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CLASS STRUGGLE AS REPRESENTED BY THE CHARACTER ELOI AND MORLOCK IN HEBERT GEORGE WELLS' *THE TIME MACHINE*

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Abstract

This study analyzed a novel written by Hebert George Wells, *The Time Machine*. The author talked about the different classes based on society's economic status, namely upper class and lower class that might cause the class struggle. There were three objectives that were formulated by the writer, 1) to discuss the characterization of the Eloi and Morlock, 2) to present the conflict between Eloi and Morlock, 3) to discuss the class struggle between the upper and lower class in accomplishing their desire as represented by character Eloi and Morlock. In analyzing this novel the writer used the socio-cultural-historical and biographical approach and also the library research to analyze this novel. There were two main character in the novel that represented the upper and lower classes in nineteenth century. They had conflict since hundreds years ago that was the lower class were oppressed by the upper class. It made them bare and did the struggle. This struggle came from the economical, ideological and political background. Since the economical struggle that was increasing the wage and shorting the work hours was not approved, they made the ideological struggle. This struggle found the perfect way to control the upper class. After that, they did the political struggle that served the upper as the cattle and prey them. They also changed the rule which was oppressed to oppress. It recommended for the next researcher to use the same approach and for the teacher to use this novel as learning material.

Keywords : *Class Struggle, Bourgeois, Proletariat, Oppression*

INTRODUCTION

Human and society cannot be separated. People could not live alone without neighbours. They need each other to share, play, and have pleasant. Living in society was not simple, since it related with many people with different background. James Mc Knee (1996:124) in the Introduction to Sociology defines the society is the cluster of people that aware to live together in social environment.

The citizens that gather in society came from many different backgrounds namely are social, economic and also politic. From the economic side the the society was divided into three level, namely upper class, middle class and lower class. The upper class was a group of the people that live in the luxuriousness and plentiful. The middle class

was a group of people that had sufficient life while lower class was a group of people that have difficulties in fulfilling their main needs, like house, meal and clothing.

Marx in Wilczynkaki (1981:78) states there are two different classes which include by economic background, the bourgeois (the rich) and the proletariat (the poor). The bourgeois are those who have fund, such as wealth, machines, tools, factories, and all the things that are used in the process of production. On the contrary the proletariat are those who operate the machine or work for the rich. Since the proletariat only has the physical strength and bourgeois take the advantages by using and extort the poor's strength to work for them.

Some companies made exploitation to their worker by using their physical strength, such as force them to work exceed the work time and give them a little bit payment, it happens in the whole of the world. The owner gave the job to the poor worker, they work hard and only give little payment, and sometime they did not get the payment.

In fact, the physical power exploiting of the poor also happened long time age, in the nineteenth century where the social background was divided into 3 classes, aristocracy, the worker and the poor worker. At this time, the upper class or aristocracy who had fund and tools employed the poor worker unfairly. They had to work about 19-20 hours a day, which made their physical strength pressed. Then, it brought the protest from the poor worker or labour, they defended for their needs, one of them was decrease the working hours from 20 hours became 8 hours. Their protest was accepted and then, 1 May, was always commemorated as a Mayday, where the worker not must be work until 20 hours a day. Mayday was the one of defends of the poor worker or also called by class struggle that happened in the world.

Draper defines the theory of class struggle through the book *Karl Marx's Theory of Revolution* that

The working class moves toward class struggle in so far as capitalism fails to satisfy its economic and social needs and aspirations. There is no evidence that workers like to struggle anymore than anyone else; the evidence is that capitalism compels

and accustoms them to do so (1978:42).

There are not any other people who have struggle like the poor worker. They tried to get their privilege. They were not give up to get what they want to increase their live quality.

The class struggle was divided into three kinds, namely economical struggle, ideological struggle and also political struggle.

1. Economical Struggle

Since the waged can improve the worker life condition so that this economic struggle is about increasing the wage and also shorter the working day because they have to work more than the properly. This struggle used by the worker who their demands are not satisfied. The working class compose the trade unions, mutual assistance and other organization to defend its economic interest. (Hall,1963:164).

However, this struggle is quite difficult to employ, since the power of capitalist is stronger than the worker. Whenever the worker success to defeat in the economical struggle they will get the privilege along the work epoch. It could be permanent until the lifelong. For example, the worker in the nineteenth century who had to work 18 to 20 hours a day, and only have the little rest time. Since the workers were not bear, so that they did the struggle which ask the owner to decrease the work time into 8 hours a day. Even though this struggle indulge the victims, this struggle still run and bring the welfare to

the worker where the working time decrease into 8 hours a day up to today.

2. Ideological Struggle

The workers always get the improper treatment, such as exploitation and oppressed. Sometimes the oppressed and exploitation from the capitalist is not really clear since they are worker that always be adhere to their boss. Yet, the clear exploitation and the fairness such as inequality in society and economy will bring the worker into the protest. This feeling is a kind of class interest, where they understand that they not properly have such kind of this treatment.

The consciousness is the understanding of the worker to achieve their privilege by conducts the struggle to the capitalist who own the factory (Lenin). This struggle is about the thought of the worker where they have to free from this exploitation by any way. The best way of this struggle is the worker has to struggle every day to get their desire and get the higher level of class, which can develop their mind. To get the higher level this ideological struggle is needed. It used to involve open their eyes with the world outlooks, and it can bring them into liberalization.

3. Political Struggle

The highest form of the workers' class struggle is political struggle. This became the highest struggle since this struggle consist all of the aspect in the society, even the economic and ideological. Lenin stated in *Collected Works Vol.5* that the working class consciousness cannot be certainly political consciousness unless the workers are trained

to respond to all cases, without exception, of tyranny, oppression, violence and abuse, no matter what class is affected (p. 412).

Lenin also stated that "it is not enough, that the class struggle becomes real, consistent and developed, only when it embraces the sphere of politics". The class struggle is being fully developed, only when it not merely embraces politics but when it goes to the core of politics, in this case the system of state power (p.97-98).

This is the high level of struggle where the worker not sue to get what their want any more to the higher class. Yet, here the worker decide their own way how to make themselves enter the higher level of class, or even get the highest class. To get the highest class the worker have to change the rule where the worker are exploited then now the free from oppressed and do exploit the higher class.

METHOD

This study used the socio-cultural-historical and biographical approach which analyzed the history and social in the author era as consideration in writing this novel. The biographical approach used to analyze the background of the author. Here the writer also used library research that not only used the novel as the source but also other source, such as book and internet sources which relate with the study.

FINDING AND DISCUSSION

There were two main characters in the novel that lived in the year 801.702 A.D,

namely Eloi and Morlock. They were met by someone who made the invention that is time machine. He tried to use his machine and had a journey through the time that was in the future.

Eloi: Their Characterization and How They Lived

The Eloi was a group of creature who lived above ground. This creature was described like a child. They were shorter and smaller about the 120 cm height. The Eloi was represented the rich. It was looked by their appearances. They were beautiful creature with the same costume and accessories and looked the same from the head to foot. The costume that they wore was like the costume that was wore by the rich people in the nineteenth century. It indicated that this creature was rich. They looked so tidy and clean meant that this creature always treated well. Only people who had money that could treat themselves well, since all of the treatment need money. The richness of this creature appeared from their big house that can occupied more than a hundred creatures. The house had the precious architecture and also equipments inside the house. Their house was made by the valuable materials, such as white metal and colored glass. It made their house looked luxurious like nineteenth century's big building in Europe.

Their house was very beautiful but the queer thing was seen from the broken equipments, such as table, window and certain. This creature was not taking care of their own house. They were careless. Their

carelessness was also seen from their way in treating their fellow. When one of the Eloi was slipped in a big stream, and ask for help, but there was none of the fellow help her. They only saw their pity fellow, and do nothing. It was because their daily activities that not need much power such as plays, eats, takes a bath, makes love, and sleep that made them careless. These kinds of activities also made the Eloi became weak and fool, since they did not have to think and work. This passiveness which was doing everyday changed someone into a different creature with any concern, intelligence and willingness. They did not want to learn new thing, such as language, because this creature had the different language with the human. The activities that never stimulated their brain made this creature became fool with low level of intelligence. Different with the rich in the nineteenth century that ate nutritious and precious food such as steak and bread, this creature only ate simple meal that was fruits that not reflect their richness. It because the food that was ate by the rich was complicated to make. It was because this creature did not want to have complicated process. They also did not pick the fruits by themselves but it had already served on their table.

The men of years 802.701 should be more modern and had more creativity than human in the years 1895, but not for this creature. They did not want to develop and keep the invention, tradition and work of the men in previous years. They only used this invention to make their live more pleasant and did not make any intention. It caused the

intention and tradition gone. The invention made them useless and weak. This weakness made them need the protection from the stronger man. This happened when one of the Eloi was slipped and rescued by the Time Traveler. She wanted always with him. They need protection since they were afraid of the dark, night, shadow and the thing that related with the darkness. Thus, when the sun –set they only gathered in the hall inside their house and did not have other activity beside of sleeping.

Morlock: Their Characterization and How They Live

Morlock was another group that also lived in the same world with the Eloi. They lived underground. They represented the poor that had to work for the Eloi, the rich. Their physical appearances were different with the Eloi. They looked like ape creature with white-faded fur. They had large grayish-red eyes and flaxen hair in their head. They were described as the little man with the lighter and smaller in human with common. Living underground with not any light made this creature cold. This creature was recognized to run with both of their hands and feet. They were look awful. This awful appearance had relation with the poor worker in the nineteenth century which the men, women and children were lived far with the beauty. The Morlock lived in the building with the well n the middle as the way to go to the underground. The house of the Morlock was also dark and stuffy with any light and air. It looked like people in nineteenth century who

did not had choice to find the proper house for them. They could live in the dingy and unsanitary place, with the house that not fit for human habitation.

In Morlock house also existed big machines to make some production. They operate the machines in the dark. It was like the nineteenth century's rich that had the big machine to support mass production but the rich did not operate this machine. The one who operate this machine was poor worker that did not have anything, so that they work for the rich to survive their life. Different with the Eloi who was weak, the Morlock was strong since they always works to serve the Eloi and operates the machines. Besides the strong, this creature also described as the crude creature. It was seen from the way how to this creature treated other creature.

Since this creature live in the dark and there was not any light made them accustomed with the environment. They were afraid of the light and like nocturnal animal that only had their activity in the night. Their bodies' also became stinky. Actually this creature had uncompleted sense of vision, meant that they were blind. They could see in the dark since they used their sense of hearing to detect the surrounding. The Morlock also used their sense of touch to grope and guess their surroundings. They were smart, since they could minimize their weakness with their strength. The cleverness of this creature also appeared when they trap their victim that was the Time Traveler. They put the losing time machine in the tube near with the Morlock's door. They expected that the Time Traveler

will come and take his time machine. After their plan was success they then tried to prey him. They wanted to prey the Time Traveler since they were carnivores. This creature also described as the creature that never gave up in getting what they want.

Conflict Between Eloi and Morlock

In the hundreds years ago, the Morlock as the poor worker worked for the Eloi as the rich. The Morlock worked for the rich since they did not have money and wealth to survive their live. They only had the physical power. Thus they worked for the rich and would do anything for the rich to get their wage. Because of their reluctance made the rich oppressed them. The rich employed the poor more than the ideal work hours and gave them little wage. The rich principle was get the as much asprofit and gave as little as possible wage to the worker. Besides, the worker also had to do and serve what the rich want. The unfair treatment and exploitation that were accepted by the poor worker made them tried to find the fairness.

Class Struggle in *The Time Machine*

Class struggle was the way of someone or group in accomplishing their desire through the fight or defense. The class struggle in his novel occurred between two main creatures as reflection of the the different classes which were divided by the economical background, namely upper class and lower class. Both of the groups had different role in the society. The underground creature had to work for the upperworld. The

underground creature had to work for the upper world to survive their life, although they got the force and unfair treatment from their master. The Morlock served the Eloi necessity such as clothes, food and other things.

In this novel was found three kinds of struggle that were done by the Morlock, namely economical, ideological and also political struggle.

Class Struggle Based on Economical Background

The economical struggle was usually about the increasing their wage and shorten the working hours. The economical struggle in this novel was begun from hundreds years ago. The poor worker had to work for the rich in order to survive their live. They worked with unfair condition, where they had to do anything that was commanded by the rich and got the little payment. Besides they also got bad treatments. It made the poor worker bare and tried to get what should they got. The poor made a struggle that was asked the rich to increase their wage and shorten the working hours. This struggle did not give big changing for their life.

Class Struggle Based on Ideological Background

The worker always got the improper treatments from their master, such as exploitation and oppressed. This struggle about the poor's mind and plan to free from the oppressed and exploitation to get better life. This struggle also dealt with how the

poor tried to achieve the higher level. In this novel, the Morlock tried to achieve the higher level even to control the upper class. At the first the poor looked for what did the rich wanted. The Morlock observed then found that the rich wants were live happily and in pleasant without problem and work. They needed to serve every day, so that they did not have to take care of their self.

The worker gave the rich what they want and served what their need. They did it for hundreds years with the certain aims. They want the rich live in pleasant at the first and made this creature became weak, fool and careless. The rich did not allowed to do anything, or work, even the little work. They also did not stimulate their brain that was why this creature became fool. When someone was treated with this activities for long time, made them change from their physical power and mind. After this creature had adapted with the situation, it made the poor easy to control them and do the next plan. So that the result of the ideological struggle that was done by the Morlock not only made them enter to the upper class but also controlled them.

Class Struggle Based on the Political Struggle

After the ideological struggle that was done by the Morlock, they did the next plan that was political struggle. The political struggle here was the high struggle beside the economic and ideological. The political struggle dealt with the way how the poor want to control the higher class. In this novel the

poor did what the rich want that made them into the fool, weak and careless creature. The pleasant live that the rich got became the strength for the Morlock.

Since long time ago the Morlock had already accustomed with the bad condition where they had to live underground without proper food. Improper food that they got made them became the carnivores. There was not any animal or other food for Morlock, so that they prey the Eloi as their meal and as the revenge of the exploitation that made a long time ago. Thus, the Eloi actually were not served as the master but as the cattle. The Morlock served them from their necessity, so that what they needs always provided although there were not any shop, factory or office. Here the Morlock changed the rule where the poor was always oppressed but happened the contrary things where the Morlock prey and had control of the Eloi. So when the night came the Morlock come to upper world and prey one or some of the Eloi then brought them to their cave, slaughter and ate them. That was why the Eloi afraid of the night and dark. The Eloi was pried when they were sleeping made easy to catch the Eloi since they also could not revolt. They could not revolt not only because of they were sleeping but also their foulness, careless and weakness. Although the Eloi fought back, the Morlock definitely would compel them and successfully to bring this creature in to their cave. It was also because the Morlock was stronger than the Eloi. The Morlock was impregnable. They were not easy to give up. It was also one of the poor's struggles that

they would not easy to give up in getting their desire. Although they were in the difficulty and almost death, they would still try to get their privilege. It occurred when the forest where the Morlock live were burned by the Time Traveler. The Morlock still try to catch the Time Traveler and Weena. It meant that the poor worker would try to achieve their desire until they were death.

CONCLUSION

This study concluded that there were two creatures in this novel that represent the upper class and lower class, namely Eloi and Morlock. They had contrary characterization, not only from their physical appearances but also from the way they lived.

The Eloi was described as weak and fool while Morlock was presented as the smart and powerful creature. Unlike the Morlock who looked like a monster with an awful appearance and dull fur, the Eloi seemed like a noble man with beautiful clothes and some accessories. The Eloi lived above the ground in the big and precious house, whereas Morlock lived under the ground with no light and uncomfortable. The Morlock had to operate the machine and serve the Eloi, on the contrary, the Eloi only played, ate, slept and did effortless things. It made the Eloi became weak while the Morlock became strong. Since there was no light in the Morlock house, so that the Morlock were afraid of the light and never appear in the above world when the sun shines. Different from the Morlock, the Eloi were afraid of the

dark, so that they had to gather in the one big house.

The history of the Morlock as the poor and the Eloi as the rich began when the poor had to work to the rich. The way the rich thought was to get the profit as much as possible, then gave as little as payment to the workers. The poor also had to work over the time. The rich also always oppressed the poor by asking everything that they want and the poor had to grant it. The rich placed themselves in the comfort and pleasant condition, while the poor had to work hard and got the unfair wage.

Because of the unfair payment for the poor, they tried to change the condition by making an economical struggle. This struggle was aimed to fulfill their desire, higher wages and shorter work hours. Since this struggle did not really had influence on their lives, they made the second struggle (ideological struggle) that thought how to free from the oppressed. Finding the way, they applied it and arranged the situation in the society that refers to the political struggle. In this novel the poor used this way since years ago. The way that they used was to make this rich become weak and defenseless by serve them every time and not allowed them to had work as little they can. After some years later the condition changed, the Eloi lived as cattle under the Morlock's control. The Morlock made a new rule for themselves to evolve to carnivores. The new rule that occurred here refers to the class struggle that happens in this novel.

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