

TABOO WORDS IN MOVIE “SUPERHERO MOVIE” AND “SCARY MOVIE 2”

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Abstrak

Judul tulisan ini adalah kata-kata tabu bahasa inggris yang digunakan dalam film “Superhero Movie” dan “Scary Movie 2”. Kata tabu adalah suatu adat budaya dalam berbicara dimana tidak diperbolehkan dalam situasi formal. Namun kini banyak film yang menggunakan kata tersebut karena kata tabu tersebut hanya mendukung alur cerita dan karakter tokoh film tersebut. Oleh sebab itu, kata-kata tabu menjadi topic utama dalam penelitian ini. Penelitian ini dilakukan untuk mengetahui fungsi kata tabu dalam percakapan yang ditemukan di film. Sehingga dari penelitian ini dapat diketahui adanya makna yang ingin disampaikan oleh pembicara terhadap pendengar. Data diambil dari film “Superhero Movie” dan “Scary Movie 2”. Data dikumpulkan dengan menggunakan metode observasi lalu dianalisis dengan penjelasan deskriptif.

Kata kunci: tabu, jenis, fungsi, Scary Movie 2, Superhero Movie

1. Background

Taboo words are something common in our daily conversation, although they are not allowed in formal conversation. In movies, taboo words are used to support the plot of the story. In this study, the use of taboo words is specially mentioned in informal condition or in a certain situation that may qualify in suitable manner and purpose.

2. Problem of the Study

Based on the background above, in this investigation, the research problem is the function of taboo used in conversation in “Superhero Movie” and “Scary Movie 2”.

3. Aims of the Study

To find out the functions of taboo words used in “Superhero Movie” and “Scary Movie 2”.

4. Research Method

4.1 Data Source

The data of taboo words, which were analyzed in this study, were taken from the Hollywood movie *Superhero Movie* and *Scary Movie 2*. Those films were chosen as data source because in the dialogues of the movies a lot of taboo/dirty words were used.

4.2 Method and Technique of Collecting Data

In this writing, the method used is observation and the data were limited only to the conversations that contain taboo words. The observation was done through finding the English script on the Internet and watching the movies. Note-taking collect was done while watching the movies. All of the sentences that contain taboo words found in these movies were noted down to get the relevant data. After all the data were listed, then every taboo word was identified in order to find out the function of every taboo word found in the movies.

4.3 Method and Technique of Analyzing Data

The data were qualitatively analyzed by descriptive explanation based on the theory Functions of language proposed by Janet Holmes (1992).

5. The Functions of Taboo Words in Movie *Superhero Movie* and *Scary Movie 2*

5.1 Expressive Function

The examples Expressive Function on *Scary Movie 2* are as follow:

Buddy : Hey, Cindy, think fast! (Throw a ball over Cindy)

Cindy :Ohh! Uhh! Aah!

Buddy : Dude, you **suck**!

This scene is when Cindy is walking in house corridor. Suddenly Buddy throws a ball that hit Cindy's head. The word "suck" shows that Buddy invoke Cindy. In this case, Buddy expresses his disappointed feeling about Cindy that she could not catch the ball. For this reason, this utterance is categorized under Expressive Function.

The examples Expressive Function on Superhero Movie are as follow:

The Dragonflies pursue the Hourglass after he got the energy reactor. He tracks him until he arrives into a room that held a costume party. People there invoke the dragonfly as in this conversation:

Dragonfly: Hourglass !... hero con ?

People : It's a convention for people who like to dress up as their favorite heroes and villains. By the way, your costume **sucks**.

The word *sucks* was used to destroy the Dragonfly's costume. For this reason, this utterance is categorized under Expressive Function.

5.2 Directive Function

The Directive Function on Scary Movie 2 shown as below:

Cindy : Yeah. It was traumatic. It really was...and it's taking me a while to get over it, but, you know...now that we're out of the house and back in school... I just know that everything's gonna be OK.

Bird : Oh, **God**, will you shut the fuck up?

In this conversation, Cindy is on the phone with her parent but the bird in her room complained and told Cindy to be quiet. For this reason, this utterance is categorized under Directive Function.

The examples of Directive Function on Superhero Movie shows as below:

Lance : I'm gonna kill you.

Lance's friend : Get him, Lance!

Jill : Lance, stop it.

Lance's friend : Kick his **ass**, Lance!

This scene is while Lance wants to beat Rick because he is angry with Rick. His friend shouted to Lance to kick Rick's ass. In this case, the word "ass" refers to the human part in the bottom. For this reason, this utterance is categorized under Directive Function.

5.3 Referential Function

The Referential Function on Scary Movie 2 is shown as follows:

Buddy : Guys, I think the Professor's up to something. I heard Dwight tell the Professor there could be a poltergeist in the house and that we could all be in danger!

Shorty : Oh, no, son! Not a poltergeist! What's a poltergeist?

Theo : I'm getting out of here.

Buddy : No. We can't go anywhere. The gates are locked. Dwight's the only one who has the keys.

Ray : Baby, get my Vaseline

Brenda : I'll handle

Ray : Get my Vaseline, a banana, and some duct tape.

Shorty : I'm gonna break his legs.

Brenda : I'm gonna **fuck** that little cripple up!

This conversation takes places in the kitchen, while all gather up, buddy said that they are all in danger and the only one who have the keys of the gate is Dwight. Everyone wants to get the key. And also Brenda says “I'm gonna **fuck** that little cripple up!” to give others information that she will get the key with a violent ways and also uses a word “fuck” that is just a emotional word. For this reason, this utterance is categorized under Referential Function.

The Referential Function on Superhero Movie is as follows:

Uncle : How did you do that?

Rick : Uh, it's easier than it looks.

Uncle : No, I don't think so. Why don't you tell me what's going on?

Rick : All right. Well, there is something, okay? But you have to keep it a secret. I think I have...superpowers.

Uncle : I find that hard to believe.

Rick : All right, all right, how about this? Go ahead and throw as many punches as you want. I bet you 100 **bucks** you don't land one.

Uncle : easy money

This scene of film is when Rick came into the kitchen while Trey and Uncle Albert are fixing some stuff. Rick tells that he has superpowers. But his uncle didn't believe it. So Rick tells his uncle to punch him then he bet 100 bucks his uncle couldn't land one. For this reason, the researcher categorizes this utterance under Referential Function.

5.4 Phatic Function

The Phatic Function on Scary Movie 2 shown as below:

A: Oh, shit, Ray, you got a tattoo.

B: Oh, shit. What's it say?

A: "Ray!" Oh, man.

B: Oh, shit, you got a tattoo, too.

A: Oh, really? Dude! **Dude**, what's it say?

B: "Fucked me. "

This conversation is between Ray and his friend in his room. His friend said that Ray got a tattoo and so did his friend. The word "dude" refers to close friend and Ray says that because he wants a respond from his friend. For this reason, this utterance is categorized under Phatic Function.

The Phatic Function on Superhero Movie shown as below:

Boss: Who the **hell** are you?

Rick: I was wondering if you've got a job opening for...

Boss: Job?! How dare you come in here and ask me for a job?

This conversation shows that Rick asks about a job to be a reporter, but the temperamental boss asks a question with frustration feeling, In this case, the speakers need a response. The word used is "hell" to express the boss's feeling. Actually, the man who acts like a boss is crazy. For this reason, the researcher categorizes this utterance under Phatic Function.

6. Conclusions

From six functions, according to Holmes, there are only four functions related to the taboo words in Superhero Movie and Scary Movie 2. They are Expressive Function, Directive function, Referential function and Phatic function that can be found in the movie. It is considered that it is not related to the poetic function and metalinguistic function because poetic function focuses on a poem and is used in order to fulfill the need of aesthetic reason, meanwhile metalinguistic functions to comment on language itself that serve response of the language launched by the others. The function of taboo word itself depends on the movie scene or speaker's feeling.

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