

THE ANTAGONIST'S BETRAYAL IN NICHOLAS SPARK'S***DEAR JOHN*****Asrisyah Fitry Pulungan, Diana Sopha**

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Abstract

The antagonist's betrayal in Nicholas Spark's "Dear John" is the analysis of an antagonist's betrayal named Savannah who had a boyfriend, John, as an army but she married another person named Tim instead of John, but then she confessed that she loved John again. Betrayal is a problem in human life causing a bad feeling of sadness and disappointment for the one who is betrayed. Using descriptive qualitative method, antagonist's betrayal is found in two points. First her selfishness and secondly her love is given to another person. Her selfishness is further classified into doing something as she liked, neglecting John and being careless to Tim. Furthermore, her betrayal in loving another person is proven from her written expression through letter and her spoken confession of loving another person.

Keywords: Antagonist, Betrayal, Nicholas Spark, Dear John

Abstrak

Pengkhianatan antagonis dalam novel karya Nicholas Spark adalah suatu analisis pengkhianatan yang dilakukan oleh seorang tokoh antagonis bernama Savannah. Ia mempunyai pacar seorang tentara bernama John namun menikahi pria lain bernama Tim, namun ia kembali menyatakan bahwa ia mencintai John. Pengkhianatan merupakan suatu masalah dalam kehidupan manusia karena menimbulkan perasaan yang buruk seperti kesedihan dan kekecewaan bagi orang yang dikhianati. Dengan metode kualitatif deskriptif maka diperoleh hasil bahwa pengkhianatan antagonis terbukti dari dua sikapnya yaitu pertama, keegoisannya dengan melakukan sesuatu sesukanya, mengabaikan John dan tidak memperdulikan Tim, kedua pengakuannya mencintai orang lain yang ditulis melalui surat dan pengakuannya mencintai orang lain secara lisan.

Kata Kunci: Pengkhianatan, Antagonis, Nicholas Spark, Dear John

1. INTRODUCTION

Betrayal occurs when one feels that there has been a violation of the trust that one has placed in another that he or she will respect these hopes and expectations. Although Fitness (2001) has suggested that betrayal can occur in any relationship, Jones and Burdette (1994) have posited that betrayal only happens in established relationships, whereas the hurt that occurs in newer relationships is one of feeling rejected. This research is discussing the Antagonist's betrayal (Savannah) that occurred lovers (John and Savannah) with her seniors (Tim). It discusses the work theoretically and empirically and the causes of betrayal in different relational context, with a particular focus on perceived violation of relationship rules.

The story adaptation of the best-selling author Nicholas Sparks, *Dear John* tells the story of John Tyree, a young soldier home on leave, and Savannah Curtis, the idealistic college student he falls in love with during her spring vacation. Over the next seven years, the couple is separated by John's increasingly dangerous deployments. While meeting only sporadically, they stay in touch by sending a continuous stream of love letters overseas--correspondence that eventually triggers fateful consequences. Finally, the description of Betrayal in the novel is very interesting to be discussed therefore this research is entitled "An analysis of antagonist's betrayal in Nicholas Spark's *Dear John*".

2. METHODOLOGY

Method of research is the one of important ways to make a research about an analysis to object. Khotari (2004:1) defines "research as an scientific and systematic search for pertinent information on a specific topic". According to Moleong (2006:4) "*metodologi deskriptif kualitatif sebagai prosedur penelitian yang menghasilkan data deskriptif berupa kata kata tertulis atau lisan dari orang-orang dan perilaku yang dapat diamati.*" Based on the statement, it means that the qualitative descriptive methodology is the research procedure that produces descriptive data including written or oral data words of people and observed behaviours. Therefore, this research uses descriptive method because the data will be presented in descriptive form. It describes Savannah's betrayal in Nicholas Spark's novel *Dear John* through some steps: first, reading the novel, secondly finding out the betrayal of selfishness and loving another person, third quoting significant and relating words written in the novel, fourth describing the quotations and finally drawing conclusions.

3. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

a. Antagonist's Betrayal in The Novel

Antagonist's Betrayal is shown from selfishness. Selfishness can be defined and recognized as the other extreme, a person who only considers his/her own desires without any thought or consideration for the other persons needs or desires. A selfish person is often also dominant, domineering or controlling – even though it might not appear to be so evident at first.(Wanis, 2013).

Antagonist's selfishness can be identified through her behavior of doing something as she liked, neglecting otherand being careless.

b. Doing Something As She Liked

Savannah was asked about john's tatto and he eplained all the tatto he had in his body but there was a part that he didn't want to talked about that tatto and savannah was vorced him to explained. Savannah wasso selfish that she told something hurting him after what was happened last time. They were together spending their times and was convincing their feelings. Savannah told John that she loved him but after that she betray John It started when Savannah gave the book to John about asperger for John's Father.Savannah was convincing John that his father had asperger and forced her to read the book. Savannah came to John's house to meet John's father because she wanted to know him better because of her desire about autism and asperger's. Nevertheless, John believed that his father was not sick because he could have raised John. Still savannah convincing John that his father can get asparger's and still function.

c. NeglectingJohn

Savannah was so busy with her life, with her classes in the morning and usually finished up a little after lunch. She was taking four classes and teaching another as a graduate assistant, and on Thursday afternoons she worked with a professor on a case study, one she was sure would be published.

Savannah neglecting john since there was a big fight. John cheered that up by reserving a restaurant and chilling them out. John had known savannah's schedule so he waitedSavannah back home. But time by time passed away savannah still did not come to her apartment and made John angry. When she went back home. She just smiled like nothing happened. She neglectd John in her behavior. It shows that how selfish Savannah was because John just got back from German to meet them after a year apart but Savannah chose to be with her friends all weeks. John wanted to spent time together with her as they could, making up about the year was apart but john was coming to the conclusion that he might not important to her as she was to him. Savannah always had a

quarrel everytime John talked about it. They were more apart that it would be. Savannah realized that she was wrong to spend so much time with her friends that made Savannah doesn't have time for John, even for their relationship and make a misunderstanding for the way John thinking and she apologized for the mistake she made.

Here John already felt that Savannah had changed. He knew it from her behavior and she lost her respect to John. After they were good and made love, they talked each other and Savannah told John that was wonderful night with him but then she said she didn't want to talk about it. The way she talked to John all changed. It worried John. John already doubted Savannah that she had another man she cared about. John always called Savannah but it was unanswered. John kept calling Savannah regularly thought that making all better but all just same. In Christmas John bringing good news that he would back home soon but Savannah just keep quite for that. No more excitement of her. All just John hear was breathing.

Here John on his duty for army, he went to Iraq, there were poor mail delivery but still had it. John waited for Savannah's letter but there is none of them.

" where is he ? it was as she hadn't heard me" (John:288)

Here the time that John had already known that Savannah had husband and asking her where her husband was but there is no answer, Savannah was neglecting John.

d. Being Careless to Tim

Tim was sick in the hospital because of cancer. At that time she asked John to be with her because of her sadness. She just closed the door or yelling but she chose not to do that. Savannah still loved John and John did too but she could not do this to both of them. She could choose between John and Tim and because she couldn't control her desire, she did it that behind Tim who was her ex boyfriend. John was going out of the town and continued his job as an army and went to hospital to farewell to Tim and Savannah but she wanted to keep in touch with John by writing him but John refused it. Then she was angry and sad. John told Savannah that all was just alright but she denied it and she was not sure about her husband's condition and wanted John to be her side. Because of her selfishness she told John that she was not sure about her husband's recovery. After farewell, John went to the coin dealer and sold all his father's coins for Tim's recovery. After antagonist's betrayal through selfishness, antagonist's betrayal is also made by Savannah by loving another person. This can be proved by expressing her love to another person through letter, and confessing her love in spoken.

e. Expressing Her Love to Another Person Through Letter

In that statement above was in the last letter that Savannah sent to John. Back then they promised that they would send letters to each other while they were apart, but after a long time Savannah doesn't send any letter. Then she sent the last letter which she convinced that she felt lonely, sad, and fell in love with another person.

f. Confessing her Love of another person in Spoken

Savannah was talking with John when the first time they meet again after they broke up. John was asking Savannah that does she love her husband and Savannah was convincing her feeling that she love her husband. But John still doesn't know who her husband was. When Alan scared of Tim would leave him so Alan told Savannah that he loved Tim and Savannah calmed him by saying he love Tim too. John whose heard that was believe that Savannah really meant it and love him so much.

4. CONCLUSIONS

After analysis antagonist's betrayal in Nicholas Spark's "Dear John", there are two conclusions. First, antagonist did betray for her selfishness and secondly, she loved another person.

Antagonist's selfishness is further described into three points. First, Antagonist's betrayal in selfishness of doing something as she liked was when she asked John to get a tattoo. She doesn't care how John feel. John doesn't want to talk about that but Savannah still want to talk about that. Another one also when Savannah gives John a book about asperger and told John that his father has asperger's because she was studied it. Secondly, Antagonist's betrayal in selfishness of neglecting John was the way of antagonist to betray John as her lover and ex lover which her selfishness with her desire who disrespect him. Her selfish with her friends which they needed time together because they were apart and because Savannah just with her friends they got a lot of fight and made them more apart. Third, Antagonist's betrayal in selfishness of doing careless are when Savannah already married to Tim but when she met John again there were an accident that made Savannah forget about her husband and wanted John. They did something sinful but luckily Alan back home. There also when John went back to Germany and said farewell to Tim and Savannah but in her quotations says that she didn't believe that her husband would be good and just wanted to know that she could talk to John or write a letter for her and John refused it and Savannah got sad and angry of it.

Antagonist's betrayal in loving another person is proven by her expression of love to another person through letter and her spoken confession to love another person.

Antagonist's betrayal in loving another person by expressing her love to another person (Tim) through letter was when she was convincing John that she has feeling with another person. It was proven by her last letter that she sent to John. Then, antagonist's betrayal in loving another person was from her spoken confession was when John visited her and he was curious whether she loved her husband or not and she told him that she loved her husband, Tim. In contrast, when Alan got home and Savannah said that she loved Tim too. There was John watching them and feeling bad about it.

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