

WOMAN FAITHFULNESS IN LONE SCHERFIG'S ONE DAY MOVIE (2011): AS A READER RESPONSE STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Relationship is the continuity of interaction between two or more people that can easily make the process of recognizing one another. Relationships occur in every process of human life. Relationships can be divided into relationships with peers, parents, family, and the social environment. Most people desire a relationship that consists of two partners who only have eyes for each other. Yet, many people enter relationships with the intention of being faithful and end up straying. Faithfulness requires communication and concentrated effort from both partners. Faithfulness is defined differently across relationships. The aim of this research is to figure out how faithful woman is in a relationship and how they maintain to be faithful. Based on the analysis of One Day movie (2011) uses reader response theory by Louis Rosenblatt. From the reader response theory by Louis Rosenblatt, the researcher analyze the subject use the knowledge, feeling and emotion. The researcher collect the data by seeing the movie, reads the screenplay, then interpreting the data, and analyzed it. The result of this study explained how women maintain to be faithful by their actions in keeping good communication, showing interest and being patient. The causes of faithfulness were the feeling of deep love, the length of relationship and comfortable feeling with partner. And there were positive impacts and negative impacts in being faithful.

Keywords: reader response, woman faithfulness, relationship, love, patience.

1. INTRODUCTION

Faithfulness is the concept of unfailingly remaining loyal to someone or something, and putting that loyalty into consistent practice regardless of extenuating circumstances. It may be exhibited by a husband or wife who, in a sexually exclusive marriage, does not engage in sexual relationships outside of the marriage. (Wikipedia) In society there are differences between women and men in some aspects, for example in a relationship women use feeling more than logic while men use logic more than feeling. So that most of women choose to be faithful when they involve in a relationship because they love their partner and stay committed with him no matter what happen they feel the person who they stay faithful for could be the person who spend the rest of life with. On the other hand there are also some

woman who cannot be faithful, some factors can affect the women to be unfaithful, for example unaccepted loves, mentally and physically abused, less of attention from their partner, and feeling unsafe. Those examples can affect women to cheat on their partner and look for someone else that they think better for her. Here the researcher discuss about woman faithfulness in the main character Emma Morley in One day movie.

According to the explanation above, the problem statements of this study are:

1. What are the actions of the main character that reflected a woman faithfulness?
2. What is the cause the main character does faithfulness?
3. What are the effects of her faithfulness?

2. THEORITICAL FRAMEWORK

Transactional Reader-response theory, led by Louise Rosenblatt (1982) and supported by Wolfgang Iser, involves a transaction between the text's inferred meaning and the individual interpretation by the reader influenced by their personal emotions and knowledge. The meaning of the texts appeared to the reader that influenced by various variables a text act as stimulus or stimuli where we respond it by our own way. The feeling, memory, and the association will appear when we read or watching a movie. All of this affect us in understanding and interpret literary work and movie that we have read and watched before, all of our knowledge and even our physical condition and our current mood also affect our understanding and interpretation. Transactional literary theory centers on the reader's contribution in the two-way relationship with the literary text, lifting the reader to a prominent, essential position along with the author and the text. It develops the premise that the reader evokes a literary work through selective attention to the details of the author's "paper and ink. "Two types of reading are distinguished: "efferent" reading refers to what the reader "carries away" from the reading event (information, facts, solutions, required actions), while "aesthetic" reading refers to the feelings, attitudes, and ideas aroused in the reader during the actual reading. The degree to which readers use efferent or aesthetic reading activities affects their conception of the literary transaction. As examples

from various types of literature show, these elements of transactional literary theory explain how readers evoke a poem, understand the openness or constraints inherent in particular texts, and interpret, appreciate, criticize, and most of all personalize the literary value of the text they read.

3. METHOD

Participant - here the researcher put herself as a main participant to analyze. She will give her knowledge about the movie she watched based on the Rosenblatt theory. She uses transactional reader responses theory as her guidance and give her interpretations that influenced by the personal emotions and knowledge after she watched the movie.

4. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

The Actions that Reflected Woman Faithfulness

Faithfulness in general is about how much the level of someone can be stay committed in a personal relationship, friendship or organization which is shown by the attitude and action. It is also shown by giving a constant support through someone or something in a relationship or organization. Woman faithfulness is reflected in One Day Movie (2011). The study by Apostolou and Panayiotou (2019) mentioned the factors why women are more likely to be faithful than men. One of the factors that make women are found more faithful is because they are satisfied with their current relationship. They found that people whose partners treated them well, who didn't want to hurt their partner, or whodidn'twanttorisk destroying their relationship were the most confident that they would not cheat. When women feel satisfied with their current relationship they showed it by some actions. And they actions are explained below:

Communication

"Tell me, who's been writing you all those long letters?"

(Dexter's Mom)

"That is none of your business." (Dexter)

"Was it that girl who came to stay?" (Dexter's Mom)

"All those epic letters and compilation tapes."(Dexter) *"So, go on then. What*

happened?” (Emma)

“I got to know you. You cured me of you. I'd still like to read those poems.

What rhymes with Dexter?” (Dexter)

The quotation above shows how faithful Emma was to Dexter, when Dexter continues his life and career in Paris while Emma is in London. She sent many letters to Dexter to show him that she always there for Dexter even when they are miles apart. From all those letters and compilation tapes that have given by Emma, Dexter already knew that Emma keep her feeling to him. She cannot explain her feeling straight forward. So all those letters are the representations of how she feels about Dexter (her partner).

Communication is the main foundation of successful relationship. Two people in relationship should be opened to each other about their thoughts and feelings. In this way, they do not have to be guessing and question about their trust to each other. And there is nothing to be doubt on. This unit discussed about the main character Emma Morley and how she could remain faithful to Dexter Mayhew through the communication they had. In my point of view as a reader and responder, communication is very important in a relationship because everything that happened in a relationship should be discussed. Communication is also important to make people in the relationship build intense connection.

Showing Interest

Have been in a long relationship and friendship, it should not bore somebody to hear stories about their partner. They still have to show that their partner still occupy their mind. Such as giving simple attention, and hear them up are enough to show how much they are interested in their partner and the relationship itself. And also giving a small surprise can make their partner loves them a lot more. In my experience when I had a relationship, showing interest is needed because it is showing how much I love my partner. It can also make my partner aware that he is mean to me. Showing interest also can make the partner realize that I put the relationship as a priority and help the relationship could goes well.

“When we were at the university, before we spoke even. I had a crush on you, ridiculous I know but when we almost did it that night, I couldn't believe it I wrote poems and everything. What have you got to say to that?” (Emma)

“Well, I already knew” (Dexter)

“What do you mean you knew?” (Emma)

“Well, I sort of guess. All those epic letters and compilation tapes, so go on then what happened?” (Dexter)

“I got to know you, you cured me of you” (Emma)

“I’d still like to read those poems. What rhymes with Dexter?” (Dexter)

“Prick, it’s a half rhymes” (Emma)

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At this point Emma is being brave and honest to express her feeling to Dexter after several years hide it. She told Dexter honestly that she has fallen in love with him since they were in University. She said that she couldn’t believe that she almost did sexual intercourse with him, although that plan ended up in failure. She explained honestly that all those epic letters and poem was a representation of her feeling when she couldn’t really express it directly and confessed it to Dexter. Emma is so faithful and dedicated to Dexter and their relationship although he was so complicated and a total mess. It did not change anything in her feeling and mind. She is still in love with Dexter as she has been doing all this time.

Patience

Patience is the ability to wait calmly for or through something. If it is a virtue, it seems likely that there must be some element of suffering in the waiting, even if the suffering is only boredom and not necessary physical pain.

Patience is something we admire in others, even if we’ve never told them. It’s also something we all wish to have more of especially in relationships with those who matter most. And it’s usually those who matter most to us that we tend to be the least patient with. Patience is necessary if we are to see the best in each other. It’s needed to keep our relationship meaningful and inspiring. In fact, if one is not making a conscious effort to learn to appreciate their loved one more every day taking time to seriously consider his or her needs, they cannot expect their relationship to grow. More often than not, such a relationship loses the joy and meaning. A valuable and essential connection is lost. And without help, it is a very difficult bond to regain. Aristotle, patience is a bitter thing, but that the fruit of it is sweet. The truth is we have to work at cultivating our relationships if they are to bear fruit. In the beginning of a relationship we are

inclined to love because of someone's best qualities and learn to love them, in spite of their worst. However, a lack of patience not only covers up someone's best qualities, but also makes it impossible to tolerate their worst. My personal connection to this is that patience is very needed, as my experience to deal with partner in relationship patience helps me to understand my partner more. With patience I want to make my partner feel comfortable and show him how well I can handle him and accept him. Patience also can keep the relationship went well.

In one day movie, the main character Emma Morley is shown as a loyal woman to Dexter Mayhew. During their 18 years of their relationship she did so many things to stick up by Dexter although Dexter is a complicated person and always playing around with many women. Her loyalty can be shown by how patience Emma to handle Dexter and the circumstances between both of them.

The Causes of the Main Character Does Faithfulness Deep Love

Too much love indeed make women melt easily and forgive their partner. Even though she has been repeatedly hurt and lied to. Love is also a reason to survive, hoping that the partner can see such great affection from the woman and decide to treat her better. I found this thing in Emma's figure. Emma has a big love for Dexter even Dexter has hurt her and lied to her for uncountable times. She always has reasons to survive and stay with Dexter. She believes that Dexter could change and treat her well, while he always shows that he couldn't change to be a better person.

Some dialogues of the movie can support this finding, here the dialogues and explanations below:

"I come on, and I say here is funny, you'll like this. There is this guy and he's going out with his girl and he worships her and they buy a flat together. And then he gets her an engagement ring, the lot. But it turns out that she's still in love with her best friend"(Ian)

"Interesting Ian, because I have not seen Dexter for ages" (Emma)

"Do you know how he found out about it? He read it in her poetry." (Ian)

By these dialogues, I can take a conclusion that Emma is really in love with Dexter. It becomes one of the reasons why she can always forgive Dexter and accept everything he did even if it is for the worst thing. Also when she knows how messed and complicated Dexter is.

Long Lasted Relationship

For some women, getting out of a relationship that has existed for a long time is a hard thing to do. There are many considerations such as whether the new person will be better than the last partner or does the new relationship will be last long like the previous one, and many more.

Women tend to think that it is better to stay with someone they have known for long time. Because they know them well instead of starting a new introduction with new people and learn how to adjust themselves to them. On the other hand women choose to be faithful because they feel comfortable and with their partner. Based on this issue, I found the same cases in One Day Movie. Emma Morley is really faithful to Dexter because she has been with him for 18 years until the end of her life.

During the 18 years of relationship with Dexter Emma through ups and downs of their life journey. They met on fifteen of July 1988 when they just graduated from university. Since that time they could not be separated from each other. For those explanation above, I found the proofs in the movie which are showing the settings of time, it is every year on fifteen of July Emma and Dexter always meet each other which is in Saint Within's Day.

Comfortable Feeling

The relationship between Emma and Dexter has been going for 18 years and they seem so comfortable to each other. In some scenes of the movie the audience served by the actions and chemistry between those two. Emma seems so excited whenever she met Dexter and also the opposite. They expressed their each other's longing Emma is always become a place to come back for Dexter whenever he needed somebody to share the stories.

For example from the beginning when Dexter has a problem with his family he called Emma because he knew that Emma is the only person he believes in. And then when he has a problem with his career, his careers were about to end he came to Emma, and Emma is the only person who can make him feel better after all the chaotic were happened to him. The last is when he divorced with his wife, after the divorcement he came to Paris to meet Emma. Again Emma becomes his place to escape from the

problem he has in life.

The Impact of Woman Faithfulness

There are some impacts that can get if woman can be faithful to their partner. However everything that exists in this world always has two sides, which are positive and negative.

Here I will explain about both of them the positive impacts of faithfulness and the negative impact of it. From the character of Emma Morley, there are impacts she got after she sticks up for Dexter for 18 years. I will give example of those things that I get from some scenes and dialogues of movie.

Positive Impact

If a woman decided to be faithful to their partner, there are some positive impacts she will get from her decision:

Creating a Commitment

Faithfulness that has been shown by a woman make the partner feels no doubt to have a commitment with. When the man feels that the woman is faithful to him, the commitment with each other can be created by itself. Because it makes the man feels that he already found someone that can handle him properly.

I found that thing on Emma Morley's character. She is too good to Dexter. How she treated Dexter and her struggle to stick up with him can be seen in some scenes and dialogues of the movie. Such as when Dexter through so many problems and his life is getting down time by time she never left him even for once. And then after all of those mess she finally can marry to Dexter after their 18 years of relationship.

"I would like to thank everyone for coming to our wedding, for what can only be described as a whirlwind romance. Seriously when people ask how Emma and I first met I tell them that we grew up together blah blahblah" (Dexter)

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"You are not going to say blah blah blah on the day, are you?"
(Emma)

Finally after long wait and storms Emma and Dexter and marry. This is the example that faithfulness from Emma could bring her to the day when she finally could

stay in real long term commitment with Dexter. And they live happily as husband and wife.

Building a Strong Relationship

In One Day movie Emma Morley teaches us how faithful can bring us to some positives impact in a relationship. Her actions and behavior could be the example of woman faithfulness. She has unlimited patience and can hold her pain towards Dexter although actually she felt so hurt. But her patience and faithfulness can make her relationship last long for 18 years until the end of her life.

Being Able to Face Problems in Life

The relationship between Dexter and Emma is very strong, they through all the problems in life together. Dexter is the one who has so much problems and messy life. And Emma is the person who sticks up with him through his problem, this is showing how faithfulness can make two people become stronger to face all the problems in life.

Negative Impacts

Wasting Time

In the movie, Emma Morley sacrifices her 18 years to stand by Dexter although Dexter always brings her down. During 18 years she could not let him go because her feeling to her is too much. She had ever tried to have a relationship with another man but in the end she always got back with Dexter. And here Dexter always used Emma for his place to escape. He thought that Emma would never leave her. No matter how messed up he is.

“I’ve been through a lot recently I might get a bit carried away but I would not stop getting at me.” (Dexter)

“Am I? I don’t mean to, and I know that you have been through a lot with your mom and all, I know. But there are things that I needed to talk to you about how I am stuck in this flat with a man that I am not in love with. And if I can’t talk to you, then what’s the point of you? Of us?” (Emma) “What do you mean what’s the point?” (Dexter)

“I think we’ve outgrown each other. No you have outgrown me you think I am uncool and dreary.” (Emma)

The way Emma loves Dexter makes Dexter take her for granted. Dexter

always thinks that Emma will always be there for him and he could do anything he wanted to. During 18 years of relationship Emma seems to be the person who always sacrifice her time and energy for Dexter, even though Dexter not giving the same in return. In my opinion Emma deserved to be treated better than the way Dexter treat her. But she was blind by her love and how much Dexter meant to her. She wastes her time for the person who cannot treat her as well as she did.

Putting the Feelings Aside

There are many women who love their partners but they sometimes put their feelings aside. They are too focused on the person they love but they do not realize that their feeling could be broke too because of their partner. This is happened to Emma Morley, her love to Dexter makes her sacrifices her feeling and hold her pain she felt inside.

When Dexter busy with all the girls and hooked up with them Emma always let him do anything he wanted although she looks tired and overwhelmed to handle him and his bad behavior. After that when she met Dexter on their friend's wedding and he told him that he would marry to another woman she tried to please herself for him. Those are showing how she sacrifices her feeling to please Dexter. When she knows that it is hard for her and unacceptable.

To support the argument above I have some evidences from the dialogue of them in the movie, here the evidence below:

"Well don't sleep with any of your students. It's unethical and predictable." (Emma)

"It's good advice Em, thank you." (Dexter)

(When Dexter came to the Café Emma works in and Emma saw him kissed another girl.)

"Golden boy wants to see you, he's got a new one" (Ian)

"We were just kissing" (Dexter)

"You were trying to fit her entire head in your mouth. And what does she see in you anyway?" (Emma)

"Well, she said I am complicated" (Dexter) (Emma and Dexter came to their old friend's wedding party and he told her that he would marry).

"Well you know, I have something to tell you too." Dexter gave her a wedding invitation. (Dexter)

"You're getting married" (Emma)

"Yeah, so you're pleased?" (Dexter)

"Of course I am pleased Dex, it's a fantastic news really."

She holds her tears (Emma)

Willing to Be Underestimated

Loving somebody is the part of how's life goes for human life, Women sometimes equate loving a man with giving, doing things to please him, and being submissive. Some women seem like they have endless stock of love to give to their partners, but not for themselves. This makes them being underestimated by men because they think no matter what they did to their woman they will not leave them because women love them so much.

I see this thing on Dexter figure in *One Day Movie*. He seems took Emma for granted because Emma loves him so he could do anything he wanted because he knows that Emma will always accept him no matter what. It could be seen from the way he treated Emma. He treated her so bad, and in return she always treated him so well.

Here some dialogues that show how Dexter underestimates Emma:

"Why?" (Dexter)

"When we were in university before we spoke even, I had a crush on you. Ridiculous I know but when we almost did it that night I couldn't believe it I wrote poems and everything, what have you got to say to that" (Emma)

"Well, I already knew" Dexter giggles (Dexter)

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(Emma and Dexter had a fight and she explained what she felt to Dexter) "I've been through a lot recently I might get a bit carried away but I would not stop getting at me." (Dexter)

"Am I? I don't mean to, and I know that you have been through a lot with your mom and all, I know. But there are things that I needed to talk to you about how I am stuck in this flat with a man that I am not in love with. And if I can't talk to you, then what's the point of you? Of us." (Emma) *"What do you mean what's the point?"* (Dexter)

"I think we've outgrown each other. No you have outgrown me you think I am uncool and dreary." (Emma)

From those citations above, I can see that Dexter is always underestimates Emma. And the way he treated her is not as good as he should treated her be. Sometimes women do not realize that their faithfulness to their man could be taken for granted because the men consider the women would never leave them. The man got everything they wanted while the women are willing to sacrifice everything for the men.

5. CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

Conclusion

In this final project, I discuss about women faithfulness uses reader response theory Rosenblatt (1982). What the actions of woman faithfulness, what the causes of women faithfulness and what the impact of women faithfulness. I focused on the main character of One Day movie, Emma Morley. I found out the examples of the actions, causes, and impacts of women faithfulness in the main character of the movie, Emma Morley. On the first discussion, I found the actions of women faithfulness that reflected in One Day movie was in dialogues and behavior toward the other character. Her actions of faithfulness showed by the way women talked to their partner, the way she felt, and the way she treated their partner like the communication, the way they showed their interest, and their patience. For the second discussion, I found out the causes women remain to be faithful to her partner. The causes are showed by her feeling to the other character, her actions also support the causes why she is being so faithful to her partner. She showed clearly that she was really in love with her partner. She was so comfortable with her partner and she never tempted to turn away from her partner.

In the third discussion, I found out the impacts of women faithfulness. There are two impacts of women faithfulness which are positive and negative. The positive impacts are creating a commitment, building a strong relationship, and being able to face every problem in life. Faithfulness also has negative impacts for women such as wasting their time, they tend to put their feelings aside, and they are willing to be underestimated by their partner.

Suggestion

It is good to learn English literature. Especially for students who want to learn English. For English literature students learn reader response is important because it is the part of English literature itself. Reader response can guide students to react and give response toward literary works.

This research is far from perfect, yet this research can be a reference for the other researcher if they want to make further research about reader response with the main topic, women faithfulness. I hope I could give a new knowledge to English literature students about reader response and women faithfulness

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