



PSYCHOPATHY OF KEVIN IN THE FILM *WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT KEVIN* (PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH)

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ABSTRAK: Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk menjelaskan gejala-gejala psikopati Kevin dan untuk mengetahui faktor penyebab Kevin menjadi psikopat. Penelitian ini tentang individu yang mengalami psikopati. Pendekatan yang penulis gunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah pendekatan psikologis dan teori psikopati untuk menjawab masalah penelitian. Penelitian ini menggunakan desain metode kualitatif. Hasil dari penelitian ini adalah terdapat lima gejala psikopati yang terdapat pada Kevin yaitu menipu/memanipulasi, tidak berempati/kurang empati, kurangnya penyesalan/ rasa bersalah, tidak bertanggung jawab, dan impulsif. Sementara faktor penyebab Kevin menjadi psikopat adalah faktor lingkungan yaitu faktor orangtua dimana karena ketidakterimaan seorang ibu yaitu Eva dalam menerima kehadiran Kevin selama dikandungnya kemudian cara dia mengadopsi dan mendidik Kevin sehingga Kevin menjadi nakal dan pada akhirnya melakukan tindakan kriminal.

Kata kunci: *psikopati, tokoh, film*

ABSTRACT: This study aimed at describing psychopathy symptoms of Kevin and at finding the factor causing Kevin become psychopath. This study was about individuals who were had psychopathy. The approach used in this research was a psychological approach and psychopathy theory to answer the research problem. This study used descriptive qualitative method. The result of this study indicates that there are five symptoms of psychopathy found in Kevin that are conning/manipulation, callous/lack of empathy, lack of remorse/guilt, impulsive, and irresponsible. Meanwhile, the factor causing Kevin becomes psychopath is parenting factor, because of the disapproval of a mother, namely Eva, in accepting Kevin's presence while in her womb, then the way she adopted and educated Kevin so Kevin become naughty and committed criminal acts

Keywords: *psychopathy, character, film.*

INTRODUCTION

Literature is defined as a means of conveying ideas and thoughts based on what is felt, seen, heard, known and the author's experience of the phenomena of human social life. One of which is about individuals who interact within the scope of society. Klarer (2013:1) says that literature is referred to as a whole of expression, with the limitation that not all written documents can be categorized as literary works that are more appropriate. Meanwhile, according to Hudson in (Owa et al, 2021:130) literature is a vital record of what people have seen in life, what they have experienced, what they have thought and felt about those aspects. It can be conclude, that literature is very closely related to aspects of human life and language as a means of human communication. Based on the statements above, the writer concludes that literature is a work of art created by the author with the results of ideas, experiences and observations, especially about human life and things that happen in society. Then, usually the work of art is poured or displayed through



poetry, novels, and films or other types of literary works. Film means one of the entertainment communication media that is audio-visual. Gani (2021:121) says, Film is a complex art form and unique communication media whose influence can reach all social segment of society. Meanwhile, according to Homby in (Tolok ,2021:99) film is a work of art that can be used as a medium of communication and a series of moving image recorder with sound that tells a story displayed on television or in the cinema. In the other hand, Petrie and Boggs (2012:3) say that Films are used as a medium of entertainment for the community with various stories through the scenes that are displayed. Film communicates directly not through abstract symbols like words on a page but through concrete images and sounds. Thus the writer concludes, the film can bring us to think broadly about life with inspiration of about we look from a story in film. Film offers us to see and feel deeply and satisfyingly based on experience. Experiences are often driven by stories centered on characters we care about; films also develop ideas or explore visual qualities or sound textures. In film there are few elements, namely, theme, plot, setting, character, and point of view. Therefore, the character is one of the most important elements in the film. In this study focus on character Kevin in the Film *We Need to Talk about Kevin* who has psychopathy personality.

Psychopathy is individuals who have a psychopath personality within them. Psychopath personality is not very visible in the individual, but there are some individuals who have this personality through their behavior and daily interactions. Of course, people with this personality are caused by their psychological illness, so that they cannot mentally control their emotions when interacting with other individuals. According to Glenn and Raine (2014:3), psychopathy is not antisocial behavior, but psychopathy is defined as a personality that had distinctive characteristics including emotional deficits that characterize the individual. In the other hand, Definition of psychopathy is; *dynamically*, in terms of a relative or absolute absence of anxiety and guilt and an inability to experience remorse. . *Interpersonally*, as an incapacity for feeling empathy and an inability to be altruistic, and an absence of clear and understandable human motivation. And *cognitively* in terms of the individual's illogical thinking (Kantor, 2006:30). Based on the explanations above, the writer conclude that people with psychopathy personalities have certain symptoms found in individuals such as deceiving/manipulating, feeling unfeeling/lacking empathy, lack of remorse/guilt, irresponsibility, and impulsivity. The psychopath has symptoms to different within the normal person.

Kiehl (2014:62), the symptoms of psychopathy illustrated from two examples of famous murder cases in American history. There are 20 symptoms psychopathy: Glibness/Superficial Charm, Grandiose sense of self-worth, Need For Stimulation/ Proneness to Boredom, Pathological Lying, Conning/ Manipulation, Lack Of Remorse Or guilt, Shallow Affect, Callous/ Lack of Empathy, Parasite Lifestyle, Poor Behavioral Controls, Promiscuous Sexual Behavior, Early Behavioral Problems, Lack of Realistic Long-Term Goals, Impulsivity, Irresponsibility, Failure to accept responsibility for own actions, Many short-term marital relationships, Juvenile delinquency, Revocation of conditional release, Criminal versatility. Individuals who have a psychopath personality are caused by their psychological illness. Mental problems in the mind of the individual so that the sifter's behavior becomes bad there are various factors that cause sufferers such as genetic factor and environment factors. According to Glenn and Raine (2014:15) explain that Genetic and environmental factors that cause deficits in the brain and lead to these behaviors. In the environment factor there are Parenting and Family Factors, Abuse and Neglect, Socio-Economic Status, Head Injury, Birth Complications, Toxin Exposure, Nutrition.



In this study, the writer uses a psychological approach as an approach to analyze this film. Basically, the psychology of literature is related to the psychological problems of fictional characters contained in literary works. Gerrig (2013:2) states that psychology is the scientific study of behavior and their mental processes. There are parts are behavior, individual, and mental. In Owa et all (2021:130) psychological approach was applied to analyze the kinds of motivation and the way to survive. Meanwhile in this study the psychological approach can be interpreted as literary research on psychology contained in a literary work namely to analyze mental illness get on one of the character in the film we need to talk about Kevin.

We Need to Talk about Kevin is a film about film whose story goes back and forth through the shadow of the past memories of a mother named Eva with her family's life. This film about a teenager named Kevin who becomes a psychopath. Kevin is the son of a mother named Eva. She is a famous writer and likes to live freely. Then dating with a guy named franklin and get Eva pregnant. She wasn't too happy with Kevin's presence either because she wasn't ready or whatever,` she treated him rudely. At the age of 6 to 8 years Kevin looks cold and heartless and hates his mother very much. Kevin sees his mother like an enemy and pretends to be nice when his father comes and makes his mother confused and always rude to Kevin. But his mother still tries to be nice to Kevin even though Kevin hates him. Because Kevin felt that his mother didn't love him, and when he gave birth to Kevin's sister, her mother felt very happy which made Kevin hate his mother and sister very much. Kevin always pays attention to doing bad things like disturbing his sister and when. And then what made Kevin worse apart from his mischief was carrying out a massacre at school and killing his father and brother for no reason. Then her mother realized and lived her life and was labeled as the mother of a murderer by others. Similar things are often found in everyday life in society. Each individual had a different personality in himself and that personality is shown when interacting in society. Usually individuals with different personalities from other people are caused by a problem that occurs within them. The film "*We Need to Talk about Kevin*" tells the story of Kevin who had a different personality from others. Kevin's personality is shown through his behavior, expression and character. Kevin had a strange behavior since he was child and then committed murder without cause. As humans, who are social creatures, of course, the personality described in Kevin in this film deserves to be examined in more depth. The problem of the study that will be discussed in this study is: What are the symptoms of psychopathy found in Kevin in the film *We Need to Talk about Kevin* and What are the factors causing Kevin becomes a psychopath. The purposes of this study are to describe the symptoms of psychopathy found in Kevin in the film *We Need to Talk about Kevin*. To find out the factor causing Kevin to becomes a psychopath.

RESEARCH METHODS

This study is using a qualitative method. Creswell (2014:506) says that, the research design was types of inquiry within qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods approach that provide specific direction for procedures in a research study. This qualitative method takes into account that the data collected is analyzed using words and does not use number to answer the research problems. The data is taken in the form of utterances, words, and action in the film *We Need to Talk about Kevin*. In collecting the data, the writer used four steps that are; the first, watching the film *We Need to Talk about Kevin* pay attention to the action, words, phrase and utterances of the main character to get the data. Second, Taking notes about the dialog, words, action, phrase and utterances of the main character from the *We Need*



to Talk about Kevin film. The third, identifying the data from the film *We Need to Talk about Kevin*. The writer analyzed using data and theory. The fourth Classifying the data based on theory of psychopathy and psychological approach of Kevin in *We Need to Talk about Kevin* film. Fifth, analyzing the data using theory of psychopathy and psychological approach to describe the symptom of psychopathy and the factor causing becomes psychopath of *Kevin* in film *We Need to Talk about Kevin*. and The last, drawing conclusion based on the analysis of the data.

ANALYSIS

The Symptoms of Psychopathy

Conning/Manipulation

Psychopaths make a charming impression with their lies. They will look ordinary like other people in speaking and expressing opinions. Psychopaths are very good at lying, deceiving, and manipulating others repeatedly for personal pleasure. They often tell lies to satisfy themselves. In this study are found conning/manipulation on Kevin through Kevin's attitude and actions. Conning/manipulation were found in Kevin, It was when Kevin lied about his hand to his father. In this situation, it happened when he was 8 years old. Kevin and his mother at home, meanwhile his father was gone to work. Kevin made Eva stressed all day. Without thinking, Eva threw Kevin next to the garbage can. It can be seen in the following conversation:

Franklin : Hey kev. What happened?
Kevin : I broke my arm.
Franklin : How do you break your arm?
Kevin : **I had poopy pants. Mommy went to get wipes. I feel off the changing table onto my dumps trucks. Mom took me to Doctor Goldbutt.**

(*We Need to Talk about Kevin*, 00:46:33)

Eva was much stressed, Kevin pooped in his pants all the day. Kevin did it over and over again. Eva was very emotional and she threw Kevin beside of garbage can. His hand was broken, and then Eva took him to the hospital. The utterance "**I had poopy pants. Mommy went to get wipes. I feel off the changing table onto my dump trucks. Mom took me to doctor Goldbutt**". After came home from the hospital, Kevin told to his father that his arm was broken because he fell from the table and his father believed Kevin's words. Kevin was someone who was good at lying, as he casually told his father about the cause of his broken arm with a different and inconsistent story of what happened. He told everything so well that his father believed him.

Second, the Conning/manipulation got on Kevin occurred when he lied to his mother about visiting a bookstore whose author was his own mother. It can be seen from the following conversation:

Eva : Didn't I see you at the bookstore today?
Kevin : **Nope.**
Eva : Funny, I could have sworn.

(*We Need to Talk about Kevin*, 01:08:18)

Eva and Celia saw Kevin standing in a shop where his books were written on the side of the road. When In home Eva asked to Kevin where Kevin was going but he denied he said he wasn't there even though Eva saw him openly. The utterance "**Nope**" showed Kevin was good at lying, because he can lie with his mother and saying he didn't go to the store at that time even though his mother saw he standing in front of the place.



Another Kevin's Conning/manipulation was shown when he bought sharp tools to kill his friends at school. It can be seen from the following conversation:

Eva : What are they for? You never ride yourbike.

Kevin : I got these for a song of the web. **I'll make bundle selling them at school.**

Franklin : Like Donald Trump, hah?
(We Need to Talk about Kevin, 01:29:44)

The utterance "**I make bundle selling them at school**" means that Kevin lied to his parents about the tools he bought. When Eva received the package and the destination of the package was given to Kevin. After he opened the cardboard box, Eva looked at the tools and asked Kevin the purpose of the tools. But Kevin denied it, saying that the tools were for sale at school. Kevin was someone who was good at lying because he could lie with his father and mother with his words.

Lack of remorse or guilt

Lack of remorse/guilt is difficulty understanding other people's feelings or indifferent to others. In psychopaths they have no anxiety or remorse. They will still look calm after doing something bad to others. In this shown have something bad in their personalities. For example, in the film We Need to Talk about Kevin, Kevin's attitudes and actions show a lack of remorse and guilt. The lack of remorse or guilt found in Kevin it can be seen attitude by Kevin when he in home with her mother and made his mother stressed was where he pooped in pants all the day and saying from her mom. To support this explanation, can be seen this following utterance:

Eva : **You enjoy yourself?**

(We Need to Talk about Kevin, 00:44:25)

Kevin made his mother stressed all day long. Kevin's mother was angry and rude to him. Kevin pooped in his pants, up to several times a day. The utterance "**you enjoy yourself**" was his mother's way of seeing how Kevin enjoyed what his mother felt. Kevin just looked at him and did not speak. This showed Kevin did not seem to have any remorse or guilt after stressing his mother. Kevin was casually looked at his mother and just did not say anything.

Second, lack of remorse or guilt by Kevin It happened when Kevin destroyed the paintings that his mother had designed in the room. Kevin really did not like what makes his mother happy. Kevin messes up his mother's mood with his strange behavior. He was very naughty and didn't really care about his own mother. He not felt sorry for his behavior even though his strange behavior really hurt his mother. He not shown a face of regrets or fears when he had made a mistake. Kevin would still show a relaxed and ordinary attitude towards others. The lack of remorse/guilt attitude found in Kevin occurred when after Kevin scribbled on the painting that his mother had made in the room. He looked relaxed and remained calm even though his mother was angry and stressed until she complained to her husband, but Kevin remained relaxed and acted normally. Kevin's cold demeanor showed he had no remorse and no guilt.

The third, can be seen from Kevin's character when he was in prison it happened when Eva visiting Kevin. In this situation, Kevin did not show any sign of remorse and guilt towards his mother. Even though he knew that her mother was ostracized by the rest of society, was declared the mother of a murderer, and had lost two of her mother's dearest people. But Kevin remained calm and looked at his mother without saying sorry for his treatment, and even Kevin did not seem satisfied to hurt his mother. We can see, Kevin there was no lack of remorse/guilt.

Callous/Lack of empathy





Psychopaths will behave normally like other people, but they are very minimal in understanding others people's feeling. In this study the writer found are utterance, behaviors, and action of Kevin that show his lack empathy. The first, it can be seen Kevin's attitude when he was 6 years old. He was not talked to his mother. Eva felt uncomfortable and tried to talk with him. In a way, that taught Kevin to try calling his mother. Then, she got Kevin to throw a ball. So, he could show how his reacted. It can be seen from Eva's subsequent utterance. The explanation can be seen in the following utterance:

Eva : **Can you say mommy? Mo-mmy. Mommy? Kevin?**
Can you say ball? Ball? B-B-B.ball. No? Ok. I'm
gonna throw it to you. You're gonna roll it back
to me, okay? roll it back to mommy. Roll it back.
Roll it back to mommy. Okay.
Okay. Roll it back.roll, ok? Just roll it back. Just roll it.

(We Need to Talk about Kevin, 00:26:2)

From utterance above, it was explained that when he was 6 years old, Kevin never responded to what his mother asked. His mother tried to get closer to Kevin, so that he could talk to his mother. There are various ways that are done, namely trying to teach Kevin to be able to call his mother and then invited Kevin to play throwing balls with the aim that Kevin can be closer to his mother. But, Kevin did not give the slightest reaction. He just looked at his mother with a flat face and no emotion at all. This showed, Kevin had no feelings because he didn't care about his mother's effort to make him talk even though he can speak, and his mother was very stressed by Kevin's cold attitude. He didn't even obey his mother's request.

The second, it can be seen when Eva invited Kevin to have dinner together, but before going, he had eaten, and his mother felt a little angry to him. It can be seen this following conversation:

Eva : **We going to dinner.**
Kevin : **I was hungry I'm a growing boy, you**
know?

(We Need to Talk about Kevin, 01:11:21)

From the utterance above, Eva tried to be close with her son. Eva had invited Kevin to had dinner together. But, Eva found Kevin was eating in the kitchen, while Eva had ordered expensive meals for him and Kevin at a restaurant. Here, Eva looked disappointed with Kevin's behavior, while Kevin just looked at him casually. That shown, Kevin had a callous attitude because he did not care about his mother's requested. He did not appreciate his mother's effort to strengthen his relationship with him.

The other was about callous/lack of empathy found in Kevin, was Kevin's expression when with his mother in home after he made his mom stressed. It occurred when he was 8 years old was made his mother angry because he pooped in his pants. Kevin made his mother emotional. He repeatedly pooped in his pants. When his mother had changed Kevin's pant after he pooped, a few minutes he made them again. Kevin did not seem to care how his mother stressed was over his treatment. He still looked relaxed and did not even make a sound. It mean shown, he had been a callous attitude with letting her mother got emotional and stressed

Impulsivity

The psychopath will do something without considering the consequences of what he does to other people. They can't control their own minds to consider the consequences of their behavior. In the film *We Need to Talk about Kevin*, it is found that he was impulsive through Kevin's expressions, behavior and actions towards others. To further clarify was about the impulsivity found in Kevin. First, it happened



when he was 8 years old. He splash water to eyes on his newborn sister. When his younger sister named Celia was born, Kevin was very upset and didn't like it. Because he saw how happy his mother was when giving birth to Celia. Kevin saw his mother holding his sister and looked very happy for Celia's presence. Kevin was very angry, and then took the water that was beside him and then splashed it in his younger sister eyes which made his sister be cried hysterically. But, Kevin didn't care about his sister who was crying. Kevin's actions were classified as someone who was impulsive. He didn't think about from his actions, can harm his sister. He did it with what he had in mind.

Second, impulsivity found in Kevin It can be seen from the conversation between Kevin's parents at the hospital. It happened when Kevin was 16 years old. He put a cleanser in his Celia's eyes. It was from his mother's utterance. To support this explanation, can be seen the following conversation:

Franklin : *Why did you leave the drain stuff out?*

Eva : *I didn't. I put it away.*

Franklin : *Then how did it get out?*

Eva : ***It's Kevin. Kevin did it***

Franklin : *I thing you need to talk about someone.*

(We Need to Talk about Kevin, 01:21:51)

When Kevin grew up, he increasingly showed his evil nature towards those around him. One of which was his own younger sister. Her mother leaved Celia with Kevin. Celia listened to what Kevin asked and accepted what Kevin did to her. So one day, Kevin put dish soap in Celia's eyes, Celia had to be taken to the hospital to undergo an eye examination and wear minus glasses to help her vision. Then his father, Franklin, heard the news from Eva and then went to the hospital together. Franklin thought it was Eva's fault. But Eva said "**it's Kevin, Kevin did it**". Eva's utterance which bold shown that Kevin was an impulsive person because he did something that endangers his own younger sister without thinking about the consequences of his actions. Because what he did it made it difficult for his sister to see. But he didn't even think about it.

The third, when Kevin put a vacuum cleaner on his little sister's head. It can be seen this following utterance:

Kevin : *Hey, you wane know a secret? Come closer. You know who else thirsty? You don't? It's the vacuum monster. **It's the vacuum monster!***

(We Need to Talk about Kevin, 01:04:11)

The utterance "**It's the vacuum monster!**" Described that Kevin liked to tell his sister to take what he wanted. Kevin was very arrogant with his sister. One day, he ordered his younger sister to fetch water, after that he took the vacuum cleaner and messed up his sister's hair until his sister cried but Kevin didn't mind it then his mother immediately pulled the tool out. Kevin's attitude showed that he was not afraid of the consequences of what he did to his sister if his sister will suffocate due to his actions.

Irresponsibility

Psychopaths tend to lack emotions such as a sense of responsibility for their behavior and a lack of fear and sadness. Psychopaths will look ordinary after what he did. In this film there are behaviors, action, and utterance that Kevin's irresponsibility. First, Kevin's the irresponsibility person, it seen his responded when Eva and Franklin talking with him. He played with Celia, he put the cleanser on Celia's eyes and making Celia had to be hospitalized cure her eyes. It can be seen Kevin's utterance. To support this explanation, we can see the conversation following:

Franklin : *Kev, mom had something that she wants to tell you.*



Eva : I wanted to....thank you for calling the ambulance
Franklin : and...
Eva : An`d... I was concerned that you might befeeling responsible
Kevin : **Why is that?**
Eva : because you were supposed to be looking after her.
Franklin : we just don't want you to blame yourself.
Kevin : **no. I don't. I mean ...I never said I did.**
Eva : she's gonna need a glass eye, Kevin.
Franklin : so, we would appreciate you looking after her, and any name-calling...
Kevin : you don't really remember being a kidmuch do you, dad? Celia is just gonna have suck it up. I thought you didn't like those. well, they are a....now what do you call it..."acquired taste".

The second was about irresponsibility found in Kevin that happened when Kevin was 16 years old. He killed his father and sister. Kevin had managed to kill his father and sister with the arrows that his father had given him. Kevin managed to shot them both at home while his mother was at work. But he looked casually and as like nothing happened to him.

The third was about irresponsibility found in Kevin that happened when Kevin was 16 years old. He after killed his schoolmate. Kevin relaxed and casual demeanor as like someone who didn't had a problem. Show, he was an irresponsible person because he looked relaxed after leaving the room and didn't showed the slightest sadness.

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Factor causing Kevin becomes psychopath

Parenting factor

Parents are one of the main causes of a child becoming a psychopath because the lack of parental love and affection for children can trigger abnormal child characteristics. One example is less familiar with children so that their children feel that their presence is not wanted by their parents. Another cause is from a mother who gave birth. Mother's role is very important for the growth of children from infancy to adulthood. If the mother cannot play her role well, the child's nature will match what her mother did. A mother's love is a child's happiness in his life because the mother is the one who gives birth and raises him. In the film *We Need to Talk about Kevin*, the main cause of Kevin becoming a psychopath is the lack of love and affection from his own mother since he was still in the womb so that it can shape Kevin's psychology to be abnormal and his behavior, his mother's attitude towards Kevin. the first, That was the attitude of his mother when Kevin was still in the womb. During pregnancy, Eva had to exercise with other mothers. Eva was not the same other women who looked happy and shared their pregnancy status with other mothers. Eva was quiet and aloof during practiced. She not looked cheerful and happy with her pregnancy. Eva was moody and restless during her pregnancy. Her lethargic and lazy expression showed that Eva didn't really like Kevin and because she had not accepted her situation, it made her different. Eva's attitude made the baby's psychology abnormal and even made the growth of the fetus abnormal.

The second was taken from the utterances of Eva. That occurred when Kevin was 6 years old. He refused to listen to Eva, and Eva was angry with him. It can be seen this following conversation:

Kevin : *I don't like that. I don't like that. I don't like that!*



Eva : **mommy was happy before little Kevin came along. Do you know that? And now mommy wakes up every morning...and wishes she was in France!**

(We Need to Talk about Kevin, 00:32:28)

Eva was angry with Kevin not obeyed to him. So, she said that she was happy before Kevin was around. Before Kevin was born, Eva was a famous writer, and because of that, she could not be a good mother to Kevin. The utterances "**Mommy was happy before little Kevin came along. Do you know that? And now mommy wakes up every morning...and wishes she was in France!**" It signifies that Eva never loved Kevin as a child. To support this explanation, we can see the pictures above.

Third, that happened when his mother visiting Kevin in prison. It can be seen the following conversation:

Eva : *Do you remember how you got that?*

Kevin : **It's the most honest thing you ever did. Do you know how they potty train cats? They stick their noses in their own shit. They don't like it. So they use the box.**

(We Need to Talk about Kevin, 00:42:29)

Kevin was not scared to his mother a little bit. He told his mother that the wound on his hand was one of his mother's actions. When Kevin was child, he made his mother angry with pooped in his pants, and then Kevin was thrown by his mother on the next trash. The utterances "**it's the most honest thing you ever did. Do you know how they potty train cats? They stick their noses in their own shit. They don't like it. So they use the box.**" The reason why Kevin became a psychopath is because his mother's treatment in educating Kevin was rude and impatient. Kevin felt that his mother's treatment indicated that he loved him.

CONCLUSION

As explained in chapter one, this study was conducted on how the psychopathy of Kevin in the film *We Need to Talk about Kevin*. Based on the analysis of the discussion, the conclusions in this study are as follows. First, the writer explains what the symptoms of psychopathy are found in Kevin in the film *We Need to Talk about Kevin*. In this study, the writer found five symptoms of psychopathy which are found in character Kevin, namely; Conning/manipulation is through Kevin's attitudes, actions, and expressions. Callous/Lack of empathy, through the behavior, attitudes and actions of Kevin's character, it can show the character of Kevin's lack of empathy. Impulsivity is through Kevin's actions which show he had impulsive nature. Lack of remorse/guilt is namely Kevin's actions and expressions that show the nature of lack of remorse/guilt. Irresponsibility, namely there is an irresponsible nature in Kevin. The second, the writer examined the factors causing Kevin to become a psychopath in the film *We Need to Talk about Kevin*. The writer found that the factors causing Kevin to become a psychopath were environmental factor. The environmental factor was the family environment, namely parenting factor. The basic cause of Kevin being a psychopath is his own biological mother.

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