AN ANALYSIS OF BETH EVANS' STRUGGLE AS SEEN IN ANGELA MORRISON'S *SING ME TO SLEEP*

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Abstract

This thesis writer focuses on Beth Evan's struggle as seen in Angela Morrison's *Sing me to Sleep*. The objective of the study are to find out the portrayal of Beth Evan's struggle and they types of Beth Evan's struggle as seen in Angela Morrison's *Sing me to Sleep*. The thesis writer applies the theory of Struggle and the types and struggle and conducts a qualitative research. The finding shows that there are four portrayals of Beth Evan's struggle. Those are the portrayals of struggle to accept her real life, to achieve her dream, the struggle of in the form of affection, and the struggle to get her love. The finding also shows that the types of Beth Evan's struggle are struggle to accept the fact of life, struggle to achieve a dream, struggle in the form of affection and struggle to get love.

A.INTRODUCTION

Life is beautiful. This sentence is usually said by young people as they hardly find problems in their life. However, we know that life is not only full of beautiful things and happy moments but also difficulties. People, as human beings cannot avoid them. There are so many problems that exist in our life and we need to struggle to overcome our problems so that we can find our happiness and targets of life. Sometimes, it is not easy for them to accept the problems. Sometimes problems affect people's mind. Problems can influence their way of thinking. At this starting point, they have to choose how to overcome their problems.

Braun, et al., (1979:478-480) state that everybody always has problems in their life. The problems can be simple or difficult. Sometimes, they affect their way of thinking in facing life. People need to struggle and survive their own life to make their dream come true. Therefore, dream can help them to survive. According to Mc Kechnie (1989:367) said that "struggle is a task or goal requiring much effort to accomplish or achieve". It means that everybody has a problem to solve. So he should have a task or goal requiring hard effort to achieve it.

The idea of struggle is not only found in real life, but also literature. Literature reflects the various experiences, ideas, passions, of human beings in their daily life that express on several forms and styles of literary works. According to Hudson, literature is the expression

of life through the medium of language. It can be regarded as something essential since it portrays real life, experiences, people, thoughts and people's feeling about life (2001:10).

One kind of literature is a novel. The thesis writer prefers to choose novel because novel is the largest form of literary works as it is stated by Little (1966: 101). A novel can arouse our feelings and emotions since what exists in a novel are portrayal of human's real experiences. This is why the most often used word to describe the novel is "realistic" (Rohrberger and Woods Jr. 29). Therefore, it is clear that characters and struggle of life in a novel are realistic and can exist in our daily life.

One of the authors who has tried to portray the main character's struggle is Angela Morrison. She is the author of novel who grows up in eastern Washington. She graduated from Brigham Young University. Her works that have been published are amazing. They are *Slipped, Taken by Storm, Unbroken Connection, Cayman Summer, and Sing me to Sleep* (http://www.angela-morrison.com/).

Among the novel, the thesis writer prefers to choose a novel entitled *Sing Me to Sleep* It is a teenager novel that was published in 2010. This was released by Angela Morison after the Taken by Storm saga Sing me to sleep tells about Beth Evans, a seventeen years old girl who was born red ad pimply with purple blotch on her forehead. They call her *The Beast*. Because of her struggle, finally Beth becomes a beautiful girl. She looks amazing. The novel has a few awards, such as, a Good reads Choice Nominee for Young Adult Fiction USA in 2010 Young Adult Fiction in the USA Best **Books** 2011 **Awards** and .(https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/2699.YA_Novels_of_2010).

The thesis writer prefers to choose the topic "the main character struggle" because struggle plays an important role for the main character Beth, called *the Beast* who should struggle to achieve her dream, to accept the reality of life because Beth who have less than perfect face and lower marginalized by his friends that there was school. Beth always felt uncomfortable with his friend who always mocked him as a monster. In the current era there is also such an event in which people from birth defects feared some people who think that the disability is contagious and they humbled and away from the friends. Struggle also dominates theme in the novel intitled *Sing Me to Sleep*.

B. RESEARCH METHOD

The thesis writer applies qualitative research in analyzing the data. That qualitative research makes use of language, in this case sentences to describe life experiences and give

them meaning. The source of data is *Sing Me to Sleep* by Angela Morrison, a Romance Novel, published in 2013. The novel consists of 33 chapter and 412 pages.

C. ANALYSIS

1. The portrayal of Beth Evans' Struggle as seen in Angela Morrison's *Sing Me to Sleep*

The portrayal of Beth Evan's struggle is seen in Beth Evan's struggle to accept the her real life, to achieve her dream, to show the form of affection, and to get her love. The first portrayal of Beth Evan's struggle to accept her real life is that she was born with the face of a less than perfect as other children her face full of freckles, purple blotches on her forehead and the head of the oval as a result of child birth as seen in the following quotation:

Beautiful? Now she knew the truth. I was ugly Fucking ugly. No wonder Dad left. He never looked back. Not her daughter making a tower of fairy tales with white and yellow plastic bowls, singing the first song she wrote, quietly to herself. "Damn it ugly, damn ugly mind." (Angela Morrison, 2013: 7)

Damn, how ugly it is, Tara. What did you do? "My baby faces bugging and yelling." (Angela morrison, 013:5).

The two statements mean that Beth Evan struggles to accept her real life that she was ugly fucking ugly, baby face bugging and yelling, less than perfect face. Beth has to fight for her mockery of the reality of life makes him uncomfortable, but he remains patient with it all though hard he does in social life. It means that she gets biological complication. The following quotation supports that Beth Evan's ugly face made her sad:

Damn, how ugly it is, Tara. What did you do? As if something she had eaten or drunk would have made me come out red and full of pimples with a purple spot on my forehead. Hair less. Head for child birth. My baby faces bugging and yelling." (Angela Morrison, 2013:5)

The statement means that Berth Evan's ugly face made her sad about having to lie to his mother, who was so concerned him. Beth hides it because it does not want her sad just because, her friends at school are often hurt him and mocked her shunned even by her own. She tells it to Tara.

Beth Evan struggles is accept her real live that she is woman who has an ugly face as seen in the following quotation

If Derek knew the Beth unstained, no manicure, no makeup, no laser, the Beast, would have been so happy to see me? So I was when I recorded. It could be just as Colby, but softer.

A singer star instead of a star athlete. Colby could be nice when he wanted. He managed to get all the cute girls school at will. If his performance at the dance was a clue, maybe your kindness is mainly arrogance. Derek did not seem so.

"How Any way, how would I know?" (Angela Morrison, 2013:138)

The statement means that Beth illustrates that the changes made by Beth upsetting because Derek does not know how to face the truth. Beth feels that her face now is already pretty advanced because of the technology that has made it beautiful that Derek attracted to him. The struggle to accept her real life that she is a woman who has an ugly face should she hide from Derek because she was afraid that one day Derek will know that in fact she is a woman who looks like a monster. Actually it is not a problem if you have an ugly face if we do not listen to the words of people who are jealous of the advantages we have but have the disadvantage that was not an issue.

Beth Evan struggles the accept her real life that she misses her father because she never again played with her father to make a tower of toys from plastic bowls are white and yellow as seen in the following quotation:

If Mom knew about half naked guy chained in my locker, the mask, the whole hall screaming kids when I walk by, all the creative ways that high school kids can remind a girl is damn ugly. Less than a human being. Negligible. Also the way the girls avoided me.

"Nobody ever wants to stay ensnared me. If Mom knew, he would destroy her." (Angela Morrison, 2013:86)

. The statement means that her father never shows Beth's singing, the first song she wrote just because she had her father's face so would leave her daughter who has the talent to be a singer, but Beth still struggles to remain patient even if abandoned by her father because of her face is ugly. She tells her mom.

Beth Evan struggles the accept her real life is also seen when Beth Evan keeps the friendship as seen in the following quotation:

Is not there anyone else who want to take? You are kidding, right? You're sweet, Scott, but maybe not a good idea. My head will not stop slowly shake No way. Definitely I do not want to ruin our friendship." (Angela Morrison, 2013: 89)

The statement means that Beth Evan keeps her friendship. Friendship existed until a few years and the fact that together they pose a spark of affection. However, like with her own friends did have a very complex Problem. Beth was afraid that if the courtship would damage their friendly relations. Here Beth tried to keep her friendship still exists and Schott can love another woman.

The second portrayal of Beth Evan's struggle is to achieve her dream. Beth Evan's dream is to be a famous singer as seen in the following quotation:

Scott patting my shoulder. Just sing, Beth. That's all you need to worry. - His words dig a tiny hole at that weight and releases the pressure contained in my heart. I'm not flying. The sky is still impossible, but I know he's right. That's something I can do. To sing. Colby and their ugly masks warty witches cannot rob me of that." (Angela Morrison, 2013: 5)

The statement means that Beth Evan describes what its limitations are advantages to have a great desire to achieve his dream. Being a famous singer like her friends are ideals Beth so proud parents. To realize that all is not easy. Being a famous singer is not easy. But Beth Evan never despairs. She tries to fight injustice in him. Her business that wants to be beautiful women to achieve their dreams.

The above quotation shown that Beth agree with what was said by Scot that do not need to listen to the words of others about her dream. In particular the words Colby who are trying to destabilize the dreams that do not want to see you succeed. Singing is a dream Beth since the first but the monster is often referred to by his friends and ideals will not succeed. But Beth has a friend named Scott who always encouraged.

"Breathe out and filled my lungs again.

This is the same process used to remove tattoos. You may want to close your eyes. Agree. Closed. It is peaceful. At first. But when epidermis down to the raw, horrible itchy. Burning. My eyes cry. Glad to have sunglasses.

Ready. It was not so bad. Let's go to the next.

Shit. It is just beginning. There is something wrong with me. I'm getting dizzy a little." (Angela Morrison 2013:57)

The quote above illustrates that Beth has so big dream to become a singer and so she was willing to turn her face to be beautiful again even though it was difficult for she to make changes to become more beautiful face in order to reach her dream of becoming a singer.

Beth Evan struggles to achieve her dream by becoming beautiful as seen in the following quotations:

"I will buy some skincare and try to use them routinely."

From that quotation seen how Beth change her face to be more beautiful with her own treatments routinely. Firstly she believe that with her own treatment with skincare will help her to remove the pimple on her fore head.

The third portrayal of Beth Evan's struggle is to show the form of affection as seen in the following quotation:

How you can even compare with it? It's hard to say this for a stupid phone while you're standing outside the office. You're everything, Mom. My voice fades and I have to whisper. Where would I be without you?" (Angela Morrison, 2013: 85)

The statement means that Beth Evan strongly concerns with her mother who compares herself with people who care for Beth. Here Beth tries to please her mother so as not sad because of lack of help in his success. She says that her mother is everything to her and is always helpful in every business.

Love of a mother to her child is very sincere and she want their children happy despite ,the circumstances forced Beth positive for disease in her womb cause defects such as himself. Beth still struggles not to get pregnant for fear of the fate that happened to recur to his son that he bladder like him who has a face that is not perfect. Her mother's Affection and attention makes Beth Evan patient and is unmatched by the affection of others makes us realize that we do not ever make a mother's cry for affection that she makes are genuine and natural

The fourth portrayal of Beth Evan's struggle is to get her love as seen in the following quotation:

I'm glad I have met you. He touches my arm back slightly as the flutter of a butterfly, and walks away. I stay there, fascinated watching her figure away, and whispered. I also." (Angela Morrison, 2013:130)

The statement means that Beth Evan explains that the main character first meets with her loved ones. For the first introduction Beth is the beginning of a struggle for affection. It means that Beth gets her love of first meets with Derek.

Beth Evan's struggle indicates that Love Beth very big for Derek as seen in the following quotation:

Singing his song again and again, suffering for something meaningful that harmonizes with this delicate melody so full of life and love. I'm afraid to stop singing. Afraid to let go." (Angela Morrison: 2013: 395).

The statement means that she is forced to meet his lover's last request to sing a song before Derek *went* on forever. Beth Evan struggles to make Derek survive all in vain after Beth stop singing, the fear that is felt Beth happen lover who he loved so much go away forever. Struggle to get love from Derek should end up with a miserable since Derek died so quickly and eventually make Beth must remain patient with the trials he has faced.

Beth hearts melt when Derek says I love you Beth. Even though actually she did not completely trust the words of a crane. Supposedly she was suspicious and angry, but Beth was trying to suspicions, feel angry, hurt not present in his thinking.

The portrayal of Beth Evan's struggle is that she imagines Derek loves her too and she is afraid of losing Derek as seen in the following quotation:

I curl up into a ball, looking at her pink, trying to hold on to the intensity of the way it makes me feel. He should be angry, suspicious, but I'm soft and dedicated. I love it completely. I do not think at all about the house, but he told me he loves me, twice, not three times. Even she made him say it." Morrison: 2013: 231)

The quotation above shows that Beth Evan's struggle to get her love seen when Beth imagines Derek loves her too and Beth Evan is afraid of losing Derek, so he was afraid to end the song and she could not and cannot accept the fact that Derek would go on forever. Love Beth Derek is sincere that he did not want her boyfriend quickly go away forever just because he stopped singing.

2. The types of struggle of Beth Evans's struggle as seen in Angela Morrison's *Sing Me to Sleep*

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A. The struggle to accept the facts of life.

The fact is the absolute thing that must be accepted by everyone, life is not as beautiful as we imagined. A fact of life and one's limitations require a struggle to be able to accept it with patience and a sincere heart. In addition to the ugly face Beth also sad because her father left only because they have a daughter who they were ugly. Frankl (1970:45) mentions that the meaning of life as something that is personal, and can change over time as well as the situation changes life goes on. Individuals as if asked what the meaning of life at

any time or situation and then be accountable. A fact of life and one's limitations require a struggle to be able to accept it with patience and a sincere heart.

In the novel *Sing me to sleep* depicted Beth character that was born with the face of a less than perfect as the other children with a face full of freckles, purple blotches on her forehead and the head of the oval as a result of childbirth. A fact of life that must be accepted by a girl.

Damn, how ugly it is, Tara. What did you do?

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The quotation above illustrates the figure of Beth who knew that she was really ugly so that his own father was willing to leave her only because her face is ugly. Beth Evan feels grief and so very sad abandoned by his father because her ugly face.

If Mom knew about half naked guy chained in my locker, the mask, the whole hall screaming kids when I walk by, all the creative ways that high school kids can remind a girl is damn ugly. Less than a human being. Negligible. Also the way the girls avoided me. Nobody ever wants to stay ensnared me. If Mom knew, he would destroy her." (Angela Morrison, 2013:86)

The above quotation shows that Beth did not want to tell her mother that at school she was shunned by her friends at school that her friend away from him, if her mother found out that she was devastated shunned by her friends because her face is ugly.

If Derek knew the Beth unstained, no manicure, no makeup, no laser, the Beast, would have been so happy to see me? So I was when I recorded. It could be just as Colby, but softer. A singer star instead of a star athlete.

Colby could be nice when he wanted. He managed to get all the cute girls school at will. If his performance at the dance was a clue, maybe your kindness is mainly arrogance. Derek did not seem so. How Any way, how would I know?" (Angela Morrison, 2013:138)

The quotation above shows that Beth worried when Derek informed of changes ranging from messy hair, a scar until his nails neat and cleaned up before Beth knows or likes to dress up. If Derek know the real me before my face full of scars and wounds scarring when myself being transformed into a beautiful monster by darting through advanced technology.

B. The struggle to achieve a dream.

In this life on earth a person must have ideals and dreams to be achieve both material and nonmaterial. But to achieve that kind of success is not easy, it takes the struggle and hard work in accordance with the capacity of people who want to achieve that goal.

Scott patting my shoulder. Just sing, Beth. That's all you need to worry. - His words dig a tiny hole at that weight and releases the pressure contained in my heart. I'm not flying. The sky is still impossible, but I know he's right. That's something I can do. To sing. Colby and their ugly masks warty witches cannot rob me of that." (Angela Morrison, 013: 5)

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The struggle achieve of dream can be seen when Beth describes what its limitations are advantages to have a great desire to achieve his dream. Being a famous singer like her friends are ideals Beth so proud parents. To realize that all is not easy. Being a famous singer is not easy. But Beth never despair. She tried to fight injustice in him. Her business that wants to be beautiful women to achieve their dreams.

In the same way, the struggle to achieve of dream seems when the main character Beth to continue striving to achieve what it wanted since childhood, changing its face that once was covered with wounds and scars with burning way that the scar is gone and her face became beautiful. Business continues to grow along with her dream of becoming a famous singer. The success was sweet but not course with the proces

C.The struggle in the form of affection

Compassion is the feeling that arises within a sincere heart to love, Cherish, and give happiness to others or anyone who loves her. Affection disclosed not only to a lover but the love of god, parents, family, and friends.

How you can even compare with it? It's hard to say this for a stupid phone while you're standing outside the office. You're everything, Mom. My voice fades and I have to whisper. Where would I be without you?" (Angela Morrison, 2013: 85)

The quotation above illustrates that puzzled how her mother could compare with Mom Meadow. Beth was not able to say or express what is in their minds. In her heart she says the mother is everything to me and imagines his life without another.

Is not there anyone else who want to take? You are kidding, right? You're sweet, Scott, but maybe not a good idea. My head will not stop slowly shake No way. Definitely I do not want to ruin our friendship." (Angela Morrison, 2013: 89)

The quotation above shows that Beth was very fond Scott as a friend of small, but on the other hand Scott love her more than a friend. Scott invites Beth go dance go to parties, But Beth fear with friendship during this time he spent together Scott damaged because only go dancing go to parties.

Thanks Mom. I love you. I am sorry. I am very, very sorry. He's crying again. I love you too. My voice breaks on the last word. The phone dies. My eyes burn. I guess I have two minutes before fall apart. No way can I go back to the pizza. And the calm, cool and beautiful Derek." (Angela Morrison, 2013: 145)

The quotation above shows that Beth apologized to her mother, because touched by the concern and compassion of her mother who is so sincere making spirit. The flavors are sorry that never stops Beth spoken to the mother who loves him despite Beth circumstances that could not have a child. The struggle in form of affection can be seen that the main character is Beth strongly concerned mother who compares himself with people who care for Beth. Here Beth tried to please her mother so as not sad because of lack of help in his success. Mother is everything to me and always helpful in every business.

Beth has been very close to her friend that Scott of their little friends and until they are adults still friends. Friendship existed until a few years and the fact that together they pose a spark of affection. However, like with his own friends did have a very complex Problem. Beth was afraid that if the courtship would damage their friendly relations. Here

Beth tried to keep her friendship still exists and Schott can love another woman. It means that Beth gets struggle of affection.

In the same way, the struggle in form of affection seems when the love of a mother to her child is very sincere and want their children to remain happy despite the circumstances forced Beth positive for disease in her womb cause defects such as himself. Beth still struggling not to get pregnant for fear of the fate that happened to recur to his son that he bladder like him who has a face that is not perfect. Affection and attention from her mother who makes Beth patient would ordeal that happened to him. The struggle in the form of a mother's love that is unmatched by the affection of others makes us realize that we do not ever make a mother's cry for affection that she makes are genuine and natural.

D. The struggle to get her Love

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I'm glad I have met you. He touches my arm back slightly as the flutter of a butterfly, and walks away.I stay there, fascinated watching her figure away, and whispered. I also." (Angela Morrison, 2013:130)

The quotation above describes the figure that was happy to finally meet with Derek. Derek also feels that, so impressed by the kindness of lea, Sarah and Beth. The first meeting made Beth was very happy to meet with Derek.

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The quotation above illustrates that Beth did not believe the reason Derek, that will go on holiday with his family, but Derek says love up to three times that make me say my feelings to him.

But whispers when you're near me, and I'll be at home. I move to the repetition of the chorus, and the public becomes clearer. They are with me, tears on their faces, and I realize that they are also seeking. Looking for beauty. Looking for love. Looking life. I found all that when Derek took my hand, smiled, and said, "Sing me until I fall asleep." Now I know what is beautiful, for him. I know what love is for him. I know I can be strong. Please, God, help me to be strong."(Angela Morrison, 2013: 402)

The quotation above shows that being someone who was abandoned by those we love is very difficult to be accepted, as well as Beth as a deep love Derek even though he was gone forever. Beth knows the true meaning of love when near me. She understood what the meaning of love and beauty that comes from Derek and she will be strong as it is now and hope to remain strong forever.

I am a fantasy. A myth. A digital recording, deleted easily. I am more. Another place. I do not belong here. But I'm here. I had worried about him and would have loved for the rest of my life. I held his hand when he went beyond. The pain I feel is as real as that pretty little girl who inadvertently stole it. I loved him. I still love him. I'm obstructed by the pain. I cannot bear to look back." (Angela Morrison, 13:404)

The quotation above illustrates that Beth remain faithful, she will continue to love Derek during his life and remained with him until he died. Although Beth was sad to lose her lover she remains strong to face it all for the sake of his sincere love Derek.

D. CONCLUSION

There are four portrayals of Beth Evan's struggle as seen in Angela Morrison's *Sing me to Sleep*. The first portrayal of Beth Evan's struggle to accept her real life is that she was born with the face of a less than perfect and she was sad of her ugly face and she should hide it from Derek and she misses her father. The last is that Beth Evan struggles to keep her friendship. The second portrayal of Beth Evan's struggle to achieve her dream. Beth Evan's dream is to be a famous singer and beautiful woman. The third portrayal of Beth Evan's struggle is to show the form of affection, that is the affection of her mother, The fourth portrayal of Beth Evan's struggle is to get her love. Beth Evan imagines that Derek loves her too and she was afraid of losing Derek.

There are four types of Beth Evan's struggle as seen in Angela Morrison's *Sing me* to *Sleep*. The types of Beth Evans's struggle are the struggle to accept the facts of life, the struggle to achieve a dream, struggle in the form of affection, and struggle to get her love. Struggle to accept the facts of life seen as she was born with the face of a less than perfect

called the beast. as the other children with a face full of freckles, purple blotches on her forehead and the head of the oval as a result of childbirth. A fact of life that must be accepted by a girl. The struggle achieve of dream can be seen when Beth describes what its limitations are advantages to have a great desire to achieve his dream. Being a famous singer like her friends are ideals Beth so proud parents. The struggle in form of affection can be seen that the main character is Beth strongly concerned mother who compares himself with people who care for Beth. And the struggle to get her love can be seen how she gets Derek's love.

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