Rachel Chu, as well as the effect of Rachel Chu's love on the closest people to Nick Young, namely Eleanor (Nick Young's mother) and Astrid (Nick Young's sister and Rachel Chu's best friend). The method used is a qualitative descriptive method which is analyzed from the Crazy Rich Asian novel by Kevin Kwan, while the analysis of the types of love uses the Theory of love from Eric Fromm in his book entitled "The Art of Loving". From the analysis, it is found that the type of love between Nick Young and Rachel Chu is Erotic Love. Meanwhile, the influence of love makes Rachel Chu struggle with all her might with the support of her lover, Nick Young. Rachel Chu who appears simple, intelligent, smart, adaptable, humble and attracts the attention of Nick Young's big family which makes Eleanor finally give up on the love relationship of Nick Young and Rachel Chu.

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A. Introduction

Individuals as personal beings who need autonomy and freedom to interact with other people, so humans will always need other people to meet their needs. Every human being communicates, so that his needs can be met by others, from the initial meeting, one's attention is often focused on how to maintain and direct a closer relationship. So that it can lead to an initial attraction, and become a more intimate one or perhaps lead to intimacy and even love from interpersonal attraction (Dayakisni & Hudaniah 2009: 123).

The fact that we always want to connect with other people means that we are attracted to other people, or we want to attract other people. Then will appear the terms favor, love, friendship, and other intimate relationships, as

interpersonal attraction has now become a very important force in society. The factors that support the attraction between the major factors are divided into two, namely personal and situational factors, namely factors originating from individual personal characteristics while situational factors originating from objective traits.

The meaning of love is a positive trait that can give reactions to the body, such as a faster pulse, feeling nervous when meeting the person he loves and so on. But love can also give negative reactions in oneself, such as behaving less pleasantly when jealousy occurs. But love can also provide extraordinary powers that are not usually done. When love occurs, there is a magnet that always attracts the two parties who experience it to always be close or meet.

Love is also expressed in several forms. In ancient times, love was expressed in the form of poems and poems by poets. In the modern era, love is expressed in the form of poetry, novels or prose and drama. Novel is a form of prose that is often used by writers in discussing a particular theme, including love.

One of the three types of literary works, the author chooses prose literary works, namely novels because of the prose form in the form of stories. The form of this story allows researchers to imagine according to the writings in the novel. In addition, the novel is a type of prose literary work, because it contains linguistic rules in which there is a story.

Nowadays, many novels are written and published with different writing styles and have storylines or plots and settings that certainly require special research. Of the many novels written, researcher chose Kevin Kwan's Crazy Rich Asian because there are features in the story, interesting to read the story, to make curious about the story, one of the best-selling novels and one of the best novels

Of all these reasons, the researcher prefers to choose the novel because in the novel, it is stated that there is a kind of love that Rachel Chu has it for Nick Young. In addition, this novel examines the reason Rachel Chu fell in love with Nick Young as the cause of love for Rachel Chu and the impact of Rachel Chu's love on Nick Young. The impact of this love is the impact of Rachel Chu's interpersonal attraction on Nick Young.

B. RESEREACH METHOD

This research is a qualitative research. The writer used qualitative method to analyze love style. The source of data is the novel *Crazy Rich Asian* written by Kevin Kwan and it is published in 2013. The technique of data collecting is close reading and the technique of data analysis are deductive and inductive technique of writing.

C. Finding and Discussion

To find out the type of love based on Theory Of Love's Fromm (the author analyzes from the definition of the type of love). Based on the results of the analysis, the author states that the type of love that occurs to Rachel Chu and Nick Young is Erotic Love. Erotic love is love that occurs between different people with different types. This love is different from brotherly love that has similarities, or unconditional mother's love. This love arises when two different people meet, meet eyes, and finally there are vibrations in the soul called falling in love. This is shown by Rachel Chu who can attract the hearts of Nick Young's friends when Collin Koo and Araminta invite Rachel Chu and Nick Young to enjoy typical traditional snacks after an hour. flight from New York to Singapore, which can be shown in the sentence:

“ ... Rachel looked into Nick's sparkling eyes. She never looked so happy like tonight...” (Kevin Kwan : 2013)

The statement means that Rachel shows his love towardIn addition, Rachel's fantasies while enjoying the tinkling of the Chinese zither at the Wijayakusuma Flower party:

“...Rachel felt like she was floating with the lanterns in a sweet dream, and she asked if life with Nicholas would always be like this...”.(Kevin Kwan : 2013)

Based on the results of the analysis, it is found that there is a style love that occurs between Rachel Chu and Nick Young, namely Eros (romantic love). This is shown by Rachel Chu's gentle treatment of Nick Young after waking up in the morning:

“... They lay hugging each other on the bed, listening to the sound of splashing water and the screams of children as they jump into the swimming pool...” (Kevin Kwan : 2013)

And a sudden longing comes when Rachel Chu is on an island for Araminta's bachelorette party which is shown in:

“...Suddenly she missed Nick, and wished he was here to share this private paradise with her...”.(Kevin Kwan : 2013)

In addition, Rachel felt vibrations that were difficult to articulate and saw that Nick Young was different from the man was introduced to Rachel Chu. This is shown in the sentence:

“...*There was always a certain quality about Nick, a quality that even Rachel couldn't articulate in herself, but that set Nick apart from anyone she knew...*”.(Kevin Kwan : 2013)

And Rachel Chu's expression when she saw Nick and Collin Khoo's other best friends as the groomsmen at Collin Khoo's wedding. This can be shown in the statement:

“...*Rachel couldn't help the pride that welled up in her chest, Nick looked so dashing standing by the altar...*”.(Kevin Kwan : 2013)

The love that happens in Rachel Chu is true love. According to Eric Fromm (2008), genuine love is self-sacrificing love for a loved one. This can be proven by Rachel's attitude of ignoring the conversation she overheard while changing clothes from the girls attending Araminta's bachelorette party and Rachel Chu's attitude of not reporting the incident of bloody fish in her inn room during Araminta's bachelorette party. Also ventured to meet Nick Young's family who always looked down on Rachel Chu, as a woman who came from a different family background from Nick Young.

D. CONCLUSION

Based on the analysis conducted by the author, it is found that the type of love that occurs to Rachel Chu and Nick Young is Erotic Love, based on Eric Fromm's Theory of love. The influence of Rachel Chu's love for Nick Young is to travel long distances to Singapore with her boyfriend, Nick Young, trying to be strong when terrorized by girls attending Araminta's bachelorette party, being gentle with Nick Young, seeking support from Nick Young, hurt when he finds out the truth about her father that makes Rachel not want to see Nick Young.

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