CHAPTER 3

Analysis

This chapter presents the analysis to answer the research problems. This research will talk about loyalty and integrity in the main character Nathan in the *Half Bad* Novel, how the character could finish his problem without sacrifice his father as he was recommended by the council of white witch to kill him in the novel. Interestingly, when we know that his father is a threat because of his power and every bad thing that suspects to him. However, Nathan always trust him and say no to kill his father although it would bring him in danger and high risk because of his will to protect his father.

3.1 The Internal and External Factors

Respect to your parent, perhaps it is the fixed word to draw the important attitude that we must have to our parent. Basically, Nathan as a child and main character succeed to tell how we must do, trust your heart and becoming a loyal and integrity person is the right way to show how good you are. It is no sense how old you are, someone that can handle his loyalty and integrity as a part of his life will find more luck and become respectable in any condition. There are many factors from internal and external that figure those characteristics in someone’s character like Nathan. This analysis will provide those factors in detail.
3.1.1 Internal Factor: Strong Heart

Heart holds the vital role to control emotion, it is related to management of emotion. People that success control his emotion will get a lesson in each experience than other that can’t hold this, they will look every trouble, fault, and obstacle as the teacher that bring them become better in each time. Heart is the base of intuition and moral. Both of them has the big impact to the character development, it also influences the quality of loyalty and integrity in the character.

Moral is central to your deepest sense of who you are, however, then you are more likely to construe issues immoral terms, to reflect deeply on what you ought to do, and to do what you deem morally correct—the alternative is to betray yourself and suffer the self-imposed emotional consequences of your lack of integrity. Thus, at the level of behavioral choice and associated feelings, questions of morality direct us to questions of identity (Moshman 75). According to the expert, moral is absolutely important to figure the integrity out. No one seems to have a good integrity if they haven’t had a good morality or tendency to betray their selves, this is because of parallelism of them.

Intuition is like an ‘alarm’ in the human behavior, it measure the wrong or right based on human feeling. Moshman revealed that intuitionism, corresponding to the more general stance of objectivism, holds that moral rightness or wrongness can be determined by moral intuitions, which serve a role parallel to direct perception in the determination of truth (116). The intuition expresses in the quotation below.
My father is not evil at all; he is powerful and strong. And he cares about me . . . he loves me. And he wants to bring me up as his true son, to teach me about witchcraft, to show me the world. But he is constantly persecuted by White Witches who give him no opportunity to explain. They hound him and hunt him but he only attacks them when he has no alternative… (Sally Green 86)

From the quotation above, we can look that Nathan still trust to his feeling or intuition, Nathan never follow all of people suspect to his father, he can handle his feeling to think positive for someone that they love. So, trust to your intuition is the best way to make a right decision.

Moral and intuition of Nathan direct him to the right way with the best attitude, he never trust the opinion without a fact and always look everything according to objectivity about his father. Even though, the council always tells him the badness about his father, Nathan always has the reason not to follow their invitation to be cooperative with them.

Nathan as the major character has the great morality that influence the whole of the story. It makes the other character follow his way, the enemies and his supporters seem like surrounding him in the novel, as DiYani stated that a major character is an important figure at the center of the story’s action or theme (54).

3.1.2 Internal Factor: Good Mentality

Good mentality is important stuff to figure loyalty and integrity in oneself, without it someone won’t be able to hold out from any pressure and temptation. It is important because you need it to handle emotion and get a good solution by temperate.
Mentality can be construed as ego, when you unsuccessful to handle your ego, it is like you can’t handle your ego toward the id. People with a good mentality have an ability to control their ego well, their ego have a defense mechanism that help them to repair and enhance their mentality toward the problems. According to Siegfried, one defense mechanism Freud talks about in particular is Sublimation. Sublimation is the defense mechanism where socially unacceptable impulses or desires are consciously transformed into socially acceptable behaviors or actions, possibly resulting in a long-term conversion of the initial impulse. Freud believed sublimation to be a sign of maturity, not only individually but also societally, allowing people to function in culturally acceptable ways. Freud defined sublimation as the process of deflecting sexual instincts into acts of higher social valuation. He saw it as an especially conspicuous feature of cultural development (3).

In the following quotation, it will show how Nathan sublimation happen in his experience.

The new trick is to stay in the present… Get lost in the detail of it… Enjoy it!

Enjoy the fine tuning of where I’m doing push-ups, I mean really finding the finest tuning of where my fingers are in relation to each other, how straight or how bent, and how they feel on the ground…(321)

The quotation above is the process Nathan to accept the reality that happens in the present. In the previous text the reader will find that Nathan still hard to accept his condition and he tried to escape but failed.

And so the trick doesn’t work. It doesn’t work, and you do mind; you mind about it all. You don’t want to be back in that cage, and you don’t want the trick anymore. You don’t want any of it anymore (31).
In the quotation above, Nathan feels that he recently lives is so tragic, he must live in the cage in fifteenth years old. For him, it is a great suffer in his life, he wants to escape from that but it never works. He was lost his motivation and become regret for himself.

Nathan in the story experiencing the process of maturity through the sublimation. According to Freud, he believes sublimation to be a sign of maturity, not only individually but also societally, allowing people to function in culturally acceptable ways. He defined sublimation as the process of deflecting sexual instincts into acts of higher social valuation (Freud in Siegfried 3). So, integrity not just result from a good integrity in oneself, but also indication that someone become mature inside. Nathan success to pass the phase by feel the suffering and pressure that give him a positive impact as the result of maturity process.

3.1.3 Internal Factor: High Motivation

Motivation is the important thing in someone’s life, without that someone will live in the blank space that bring them in loneliness and confusion. Those effects come because someone that have a poor motivation will easily to get depression and lost their spirit to keep survive from any problem that they had.

In this analysis, we find that the main character could motivate himself by trusting his instinct to loyal for his father. He seemed to know that his father not absolutely bad like people opinion. This is make sure that instinct as the part of motivational process has a big role in Nathan’s personal characteristic.
In *Instincts and Their Vicissitudes*, Freud distinguished between instincts and stimuli. Instincts, according to him, are principal motivating factor of behaviour. Stimuli, on the other hand refer to the external factors affecting the organism. Freud originally used the German word *Trieb* to express the motivating factor. “Literally the word *Trieb* means the mechanical provocation to action” (Bolles 61). So, the following quotation will explain which point that have relevance with the theory.

I guess he (Marcus) had his reasons, but Celia doesn’t tell me what they are, even if she know (141).

In the text above we indicate that the word ‘I guess’ mean he has other perspective about his father (Marcus). In other word, he know that his father wasn’t guilty according to his instinct as the son. Nathan was motivated by his instinct about his father, he never trust anyone without a truly evidence about him. It has shown that a boy like Nathan could has a high loyalty because of a high motivation in the inside of him.

Stimuli, it comes from the external factor that also influences individual’s motivation, like Nathan that motivated by Mary that gives him some knowledge about his father like in the quotation below.

I scowl at her. “My gran has lied to me.”

“When?”

“When she didn’t tell me that she had met Marcus, that she knew Marcus. When she didn’t deny that my mother was attacked by him. When she didn’t tell me that the Council was responsible for my mother’s death.”(269)
In the quotation above, Nathan realizes that his Gran has been hidden something important about his father from him, he was surprised when Mary open his eyes by telling the truth about the council as the only one that has a big responsibility toward his mother’s dead. They forced her to kill herself and confess her fault although she know it’s not. Therefore, he thought that he has a responsibility to save his father’s life from the cruelty of the witch council. As the result, that incident makes Nathan motivated to keep protect his father.

So, from the previous paragraph we will understand about the character of Nathan as the innocent boy, he is never suspicious for someone without the real fact that he has taken. From the dialogue, we also can identify about the manner of the author tells the character of Nathan in the novel.

3.1.4 Internal Factor: Impressive Psychological Development

According to Moshman, the behavior of organisms, as well as their anatomy and physiology, changes over time. With respect to human beings, there are major changes in perception, communication, thinking, personality, social relations, moral understanding, and so forth (xvii).

The boy that mature in psychology will has more durability toward a problem, and also has more balance to control his emotion. Therefore, it is important to be mature in psychology, it is because unconscious area will be influenced by psychological development that able to touch the critical area of human behavior. Integrity and loyalty placed in the critical area of
unconsciousness, so someone that mature in the psychological will enhance the integrity and loyalty itself.

Nathan as the main character has passed this phase in the young age. Dramatically, it happens unconditionally because of the discrimination that they felt. In order to understand what process that Nathan has passed, we must identify what factors that influence the development process. Moshman stated that the traditional basis for distinguishing development from learning is that development is guided from within by the genes whereas learning is caused by the external environment. If psychological changes are caused by the genes then they are the result of internal processes that generate ongoing progress toward mature structures. If psychological changes are caused by the environment, however, then we can expect change to be more discrete and variable, a matter of learning whatever happens to come your way whenever you happen to encounter it (xviii).

In many quotation we will see how the process of psychological development happen, and what factors that influenced it.

The real you is nothing to do with being a Black Witch. You have some of Marcus’s genes in you, and some of Saba’s. But that’s physical. And the physical stuff, the genes, your Gift, they are not what makes a Black Witch. You have to believe that. It’s how you think and how you behave that shows who you are. You aren’t evil, Nathan. Nothing about you is evil. You will have a powerful Gift—(236).

The quotation indicates how the psychological development works. The genes of Nathan from his father is black witch which have tendency to be bad boy than a good boy. However, his ability to control himself is tremendous, remembering he
just fourteenth years old at this time. He still believe that he can make something better than people expect to him.

Moshman stated that Psychologists on the nature side are called *nativists*. They believe psychological change is primarily directed by genes that move the individual toward psychological maturity. Psychologists on the nurture side are called *empiricists*. They believe psychological change is primarily directed by the environment and can proceed in a variety of directions depending on individual experience within particular homes, schools, communities, and cultures. Nativists are thus likely to construe psychological change developmentally whereas empiricists put more emphasis on learning (xviii). In other words, development separate become two sections, Nature and Nurture. From the previous quotation, it explained about the nature development of Nathan that indicated by his gene.

In the next quotation we will explain how the nurture development is works, and how much it influence Nathan psychologically.

Whenever Jessica used to say I was half Black, Gran would say, “Half White too.” And I had always thought of my mother’s genes and my father’s mixing in my body, but now it occurs to me that my body is my father’s and my spirit is my mother’s. Perhaps Arran is right, my spirit is not evil, but I have to put up with a body that does weird things (237).

I could go all year down the Not ascertained route, but the next day Gran says that I should answer some questions, though never the ones about my father. So I answer some questions (69).

From the quotation above we could identified that people in around Nathan always support him. They give a ‘second’ life for Nathan to do a hard life as the half blood. Their support make him develop well and feel confidence with his decision to protect his father.
Nathan always hear his gran’s advice, he love her and also a both of his brother and sister that called as Arran and Deborah. Nathan’s life is very cheerful with his small family, they always protect Nathan from all of problem that made by the council. A valuable reliance from them make Nathan become mature in psychology and understand that he not alone to face it all.

I move my fingers, but Arran isn’t beside me. It’s dark in the room, but I can see the shape of him in his bed, asleep. The house is quiet, but then I hear subdued voices and I move my head a little to see through the crack in the door. Gran is on the landing with Deborah. They are talking and I strain to hear what they are saying and then I realize that they aren’t talking; they are crying. (208)

The quotation above implied the affection of his family for him, in the critical condition after he got suffered from Annalise family, girl that he loves. His family always accompany and look after him although they felt so mercy to Nathan. In order to keep feeling of Nathan, they covers their sadness in behind of him, but unfortunately Nathan has been known about it.

The environment help Nathan become mature gradually, although he has a ‘bad gene’ from his father, the small family from his mother’s side always teach him to be better day by day. That is an evidence that the environment gives a lot of influence in psychology development of individual. As Moshman stated that both nature and nurture play important roles in psychological change. Moreover, there is substantial evidence that the influence of genes depends on the environment and the influence of environment depends on genes. Thus nature and nurture interact in influencing the course of development (xviii).
3.2.1 External Factor: Support from Someone Special in Nathan’s life

In the previous factors that influence Nathan’s psychology, psychology development influence most of the integrity and loyalty in someone’s life. Thus, external factor will explain more detail about the nurture factor according to experience that main character had in the novel.

In this novel, Nathan fall in love with Annalise that love him firstly. Annalise is the white witch, her uncle is the member of the council. She loves him with no reason, she didn’t care with Nathan status and always support Nathan to keep strong within discrimination that he had. She increases Nathan’s morality and also makes him feel so happy to keep his loyalty and integrity to his Father.

Annalise as if give Nathan a new hope to struggle in his life, he was surprised with Annalise decision to trust him. Like in the quotation below that stated it.

She catches me out, turning to look me straight in the eyes, saying, “I don’t care what they say. I don’t even care about your father. I care about you.” (179)

Inevitably, love makes someone feel so important, motivated, and added the new spirit to more struggle in life. Annalise gives Nathan her trust to support him. Because she understand that Nathan’s life is quite hard within his age.

3.2.2 External Factor: Supportive Environment

Nathan’s life is full with people that always support him to solve his problem. Sometimes they come accidentally and they interest with Nathan morality. Nathan seems able to attract his environment to support his do, all of
people that he has met always help and arrange him to get out of his problem. All of them feel sympathy with Nathan because of his honesty and his commitment to find his father. Nathan can’t betray his father because he loves him, he know to be loyal and become integrity person is the right choice, he never think it will be stupid decision and make sure all of people will trust his belief.

The organism must already have a felt sense of the direction in which it is trying to move before identifying any specific object as helpful or hurtful toward that end (Ellis 32). Ellis explains that someone need to have a felt sense of the direction to identify something right or bad. Feeling has a big potency to feel everything, consist of bad or good intention in the environment.

Nathan always trust his feeling, so that he finds someone good that always help him in trouble. In this following quotation we will show how lucky Nathan to find someone important that will help him out of the problem. Nathan meet with Mary that arrange him to find Mercury.

She grabs my arm in a tight clawlike grip. “No, not leave here. You must leave your home soon. Find Mercury. She will help you. She will give you three gifts.” (256)

In the quotation above Nathan is invited by Mary as the retired council to come in her ninetieth birthday. He just wants help him to get his three gifts and become a complete witch in the novel. Because of her, Nathan has been known which matter that he must do in the next. From the dialogue between Nathan and her, we also can understand the character of Mary as the kind woman. She just wants help Nathan sincerely without asking for fee.
In the next chapter, he meets Celia that train and teach him physical and mental. Although Nathan is in cage, Celia always gives Nathan some advices that reinforce him mentally and physically. Thus, the quotation below will describe about Celia in the novel.

Celia is an ex-Hunter. She won’t tell me when she retired or why. All she says is that she’s employed by the Council to be my guardian and teacher. She guards against me escaping and she teaches me about fighting and surviving. (333)

After Nathan has been escaped from the council, according from Mary that command him to find Mercury firstly. Nathan must meet Bob, to find him Nathan helped by Nikita in the town.

“You want to see Bob?” She flicks her long brown hair over her shoulder.

I nod and attempt to sip my drink but can’t get at it for the pile of marshmallows. I eat all the marshmallows to get rid of them.

“I can help you.” She picks at her marshmallows, waves a pink one in the air as she says, “What’s your name?” (495)

And Nathan also met with many people that help him pass through all of problem that he has. Like Jim and Trev, Bob, and Gabriel that explained in each section in Half Bad’s Novel.

3.2.3 External Factor: Supportive Relation

Relationship is the important thing to build a trust. Build a trust is the important thing to make a positive ambience. So, supportive relation is the ideal shape that construct loyalty and integrity in self.

Nathan need supporter from all people in around him, especially his relative because they are the closest person in his life. Without them, Nathan isn’t
strong enough to pass through the discrimination and wicked plan from the
council. Someone that feel safe will easily to be focus to their purpose than others
that doesn’t feel the same. Meadows stated relationships involve not just overt
behaviour but expectations, goals, values, feelings, assessments, interpretations,
memories, categorizations and norms: the participants are active agents not just
 passive subjects, and their understanding of the relationship may be as important
as what ‘really’ happened (179). In other hands, relationships make a big impact
in someone’s life, relationships not just influence some part of someone’s life,
more of that, it will involve whole of your life.

Nathan’s life with his little family almost perfect, he has lovely Grandma,
old brother, and old sister that always support him. Although he has less affection
from his parents, he was very thankful because he had a little family that always
protect and love him. He understands the tragedy that make him not able to meet
with his parents not too bad right now, because love from his grandma and his
sibling is good enough to cover his need about real affection from his parents.

In the following quotation we will find that his small family always gave
him love and protection to fight from the discrimination that tended to Nathan.

“Nothing will go wrong, Jessica.” Gran turns to look at her, saying,
“I’ll give Nathan three gifts, just as I’ll give them to you and Deborah and Arran.” (71)

Arran comes to sit by me. He puts his hand on my arm and says
quietly just to me, “I can’t wait for your Giving. You come to mine and
I’ll come to yours.” (72)

She said, “You’ll find a way, Nathan. Gran will help you, and so
will I, and so will Arran.” (93)
The previous quotation show us how caring they are with Nathan, His Gran, Arran, and Deborah always make him feel comfortable and strong. They understand the position of Nathan at the time, he need support from the closest person in his life. It is not easy to life under discrimination that always haunt Nathan everywhere.

In many cases, support from relatives has the same role as like as support from someone special in life. They are very close emotionally and become the new ‘hope’ for the one that get suffer. Nathan is lucky enough has them in his life, they make Nathan’s step become lighter beside of his burden as the half code.

3.3 The Process of Nathan to Solve His Problems by Using His Integrity and Loyalty in The Novel

3.3.1 Nathan Motivated Himself by His Loyalty

The important role of loyalty is to motivating what people trust to do. It is give a booster for someone to do what they believe in life. By loyalty, it is easier to take decision in the difficult condition. As Boszormenyi stated that the individual can thus be subjected to the injunction of both external expectations and internalized obligations. It is interesting and pertinent in this regard that Freud conceived of the dynamic basis of groups as related to superego function (37). In other hands, Loyalty has the function same like a superego in unconscious area. It is like a supervisor that arrange our attitude and behavior, monitoring our activity and making value judgment which lead us to feel good or bad about our behavior. So, Loyalty will lead us to be has a great commitment to something and raise up
our integrity in order to be honest in yourself. Nathan Loyalty can be seen in the following quotation below.

I don’t say anything. For whatever reason, my father has just killed three more people, including a boy only a few years older than me. Was this a misunderstanding? He was trying to explain to them that he wasn’t really evil, he didn’t want to hurt them . . . He just wanted the Fairborn. Maybe he needed the Fairborn, whatever it is, but they wouldn’t give it to him, they wouldn’t listen . . . They attacked him and he was defending himself and . . . (163-164)

In the quotation above, Nathan tried to motivate himself by make a commitment to not thinking bad about his father, his loyalty arrange him to search the truth and override the bad opinion about his father. It is not difficult for people that has a good loyalty like Nathan.

People will easily motivated when they have a loyalty to something that they trust. Motivation come from the inside of human unconsciousness, it is gradually become our behavior by the process. Id as the desire lead our unconsciousness to search a pleasure, the pleasure can come from everything in surround us, loyalty make the id hold the desire that still seeking randomly become more focus to the one object. So, by controlling his ego, Nathan get more value that stopping him to be a murderer by all of his motivation to protect someone in his life like in the following quotation below.

“Well’s suppose something more realistic. The Council threatens a member of my family: Arran, say. The only way I can stop them killing Arran is by killing Marcus.”

“And?”

“I won’t kill my father.”

“All your family. Your grandmother,
Deborah, and Arran are being tortured.”

“I know the Council would kill them
All. They are murderers. I’m not.”(135)

In the quotation above, we can identify that Nathan uses his motivation to protect his father although the council also threaten his family. He has been known about the threat, so he also understand that everything that Celia said is just an intimidation. In there, Nathan just thinking about his father safety and how he changes all of bad perspective about his gene as half blood.

So, loyalty gives Nathan more power to face some problems in around him. It motivates him to be strong in the trouble and also upgrade his mentality to grab his dream, get his gift and meet his father.

3.3.2 Integrity as Defense that Help Nathan Loose From Any Trouble

Alicke and Sedikides define self-enhancement and self-protection as interests that people have in advancing one or more self-components or defending themselves against negative self-views (4). They also describe self-enhancement and self-protection as instrumental in maintaining, promoting, or safeguarding pivotal interests, and consider the relation between these interests and the ways in which they are regulated. In the other hands, self-enhancement and self-protection worked as defense mechanism that protect self-integrity of someone, they maintain, promote, and safeguard the personal interest become a power to protect from negative self-views.

Nathan uses his integrity to affirm himself, increase his mentality and upgrade his ability to control and maintain the emotion. From the previous
statement, we can understand that integrity has the system that safeguard the integrity itself which automatically will respond all of threat by a self-defense mechanism. The following quotation below will explain the defense mechanism that happen in Nathan’s character.

She screeches her laugh again. “Killing is in your blood, Nathan. It’s what you are made for.” (684)

“I’ll work for you for a year. I won’t kill people.”(684)

In the quotation above, we find two contradiction statements. The first statement seems that Nathan has the same potency like his father as murderer, and the second statement is the rejection from the first statement. Both of quotation show to us that Nathan experience the self-defense in the inside of him. Nathan tried to proceed the self-protection by did the rejection to the first statement that judge him as the ‘Murderer’s blood’, he respond the threat from the negative self-view by maintaining, promoting, or safeguarding his pivotal interests to his father.

Nathan put his interest to his father as something that motivated him to hold out from the negative self-view that asserted by Mercury in the Novel, he restore self-worth by focus to his purpose to not become a killer and he made his own regulation that help him to focus only to his pivotal interest. The following quotation will show the regulation that has made by Nathan in the novel.

I shake my head at her. Besides, if I’m going to kill people, I’ll choose who they are. (684)

Nathan made his own term in the quotation, he won’t kill people and if he must kill people he must choose whose people that suitable to be killed. The regulation was made to protect his father, because he respected his father more
than anything. He always trust him and believe that his father always has the reason for all of crime that he has made.

There many factors that influence the loyalty and integrity of someone, in order to had a both of characteristic, need process that must be passed. Nathan explains how the integrity and loyalty influence his life, he can be survived from any danger by keep his loyalty and integrity. Besides that, his loyalty and integrity give him good impact that help him to take a hard decision wisely.