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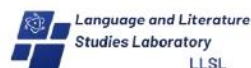
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The Image of Women in Th Legend Putri Hijau: A Feminist Literary Analysis

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Abstract

This research aims to describe the analysis of feminism in the literary work of the drama “Putri Hijau”. In this study, a descriptive qualitative research method with a feminist literary studies approach was used. Feminist literary studies open up insights into how representations of women are constructed in a culture influenced by patriarchal norms, as well as how gender power is reproduced or challenged in narratives. Through a more in-depth study, this research highlights the complex dynamics of women's lives in fighting for identity and freedom amidst constraining social and cultural pressures. Thus, this study provides an in-depth understanding of the role and representation of women in drama literature and its relevance in a feminist context.

Keyword: Feminism; Drama; Putri Hijau

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INTRODUCTION

The theme of women is a very intriguing topic to explore in literature. In this context, there are two different perspectives. The first perspective places women as individuals whose weaknesses are exploited by men, while the second perspective shows that women are not as weak as often perceived. They can voice their inner thoughts and striving for equality and justice. Wherever women are, they always become fascinating subjects of discussion, especially for men. With all the existing dynamics, women become an endless source of inspiration. They possess two opposing sides: on one hand, captivating beauty, and on the other, they are often considered weak and exploited.

Currently, the condition still shows that women are often marginalized, sidelined, and become objects of exploitation. Unfair treatment is also evident in the workplace, where women often receive lower wages than men despite working in offices, factories, fields, or farms. Fakih (2007:13) states that the work assigned to women is often in sectors that do not require high intelligence and skills. This gender injustice is a real problem in our society. Gender differences fundamentally originate from God when humans were created. However, these differences should not result in gender injustice. Many women still experience gender injustice. This reflects the need for changes in the patriarchal social and cultural structure so that women receive fair and equal treatment.

Feminist literary criticism in drama works is an analytical approach that highlights the roles and representations of women in dramatic texts. This approach stems from the broader feminist movement that seeks to challenge and change the patriarchal social and cultural structures. In the context of literature, feminist criticism aims to reveal how women are portrayed in literary works, how their roles relate to gender ideologies, and how these texts reflect or oppose social norms about women. This approach also highlights the gender inequality woven into the narratives and dramatic structures and examines how literature can serve as a tool for resistance or reinforcement of patriarchy (Akbar, 2023; Senen, 2024; Qamari; Andryrestu, 2024; Maisari, 2024).

In feminist literary studies, the analysis of dramatic works often uncovers complex and relevant gender dynamics within the narratives. One literary work that is interesting to study from a feminist perspective is the drama "Putri Hijau." This work offers a fascinating window to explore how women's representation is constructed within a cultural context rich with patriarchal norms. In this introduction, a critical examination will provide a deeper understanding of how women are depicted, how gender power is reproduced or challenged, and how these narratives can shed light on women's struggles in seeking identity and freedom.

The drama "Putri Hijau" tells the story of a princess living in a rigid and constrained palace environment. A feminist literary analysis can meticulously unravel this narrative, highlighting how female characters in this drama are positioned in traditional roles limited by patriarchal norms. An in-depth analysis of the dialogue, actions, and conflicts in the story will reveal how power and control over women in the royal society become central themes faced by the female characters in the drama (Cristina, 2024; Munidar, 2024; Paull, 2024; Rahmadani, 2024; Johan, 2024; Ibrahi, 2024).

Moreover, a feminist literary analysis of "Putri Hijau" will also open avenues to explore how cultural views on women are reflected in literature. For instance, how patriarchal values regarding purity, loyalty, and duty are raised and questioned through the experiences of female characters. The analysis will highlight how these norms influence

individual freedom, decision- making, and the achievement of life goals of the female characters in the drama. Alongside this, the feminist literary analysis will also examine how the female characters in "Putri Hijau" respond to or challenge existing norms. Do they follow the rules imposed by the patriarchal society, or do they choose to defy and seek freedom beyond the limitations imposed? This research will uncover how the strength and resilience of women emerge in facing social and cultural pressures that hinder their freedom.

METHOD

The research method used in this study is descriptive with a qualitative approach. This qualitative approach emphasizes a deep understanding of the context, meaning, and experiences of individuals or groups within the study context. The research method applied in this literature review analysis is descriptive comparative research. The approach implemented is a literature review, which involves collecting data through understanding and studying theories from various literatures relevant to this research. According to Zed (2004), there are four stages in a literature review: preparing the necessary tools, compiling a working bibliography, managing time effectively, and reading and noting the research material. The data collection process includes searching and gathering sources from various references such as books, journals, and previous research. The collected material is then critically and thoroughly analyzed to support the propositions and ideas proposed in this research. Descriptive method is used to describe the characteristics and nature of the observed phenomenon by collecting data through observation, interviews, or text analysis. The qualitative approach allows researchers to understand the complexity of the phenomenon holistically, providing room for deeper interpretation of the obtained data.

FINDING AND DISCUSSION

In various tales and legends, women are often depicted with various images reflecting their strength, beauty, and wisdom. One female figure rich in such images is Putri Hijau. The story of Putri Hijau is not just a fairy tale about a princess with extraordinary beauty, but also about a woman who exudes inner charm, shows deep loyalty, sacrifices for the good of others, demonstrates strong independence, and possesses wisdom and courage in facing various challenges. In the following explanation, we will explore in depth how these various aspects are reflected in the character of Putri Hijau, making her an inspiring example of the multifaceted nature of a strong and principled woman. The following are some of the images of women built by Putri Hijau:

The image of a woman with extraordinary beauty

Putri Hijau reflects a very captivating and enchanting allure. Her beauty is not only evident in her charming physical appearance but also in the charm that radiates from within her. Her enchanting face, possibly believed to have a magical allure, makes her the center of attention wherever she goes. People are mesmerized by her beautiful face, considered a rare natural gift. As she walks, her presence attracts the eyes and hearts of anyone who sees her, creating an aura of mystery that makes her not only physically beautiful but also spiritually. Moreover, Putri Hijau's beauty is not only a reason to be admired but also gives her strength and advantage in various situations. Her beauty becomes a weapon that allows her to achieve her goals, whether gaining sympathy and support from the community or rejecting marriage proposals that do not align with her desires. With her charisma, she can influence those

around her, even impacting the fate of a kingdom. Her beauty is not just a physical attribute but a source of power that enables her to influence the course of events and play a crucial role in her life journey and the continuity of the surrounding village and kingdom.

The image of a loyal woman

Putri Hijau reflects deep loyalty to her values and promises. She is not only loyal to herself but also to her loved ones and birthplace. Despite facing difficulties and injustice, she remains steadfast in her principles, such as when she rejects the king's proposal because she feels unappreciated. Her persistence in maintaining her integrity shows that loyalty for Putri Hijau is a non-negotiable value, even if it means leaving a comfortable life and choosing to leave her village to seek justice and a new place she can call home. Additionally, Putri Hijau's loyalty is also evident in her commitment to protecting her birth village, even though she has left. Her promise to always remember and protect Desa Seberaya demonstrates a strong loyalty to her roots and identity. Despite her life changing and experiencing new things in the Aru kingdom, she never forgets her origins or severs ties with her birthplace. Her loyalty to Desa Seberaya is proof of an emotional and spiritual bond to her homeland, showing that for her, loyalty is a commitment not limited by distance or time.

The image of a sacrificial woman

Putri Hijau depicts a great sacrificial attitude for the good of others or to uphold the values she believes in. She does not hesitate to make sacrifices, both physically and emotionally, for the well-being of her siblings and her birthplace. Her actions of stealing food to share with her siblings, despite the risk of endangering herself, is a concrete example of sacrifice made for the survival of others. She sets aside her personal interests for the needs of her siblings, showing that her care and sense of responsibility exceed selfishness or self-interest. Furthermore, Putri Hijau also makes a great sacrifice by leaving her birth village to seek justice and pursue a better life. Her decision to leave Desa Seberaya, a place she once called home, shows a great sacrifice in pursuing a better life for herself and her siblings. She takes risks and embarks on an uncertain journey, without guarantees of success or safety, solely to fight for rights and justice, which she believes are important values. In her sacrifice, Putri Hijau not only strives for her own good but also the good of others and the honor of her birthplace, making her sacrifice a reflection of her courage and sincerity.

The image of an independent woman

Putri Hijau reflects the ability to make decisions and act independently without relying on others. She shows independence in various aspects of her life, from fulfilling her own needs to making significant decisions that affect her life path. For instance, when she chooses to leave Desa Seberaya, she does not just follow the flow or be influenced by others' opinions, but firmly decides to seek a new life that is better for herself and her siblings. This decision shows that Putri Hijau has the confidence and courage to live her life according to her own desires, without depending on others or being bound by social conventions. Moreover, Putri Hijau also shows independence in taking care of herself and her siblings amid difficult situations. Despite facing challenges and obstacles, she does not give up or rely on others to solve her problems. Instead, she uses her intelligence and skills to survive, even when having to take unconventional actions such as stealing food for her siblings' survival. Her ability to act independently and face challenges calmly shows that Putri Hijau is a tough figure.

The image of a woman with a spirit of sacrifice

Putri Hijau demonstrates a tendency to prioritize the needs and happiness of others over her own interests. Putri Hijau engages in various acts of sacrifice, showing her willingness to give up her time, energy, and even personal well-being for the benefit of others. For instance, she routinely steals food from the village to share with her needy siblings, even though this endangers herself. This act reflects her readiness to face risks and difficulties to protect and support her loved ones, illustrating her heart filled with a sincere and selfless spirit of sacrifice. Moreover, Putri Hijau makes a significant sacrifice by leaving her birthplace to seek a new life in the pursuit of justice. Despite leaving the place she once called home, Putri Hijau chooses to fight for the rights and justice she believes in. Her decision to leave the comfort and security of her village shows that she is willing to sacrifice her personal comfort to uphold her values and defend the truth. By taking this step, Putri Hijau demonstrates that her sacrifices are not limited to individuals or specific groups but encompass broader interests, including honor and justice.

The image of a wise woman

Putri Hijau embodies intelligence, wisdom, and calmness in facing difficult situations. Putri Hijau shows composure when confronted with challenges and conflicts, not swayed by emotions or confusion. She carefully considers various options and their consequences before making decisions, ensuring that her actions are based on well-thought-out considerations and deep thinking. The decisions she makes also reflect her wisdom in prioritizing and emphasizing the common good over personal interests. Additionally, Putri Hijau exhibits wisdom in her attitudes and actions toward others. She can understand the feelings and needs of others and acts empathetically and respectfully in her interactions with them. For instance, even though she may feel unappreciated by her own community, she does not respond with hatred or revenge but chooses to show understanding and forgiveness. Her wise demeanor allows her to maintain harmonious relationships with those around her, even in challenging situations.

The image of a courageous woman

Putri Hijau's character is reflected in her attitude of facing various obstacles and conflicts fearlessly. Despite being confronted with difficult situations and societal pressures, Putri Hijau remains steadfast in her principles and beliefs. Her courage to stay true to her values, even if it means defying authority or existing social norms, shows her remarkable bravery in maintaining her integrity. Furthermore, Putri Hijau demonstrates great courage in taking risks to protect her loved ones and fight for justice. When situations require bold actions, such as when her siblings face threats from the Aceh forces, Putri Hijau does not hesitate to take daring measures to resist oppression and uphold their dignity. Her bravery to act and face danger shows that she is a fearless figure, ready to confront any challenges that arise for the sake of her loved ones and the truth she believes in.

CONCLUSION

In the story of Putri Hijau, we see a multifaceted image of a woman filled with captivating and inspiring characteristics. Through her extraordinary beauty, steadfast loyalty, great sacrifices, resilient independence, profound wisdom, and unparalleled bravery, Putri Hijau

emerges as a figure who not only captivates hearts but also fights for justice and protects her loved ones. Her physical beauty is not just an allure but a source of strength that influences the course of events and brings change to her life and her surroundings. Her deep loyalty to her values and birthplace makes her a robust example of how loyalty transcends time and distance. The great sacrifices she makes and her selflessness color her life's journey, showing that love and care for others are integral parts of her strong character. Her independence in facing challenges and her bravery in confronting danger illustrate that women can possess extraordinary strength, both physically and mentally. Overall, Putri Hijau is the perfect embodiment of an inspiring and strong woman, who not only radiates external beauty but also exudes inner strength and goodness.

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