



THE WOMAN STEREOTYPE IN HERCULES AND THE AMAZON WOMAN

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ABSTRACT

The writer is interested in choosing the film as the objective of research is because it contains with the issue of gender where a woman is stereotyped as a weak creature. The woman in this film is always appeared as a servant of a man. Even a mother should treat her boy as a king. Besides, based on the title Hercules and the Amazon Women, the term of Amazon is closely related to a woman who loves to fight and she also hates men. The writer uses descriptive qualitative method in analyzing the film. This method describes and analyzes the collected data from the film. The writer takes one issue in the film especially about the stereotype of women. Then, the writer makes the description about gender stereotyping by showing the pictures, dialogues and viewing the correlation relates to the women stereotype between them al.l Based on the title Hercules and the Amazon Women, the term of Amazon is closely related to a woman who loves to fight and she also hates men. The women in this film are always appeared as a servant of a man because women put in lower position than a man is. The writer is interested in choosing the film as the objective of research, because it contains with the issue of gender where a woman is stereotyped as a weak creature. In this film, the role of women become no freedom because women are treated as a weak creature, and also women regard as a person who do not has no power and defence of body. The women that were stereotyped as housewives or which reflections of their domestic chore, and all of men regard that the existence of women is an unessential thing. The women only regard as a toy which can be played by men and the thrown away when he bored. Therefore, the woman tries to struggle her right and position of men.

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INTRODUCTION

Film is a media to convey some certain expressions or emotions to the certain enjoyer. Through the film, people who have some opinions or messages about life, can convey it to the enjoyer. The people who have sense of art can create film to convey his or her feeling but how about other people who do not have sense of art? They cannot express their own feeling about what they feel. It happens because only the certain people who have sense of art, can use a film as a media to convey their own feeling about what they feel.¹ According to the writer, if there are other people who do not have sense of art, they can express their feeling through another media

¹ Saiful Bahri, *An Analysis of AVA and Tanzie's Character in Material Girls Movie* (A Thesis, Faculty of Adab and Humanities, State Islamic University Syarif Hidayatullah, Jakarta, 2010), p.1.



such as fiction, poetry and also drama because in another media they can reveal the feeling that they feel.

According to Bordwell and Thompson, film has a great power, because film gives the image that can bring us more in deep understanding about real life than other media.² Even though it is not only in a film but also other media that they can show up their emotion, they can get more different sensation in a film because they can see and understand through the actors's or actresses's expression. The viewers know film as an art form but the important that film is the unlimited art not only in its choice of subject but also in its approach to the material. If the viewers look at the point of view of a film, a film can cover the full spectrum from the purely objective to the intensely subjective; in depth it can focus on the surface realities and the purely sensual, or it can delve into the intellectual and philosophical.³ If they use a real story or feeling as a basic material to make a film, it can be touch for someone's feeling because either feeling or real story more capability to touch the heart.

One example of film that is so touch to its viewers is Hercules⁴. The writer takes the first series which entitled *Hercules and the Amazon Women*. It was released in 1994, directed by Bill L. Norton and produced by Renaissance Pictures. Besides, the film's starring are Kevin Sorbo as Hercules, Anthony Quinn as Zeus, Roma Downey as Hippolyta, and Michael Hurst as Iolaus. The film is about the story of Hercules who tries to help a man whose village is in tremendous condition. The name of village is Gargarencia. The complication begins when Hercules comes to investigate the village. Along with his friend, Iolaus, he finds something weird in the village that there is no woman. The village is only inhabited by many men instead of women.

The stereotype theory, according to Lippman, can be thought as a cognitive method or procedure, used by our mind in order to simplify the complex barrage of information it experiences. From this perspective, a stereotype is a method of understanding which works through classifying individual people into a group category.⁵ Stereotype can be seen as a negative or positive method of understanding, it depends on how people consider it. However, the stereotype tends to be considered as the negative point of view for someone in viewing a thing. In this case, the woman is stereotyped as a weaker creature than a man is. A woman should be under the protection of man because she is physically weak.

² David Bordwell and Kristin Thompson, *Film Art: an Introduction* (New York McGraw Hill, Inc) fourth edition, p. 3.

³ *Ibid*, p. 3.

⁴ Hercules is best known as the strongest of all mortals. Stronger than many gods. He was the deciding factor in allowing the Olympian Gods to win their battle with the giants. He was the last mortal son of Zeus. <http://www.greekmythology.com/Myths/Heroes/Heraclides/heracles.html>, Date on June 23th, 2013.

⁵ Jane Pilcher and Imelda Whelehan, *Fifty Key Concepts in Gender Studies* (London: Sage Publications, 2004), p. 166.



The issue of stereotype is bluntly stated in film *Hercules and the Amazon Women*. The women are always being a maid of men and they are not allowed to have the same business as a man does. As it has been explained before that a stereotype can be seen as a negative or positive understanding method. For those who consider it as positive, a stereotype of woman in this film is as a good housewife who always takes care of her family. She is a gentle creature who hates a violence hence it is not a woman's business to be in fight. In the opposite, a woman is stereotyped negatively when she has to do many of her duties and cannot have same right as a man has. A boy can play gleefully instead of a girl who has to be at the kitchen. The writer would like to focus her research on analyzing the women stereotype in *Hercules and the Amazon Women* by Christian Williams based on stereotype theory. Based on the focus of study above, the suitable research question for this analysis is : How are women in *Hercules and the Amazon Women* film described?

METHOD

The writer uses descriptive qualitative method in analyzing the film. This method describes and analyzes the collected data from the film. The writer takes one issue in the film especially about the stereotype of women. Then, the writer makes the description about gender stereotyping by showing the pictures, dialogues and viewing the correlation relates to the women stereotype between them all. The instrument of this research is the writer herself who later on collects some relevant data both from the film and libraries. The data will be analysed more deeply by watching, reading, categorizing, and concluding. The unit analysis of the research is a Video Compact Disc (VCD) of *Hercules and the Amazon Women* film, written by Christian Williams, directed by Bill L. Norton and released on April 25th, 1994.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The women in this film is always appeared as a servant of a man. Even a mother should treat her boy as a king. Besides, based on the title *Hercules and the Amazon Women*, the term of Amazon is closely related to a woman who loves to fight and she also hates men. However, the Amazon woman has a good reason to do so that she tries to struggle her right and position as a woman. Women in this film are portrayed unappreciatedly. Therefore, the suitable theory used for this film is stereotype theory.

According to *Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary* also defines stereotype as a fixed idea or image that many people have of particular type of person or thing but which is often not true in reality.⁶ An idea or opinion can be based on each individual thinking, however existence of the opinion is still doubtful.

⁶ A S Hornby, *Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2000), Sixth Edition, p. 1324



In another book, stereotype is also extremely important for social psychology. Social psychologist such as Asch (1952) has argued that understanding the relationship between individuals and groups is the master problem for social psychology. In addressing this problem, we need to recognize though, that individuals and groups tend to have their effect on each other through their psychological representation within individual minds.⁷ Hence, an individual's point of view becomes an important matter in stereotype theory.

The point of view of stereotype is still doubtful because it is only based on the opinion of each individual without presenting the particular evidences. Therefore, women attempted to erase the view of negative stereotype which tight on their selves. One example of film that tells about the stereotype of women is *Hercules and the Amazon Women* is chosen as the writer's research.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Based on the title, the term of Amazon is closely related to a woman who loves to fight and she also hates men. However, the Amazon woman has a good reason to do so that she tries to struggle her right and position as a woman. Women in this film are portrayed unappreciatedly. The writer is interested in choosing the film as the objective of research, because it contains with the issue of gender where a woman is stereotyped as a weak creature.

In this chapter, the writer tries to analyze this film using two ways, firstly the writer shows the picture from the *Hercules and the Amazon Women* film and secondly the writer quotes the dialogue or conversation from the *Hercules and the Amazon Women* film which is categorized as gender stereotyping. In this analysis, the writer uses stereotype theory as supported concept in order to ease the understanding of *Hercules and the Amazon Women* film. Furthermore, the usage of that theory tries to explain the relationship between pictures and dialogues which is categorized as gender stereotyping in *Hercules and the Amazon Women* film. From this method the writer expects the result of the analysis more accurate.

a. Weak Creature

In *Hercules and the Amazon Women* film, women do not get freedom. It happens when the boys are playing volleyball cheerfully in the middle of market; the ball is suddenly caught by Lilia. When Lilia asks to the boys that she wants to join a volleyball games, she does not get permission from those boys. Those boys said that volleyball games only for boys and girls should be better playing with a doll. Lilia looks disappointed when she does not get permission to play. Look at the conversation below:

⁷ Craig McGarty, Vincent Y. Yzerbyt and Russel Spears, *Stereotype as Explanations* (United Kingdom: Cambridge University Press, 2002), p. 1



(At the market)

00:07:26– 00:07:30

- Lilia** : *Can I play?*
Boy : *You can't.*
Lilia : *Why not?*
Boy : *Cause it's a boy's game.*
*Now give us back our ball and go play with a doll,
or something*

The dialogues above describe that Lilia has no freedom as the boys have. It can be seen from the quotation of the boys which said “go play with a doll, or something” to Lilia. This quotation is clear that the role of women become no freedom. It emphasizes that volleyball can only be done by someone who has a power and defence of body that is a man; meanwhile playing doll needs no power and defence of body. It can be addressed to someone weak, and that is woman. Therefore, Lilia does not get permission to play volleyball because she is woman. The boys try to eliminate Lilia from this games and it happens because she has no power and defence of body unlike boys. In *Hercules and the Amazon women* film, a woman as a weak creature process also happens when Hercules are debating with Hypolyta. Hercules explains that he and Iolaus come to save the Gargarencia village from the beasts attack. In fact, they do not know that the beasts are women. Hipolyta said to Hercules that they are not the beasts because they are women. Hipolyta said that women always be dominate, deceive, and controlled by men. Hercules refutes the statement of Hipolyta, because according to Hercules, men never are dominated, deceive, and controlled of women. All of men always give respect and loyalty to women because women are weak person. Therefore, men have the duty to protect them. Look at the conversation below:

(They are debating)

00:41:25 – 00:41:38

- **Hercules** : *We do not dominate you, we protect you.*
□ **Hipolyta** : *Oh, I see [Mockingly], you protect us!*
□ **Hercules** : *Because you're weaker.*
□ **Hipolyta** : *Am I? I don't think so.*
□

The dialogues above describe that women did not like to call as a weak creature. In contrast, men will protect women because women are weak. It can be seen from the dialogue when Hercules says “Because you're weaker” to women, and Hipolyta response “Am I? I don't think



so” to Hercules. From this quotation, it is clear that all of women did not like regarded as a weak person. Hippolyta and women of Amazon refute the statement of Hercules, it also can be seen from the facial expression of Amazon women that they do not like when Hercules said that women as a weak creature because the women can also do anything as men do, such as women can fight like a man. Therefore, the Amazon women try to eliminate the negative stereotype of women. In *Hercules and the Amazon Women* film, stereotype can be seen as a negative or positive method of understanding it depends on how people consider it. However, the stereotype tends to be considered as the negative point of view for someone in viewing a thing. It happens when Hercules and Iolaus grow older. There was a man who is able to fight. The man trained Hercules and Iolaus and he also gave a wrong view about women. Look at the conversation below:

(Showing the skill)

00:45:15 – 00:45:50

Teacher : *Good match Hercules, Iolaus.
You should be proud yourselves, you have
become the best fighters in the class.
You have all come a long way.
You are ready to graduate.
You will be leaving here, soon.
You will take with you the truths
you have learned when you fight,
fight to the death. Cultivate hardness
cause a man is stone, If ya have any
emotions left, grind them to the dust.
Emotions are for the weak the girls.
Most of all, remember you will be
known by the enemies you make.
So, make good ones. Hey!*

The dialogues above describe that a man can show the skill to fighting. A woman should be under protection of man because she is weak. It can be seen from the dialogue when that man says “*because a man is stone, If ya have any emotions left, grind them to the dust. Emotions are for the weak the girls*”, it clarifies that the women's position is not crucial. The man, who is the trained of Hercules and Iolaus, is very proud of his students and men always oppress the weak people, women. Men never use their feeling when they are fighting, they only have emotion.

b. Domestic Chore



In *Hercules and the Amazon Women* film, the women are treated or considered as a domestic chore. It happens because the position of men is more superior than a woman is. It happens when Lilia is washing clothes with her mother, then a high speed ball played by the boys comes unexpectedly to her and strikes her. Lilia catches the ball, and says that she wants to join volleyball with those boys, but she does not get permission from the boys. Lilia stares at her mother and hopes to get the permission to play volleyball. However, her mother also agrees with the boys' statement that woman is prohibited to play volleyball. Hence, Lilia looks really disappointed. In contrast, she is instead demanded by her mom to wash her father's foot. Look at the conversation below:

(At the market)

00:07:33 – 00:07:35

Lilia : *Can I play?*

Boy : *You can't.*

Lilia : *Why not?*

Boy : *Cause it's a boy's game.*

*Now give us back our ball and go play with a doll,
or something.*

Mom : *He is right, Lilia*

Now come and help me wash your father's feet

The dialogues above describe that the position of women in this film is illustrated lower than man. This quotation proves that women have been given a view that they should obey toward men since they are kid. As what Lilia experiences, she is not allowed to play outside with boys. An ordinary kid should have been able to play any games with whomever they want to. However, in this film, boys always free for doing anything they want; meanwhile woman does no freedom like a man because women only have the duties as a domestic chore, such as; cooking, washing clothes, wash feet of man, and etc. In *Hercules and the Amazon Women* film, a domestic chore process also happens to Alcmene as a mother of Hercules. When Hercules and Iolaus arrive at Alcmene's house, Iolaus invites Hercules and Alcmene to join dinner at Ania's house, Iolaus's wife. In the house of Ania, when Ania is cooking in the kitchen, Iolaus tries to help Ania to cook. However, when Alcmene comes in the kitchen, she chases away Iolaus from kitchen. Look at the conversation below:

(At the kitchen)

00:20:54 – 00:21:16

Alcmene : *What is this? A man in the kitchen*



Go on, get out of here. Go on!
Iolaus : *All right, all right.*

The dialogues above describe that at the kitchen when Alcmena comes and sees Iolaus is in kitchen, she chases away Iolaus from the kitchen. Alcmena chases Iolaus from the kitchen because he is a man, and a man should not be in kitchen. It is done by Alcmena because of her status as a woman. Alcmena is aware that cooking is a woman duty meanwhile men should not be in kitchen even to help. When women are doing their duties especially cooking, they do not want to be bothered by men because men are considered as king. Hence, men are only demanded to wait for the dish without any obligation to participate the cooking. It represents how inferior woman's position is that she must cook to serve her husband. A man, as a husband, no need to do anything in the kitchen instead of waiting for food come on table.

c. Unimportant

In *Hercules and the Amazon Women* film, Hercules is one of men who regards that the existence of women is an unessential thing. It happens when Hercules meets his childhood friend, Iolaus. They have never met for a long time. Hercules and Iolaus go to Alcmena's house. Alcmena is mother of Hercules. Hercules does not believe with Iolaus's change at the time. According to Iolaus, he can change his self because of the presence of women and love, but Hercules ignores what Iolaus said because Hercules does not believe about women and love. Hercules has no woman in his life; meanwhile Iolaus would get married soon. Iolaus convinces his friend that one day Hercules will find his loved woman, and then he will understand the meaning of love. Look at the conversation below:

(Asking about women)

00:11:26 – 00:11:32

Hercules : *You can tell me what happened to the Iolaus I used to know*
Iolaus : *Well, love happened to me, Hercules*
Hercules : *Ahhh*
Iolaus : *I don't expect you to understand it. I can hardly understand it myself*
Hercules : *But are you really willing to give up your whole life for a woman?*
Iolaus : *Someday, Hercules. Someday, you're gonna meet a woman unlike any other. Then you'll know what I'm talking About*



Hercules : Me? Ha. Never.

The dialogues above describe that Hercules proves not to believe about love and women. It can be seen from Hercules's quotation that love and women is not considered as an important matter. Hercules does not even believe that a woman can do such a thing like Iolaus feels. It is considered that a woman, in Hercules's point of view, is just an unimportant matter and has no strength to do so. In *Hercules and the Amazon Women* film, Hercules was born from a beautiful mortal woman, but fathered by Zeus, kings of the god. When Hercules was a baby, Zeus gave a view that the existence of women is an unessential thing, it happens when Hipollyta is debating to Hercules. Hipollyta emphasizes that men will never understand the feeling of women. Hercules also says that women will never understand what men want. Therefore, Hipollyta tries to convince Hercules that when Hercules was a baby, he has given a wrong view about women by his father, Zeus. Look at the conversation below:

(Hercules was a baby)

00:43:32 – 00:44:33

Zeus : Ooh-hoo! My look at who I see! [Laughs] How has This big wide world been treating you, it is all out there for you, son more than you can imagine. Yours is gonna be such a wonderful life and women, let me tell you, there is nothing like a beautiful woman. Believe me, women are the sweetest journey you will ever take. But do not be afraid. Take a lot of them.

The dialogues above describes that when Hercules was a baby, he acquired a negative stereotype about women. In this film, a woman is not considered as an important matter. In theoretical framework explains that woman is stereotyped either as sexual objects, or as housewives, or in jobs which are reflections of their domestic or caring role. It can be seen from the dialogue when Zeus says “*women are the sweetest journey you will ever take*” to woman. From Zeus statement, it is clear that the existence of women is an unessential thing because they are regarded as a toy played by men and throw it away when they have been bored. In *Hercules and the Amazon Women* film, the women are treated or considered as an unimportant thing. It also happens when Hipollyta is talking with Hercules. Hercules tells about his sadness, he regrets because he urges Iolaus to follow him till Iolaus is murdered. Hipollyta is surprised when she sees the Hercules' sadness. Hipollyta asks Hercules whether he can love and be loyal to women as he loves and be loyal to



his friend, Iolaus. Hercules thinks that love to women and love to friend are different things. Hercules' explanation make Hipollyta disappointed because Hercules cannot appreciate the women's position. Look at the conversation below:

(Asking about status)

00:47:39 – 00:47:49

- Hippolyta*** : *You surprise me.
Seems, somehow, that a spark of humanity has
survived inside you, Could you love a woman as you
loved Iolaus*
- Hercules*** : *It is different with women*
- Hippolyta*** : *Why? Women need respect
and loyalty just as much as
you do but you'll never understand that.*

The dialogues above describes that women need an attention and a loyalty of men. However, men never give the attention, respect, loyalty, and men also never understand what women want. Hercules makes Hipollyta disappointed because he cannot love women as he does to his best friend, Iolaus. In this film, it is clear that all of men have the same point of view, they are regarded that the existence of women as an unessential thing. Therefore, women attempt to convince men that they deserve to get the same position like men.

d. Spiteful

In *Hercules and the Amazon Women* film, the women are described spiteful one. In the journey to Alcmene's house, Hercules and Iolaus meet a little girl crying in the forest and Hercules approaches her. That girl tells Hercules that her parents were eaten by monster. When she is explaining about the accident, she suddenly changes to be a monster. Hercules and Iolaus attack and kill the monster. After Hercules kills the monster, he looks a fur of a peacock. Hercules knows that all of the accident is a deed of his stepmother, Hera. Hercules breaks the peacock statue which is a symbol of Hera. Iolaus is very angry when Hercules breaks that statue. Look at the conversation below:

(Angry to his stepmother)

00:15:27 – 00:15:48

- Hercules*** : *Hera. I should have known she was behind this.*
- Iolaus*** : *You think so?*
- Hercules*** : *I know so.*



Iolaus : *Hercules, don't do it! Are you crazy?!She's the queen of the gods!*

Hercules : *Take a lesson, Iolaus. She's a perfect example of what happens when a woman gets too much power.*

The dialogues above describe that Hercules looks very angry with his stepmother. Hercules possesses strength that the world has never seen. Strength surpassed only by power of his heart, but everywhere he is tormented by his stepmother, Hera. Hera is the most powerful queen of the gods whose eternal obsession to destroy Hercules because Hercules was constant living reminder of Zeus infidelity. When Zeus betrayed Hera's love, Hera turned into a cruel woman. Hercules hates women who have high emotion, it can be seen From Hercules quotation "*when a woman gets too much power*" to woman. Hercules wonders how Hera can turn into a cruel one only because of love. Hera changes to be someone hated by men because of her emotional trait. Hercules assumes that women who have the higher emotion than men, they will not appreciate the men. It can be concluded that a description of Hera represents how emotional a woman is. In *Hercules and the Amazon Women* film, the women are treated or considered as a spiteful person, it also happens when Hipollyta and Hercules debating. They are talking about the point of view of women and men. When Hercules told to Hipollyta that Hercules want to try the point of view of man but Hipollyta refutes the statement of Hercules. Hipollyta argues that Hercules cannot change the point of view of men because he is also a man, and a man cannot change. Hercules attempt to convince women that he can learn another way, however, Hipollyta cannot believe the statement of Hercules. Hercules looked very angry with Hipollyta because Hipollyta said that all of men cannot to change. Look at the conversation below:

(Angry to Hipollyta)

00:48:00 – 00:48:27

Hipollyta : *No. Men can learn nothing except how to deceive and dominate and kill.*

Hercules : *So show me another way!!*

Hippollyta : *No.*

Hercules : *I don't think you could even if you wanted to.*

Hipollyta : *And why do you say that?*

Hercules : *Because you don't know any other way. You've become exactly like the men you hate.*



The dialogues above describes that men regards a women as a spiteful person. It happens when Hercules and Hipollyta debate about the point of view of them. Hipollyta said that all of men have the same point of view, and men can only to deceive, dominate, and kill. The position of a man is always superior than woman is, and also women always get dominate by men. However, Hercules refutes the statement of Hipollyta, he said that he wants to try to change the point of view of men but Hipollyta ignored him. Therefore, Hercules regard a women as a spiteful person, it can be seen from the dialogue when Hercules says “*You've become exactly like the men you hate*” to women. From Hercules statement, it is clarifies that when women cannot give support and motivation to men for change, that women can be classified as a spiteful person because a women become exactly like a man.

e. Unwanted

In *Hercules and the Amazon Women* film, a baby girl experience unwanted by their parent, it can be seen when Hercules and Iolaus who try to help a man whose village is in tremendous condition. The name of village is Gargarencia. The complication begins when Hercules comes to investigate the village. Along with his friend, Iolaus, he finds something weird in the village that there is no woman. The village is only inhabited by many men instead of women. A man in Gargarencia village is in tremendous condition from attack of the beast. Therefore, Hercules and Iolaus want to know where the beast is. In their journey, they are talking about the first born of Iolaus after his marriage. Iolaus and his wife Ania, want a baby boy for their first born. Look at the conversation below:

(Asking about the status)

00:30:09 – 00:30:16

- Iolaus** : *I let you do that. [Laughs]So, what do you think of Iolaus, Jr.?*
- Hercules** : *Iolaus, Jr.?*
- Iolaus** : *Yeah, my first born.*
- Hercules** : *Well-- what if it's a girl?*
- Iolaus** : *Ah, no girls. Ania and I agreed five sons.*
- Hercules** : *All named Iolaus.*
- Iolaus** : *Yeah, I gotta remember `em all, don't I?*

The dialogues above describes that in the journey when they are talking about the status. Iolaus asks to Hercules that Iolaus and her wife Ania do not want a baby girl for the first born. It can be seen from the dialogue when Iolaus says “*Ah, no girls. Ania and I agreed five sons*”.



From this statement, it is clear that Iolaus and her wife Ania more hoping of a baby boy than a baby girl, and then Iolaus will give the same name of a baby boy like him, it is Iolaus because that name will be easy to remember. Another reason, Iolaus and her wife more hoping of a baby boy than a baby girl, it because they want that a baby boy can be grow older like his father, Iolaus, and also have the same characterization such as; smart, be the best fighters, strong and brave man.

f. Sensitive

In *Hercules and the Amazon Women* film, a woman as a sensitive person, it happens when Hercules was cage by Amazon women, and then three of Amazon women were coming to him. They are tried to talk with Hercules, when they are talking, Lysia come to them, Lysia is server of Hipolyta. Lysia looked very angry with three of Amazon women because women of Amazon do not get permission to talk with Hercules, and Lysia chases away them. Suddenly, Zeus come to Hercules, Zeus want to try helping Hercules but Hercules do not need help from his father. Hercules told to his father, that he want to try to understand of women but Zeus said that women cannot be understand because they are full of feeling, instincts, and also they can outguess a man. Look at the conversation below:

(Debate with his father)

00:51:16 – 00:51:29

- Zeus** : *I just came to see if I could help you.*
Hercules : *Help-- from you. That's a new one.*
Zeus : *Come on! Give me a little credit! You don't see the other gods dropping in on their kids, do you? What can I do?*
Hercules : *You can tell me how to understand women.*
Zeus : *Oh, understand women. Who can understand them?! They're full of feelings and instincts and they can always outguess you.*

The dialogues above describes that men regarded a women as a sensitive person. It can be seen from the dialogue when Zeus says “*they're full of feelings and instincts and they can always outguess you*”, to woman. From Zeus quotation, the writer can get the point that women regard as a sensitive by men. It happens when Zeus betrayed Hera’s love, Hera turned into a cruel woman. According to Zeus, women are treated or considered as a sensitive person because women can be outguessing than men. Therefore, the point of view of Zeus toward a woman becomes a



stereotype negative, and also when Zeus give the point of view to Hercules when he was a baby until he grows older, and then Hercules becomes men which have the wrong point of view toward women.

g. Strength and Courage

In *Hercules and the Amazon Women* film, the women are describe strength and courage one. It happens when Hipollyta and women of the Amazon want to attack the Gargarencia man, and then Hipollyta met Hercules. They are debating about their feeling; Hercules said that whether Hipollyta to separate of men in Gargarencia and women of the Amazon, and also she do not give them a chance to talk each other. However, Hipollyta refutes the statement of Hercules, Hipollyta said that she want to protect them from the liar of men. Hercules said that the people want to belong together. Therefore, Hercules attempt to convince Hipollyta that men need a woman because they are feel emptiness. Look at the conversation below:

(Showing the feeling)

01:02:33 – 01:02:47

- Hercules** : *Those people down there belong together. The Gargarencia need your women.*
- Hipollyta** : *My women don't need them.*
- Hercules** : *Yes, they do. They told me themselves. They feel an emptiness they can't explain.*
- Hipollyta** : *Don't lie to me.*
- Hercules** : *You know I'm not lying. You feel that same emptiness, don't you?*
- Hipollyta** : *Stop it. No man is going to make me want him. I won't be that weak.*
- Hercules** : *It's not weak to admit what you're feeling. It takes strength and courage.*

The dialogues above describes that women are also have the strength and courage in their feeling. It happens when Hercules said that women and men have the same emptiness because women and men have a require each other. Point of view of Hercules will be aware that women are not weak creature because women also have the strength and courage. It can be seen from the dialogue when Hercules says “*it's not weak to admit what you're feeling. It takes strength and courage*” to woman. When Hercules met Hipollyta for the first time, he begins falling in love with her, and then he also will understand the meaning of love because Hipollyta have got the strength and courage of their feeling.



h. Housewives

In *Hercules and the Amazon Women* film, the women are described as housewives. It can be seen when women of the Amazon cancel their attack to the Gargarencia village, and then women and men can talk each other. One of the Amazon women, her name is Megara; she is a wife of Pithus. Pithus is a man in the Gargarencia village. They are not meeting for a long time, therefore, when they have a chance to talk, they feel the same emptiness. They have a little boy, he's name is Franco. Megara said that she was surprise to Pithus because Franco can be grows older such as beautiful boy, but Pithus said that Franco really need is a mother. Look at the conversation below:

01:04:24 – 01:04:38

Megara : *He's such a beautiful boy.*
Pithus : *Yeah.*
Megara : *You've done well with him.*
Pithus : *I do my best. But what he really needs is a mother.*

The dialogues above describes that men need women because women can be as a domestic chore, such as; for cooking, washing, take care of child, as a mother, and also as a wife. It can be seen from the dialogue when Pithus says “*but what he really needs is a mother*” to woman. From Pithus statement, it is clarifies that all of men are need women, and also women needs the role of men. When women and men to be separate, they cannot do their duties each other. In this film, when Megara leaving their family, Pithus take care to Franco by himself. Although Pithus already give the best to their child but Franco also need a mother.

CONCLUSION

Hercules and the Amazon Women film directed by Bill L. Norton and produced by Renaissance Pictures reveals about women stereotype which the position of men is more superior than a woman is. The emphasizing of inferiority of women and superiority of men is clearly delivered by the gender stereotype. The gender stereotype is including a weak creature, domestic chore, unimportant, spiteful, unwanted, sensitive, strength and courage, and housewives. From this perspective, a stereotype is a method of understanding which works through classifying individual people into a group category.⁸ However, the stereotype tends to be considered as the negative point of view for someone in viewing a thing. In this case, the woman is stereotyped as a weaker creature than a man is. Besides, based on the title *Hercules and the Amazon Women*, the term of Amazon is closely related to a woman who loves

⁸Pilcher and Whelehan, Op. Cit



to fight and she also hates men. The women in this film are always appeared as a servant of a man because women put in lower position than a man is. The writer is interested in choosing the film as the objective of research, because it contains with the issue of gender where a woman is stereotyped as a weak creature. In this film, the role of women become no freedom because women are treated as a weak creature, and also women regard as a person who do not has no power and defence of body. The women that were stereotyped as housewives or which reflections of their domestic chore, and all of men regard that the existence of women is an unessential thing. The women only regard as a toy which can be played by men and the thrown away when he bored. Therefore, the woman tries to struggle her right and position of men.

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