A STUDY ON MORAL LESSON IN S. F. HABEYB SHORT STORIES

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Fable also brings a moral lesson, especially for children who mostly love the stories of fable. By knowing the stories of the fable, the children who usually have imagination will imitate those and gain the lesson of the story, which can educate the children about what is good and what is wrong about something that should be done or not. Fable as one of branches of literary works can also be used as a media of giving the moral lesson to the readers since literature is a reflection of problems occurring in human life, and then retold by the writer in every action of the story. In this sense, the excavating of the lesson is surely needed since they are not always explicitly mentioned and is very subjective in the different perspective to the other persons.

The writer is interested in studying the moral lesson that can influence children’s behavior and attitude. The problems of the study are: 1) What are the moral lessons reflected by the antagonist characters in S.F. Habeyb’s short stories: The Wolf and the Crane, the Young Frog and the Old Frog, and the Tortoise and the Hare? 2) How are the moral lessons reflected by the antagonist characters?

The method suitably used for solving these problems was descriptive design with library technique in obtaining the data. The objects of study were short stories from S. F. Habeyb: The Wolf and the Crane, the Young Frog and the Old Frog, and the Tortoise and the Hare that focused on moral lessons from each story that were reflected by the antagonist characters.

The result of this study showed that short stories written by S. F. Habeyb were full of moral lessons. First, the story, entitled “The Wolf and the Crane”, told about the greedy and ungrateful wolf. Its attitude could make us far from our friends. Second, the young frog and the old frog’s story told the readers that we should be humility and not conceited, because conceit led us to destruction. Third, the story with the title “The Tortoise and the Hare” told the readers that someone felt stronger and under estimated others. Actually, he was not strong, but low.