

An Analysis of Social Classes

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AN ANALYSIS OF SOCIAL CLASSES AND CONFLICTS IN KEVIN KWAN'S CRAZY RICH ASIAN NOVEL

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ABSTRACT

The writer uses Crazy Rich Asian novel By Kevin Kwan as an object. This analysis discusses how the social class contained in the Crazy Rich Asian novel and its conflict on family life. In this thesis, the writer uses the social class and social conflict theory to analyze the novel. The method used in writing this thesis is a qualitative descriptive method. The findings and analysis that can be found in the novel about social class differences. This class difference is created because of the existence of social class, where they classify their social class, namely the upper class and middle class. Where the upper classes do not want to accept the middle class into their class. The difference in social class is measured by the power or wealth, privileges and prestige that affect the position, lifestyle, habits and behavior between the upper class and middle class so that the gap between the two classes is so striking. The conflict is the gap in social status in a family life or relationship. This gap affects the thinking of upper families who cannot accept any class lower than them to enter their families.

Keywords : Social Class, Crazy Rich Asia, Social Conflict.

ABSTRAK

Skripsi ini berjudul "Analisis Kelas Sosial dan Konfliknya dalam Novel Crazy Rich Asian Karya Kevin Kwan". Penulis menggunakan novel Crazy Rich Asian Karya Kevin Kwan sebagai objek. Analisis ini membahas bagaimana kelas sosial yang terdapat dalam novel Crazy Rich Asian dan konfliknya dalam kehidupan keluarga. Dalam tesis ini, penulis menggunakan teori kelas sosial dan konflik sosial untuk menganalisis novel tersebut. Metode yang digunakan dalam penulisan skripsi ini adalah metode deskriptif kualitatif. Temuan dan analisis yang dapat ditemukan dalam novel tentang perbedaan kelas sosial. Perbedaan kelas ini tercipta karena adanya kelas sosial, dimana mereka mengklasifikasikan kelas sosialnya, yaitu kelas atas dan kelas menengah. Dimana kelas atas tidak mau menerima kelas menengah ke dalam kelas mereka. Perbedaan kelas sosial diukur dari kekuasaan atau kekayaan, keistimewaan dan prestise yang mempengaruhi kedudukan, gaya hidup, kebiasaan dan perilaku antara kelas atas dan kelas menengah sehingga kesenjangan antara kedua kelas tersebut begitu mencolok. Konflik adalah kesenjangan status sosial dalam kehidupan atau hubungan keluarga. Kesenjangan ini mempengaruhi

pemikiran keluarga atas yang tidak dapat menerima kelas yang lebih rendah dari mereka untuk memasuki keluarga mereka.

Kata kunci : Kelas sosial, Crazy Rich Asia, Konflik sosial

I. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of The Study

Novel is the modern or living form of narrative fiction. It shares the construction of feature, themes, subject matter of epic, romance, allegory and satire (Pardede, 2016). Novel is works written based on fiction or non-fiction stories that are packaged into a long and recorded story. The function of literature is more than entertaining readers and getting them into a world of fiction, actually it can go beyond that.

In fact, literary work's content goes deeper and includes a plenty of information and events that serve the different sciences such as sociology. Novel entitled "Crazy Rich Asian" by Kevin Kwan can be studied or analyzed by using several approaches. The intrinsic aspect is that aspect build literary works from within the work literature itself which includes themes, plots, figures and officers, setting/background, language style, point of view, mandate, while aspects extrinsic is an aspect of that building literary works from outside the body of literary works such as psychology both author psychology, readers, economics, social cultural, social classes, political, individual

subjectivity, and even the author's biographical elements.

In this world have several social classes, A social class is a set of subjectively defined concepts in the social sciences and political theory centre on models of social stratification in which people are grouped into a set of hierarchical social categories, the most common being the upper, middle and lower classes. The first are upper class or commonly referred to as rich people, those who have a lot of wealth, which is obtained from their hard work or from their offspring. The upper class in modern societies is the social class composed of people who hold the highest social status, usually are the wealthiest members of society, and wield the greatest political power. According to this view, the upper class is generally distinguished by immense wealth which is passed on from generation to generation. Prior to the 20th century, the emphasis was on aristocracy, which emphasized generations of inherited noble status, not just recent wealth.

The second is the middle class, this middle class can be made into two groups, the upper middle class and lower class, the upper middle class they do not have as much wealth as

the upper class, but they live with sufficient wealth. The middle class is a class of people in the middle of a social hierarchy. The very definition of the term "middle class" is highly political and vigorously contested by various schools of political and economic philosophy.

The third is the lower class or the so-called poor people, those who live in shortages, and who do not have assets, some of them do not even have a house at all or commonly called The working class (or labouring class) comprises those engaged in waged or salaried labour, especially in manual-labour occupations and industrial work. Working-class occupations (see also "Designation of workers by collar color") include blue-collar jobs, some white-collar jobs, and most pink-collar jobs. Members of the working class rely for their income exclusively upon their earnings from wage labour; thus the category includes almost all of the working population of industrialized economies, as well as those employed in the urban areas (cities, towns, villages) of non-industrialized economies or in the rural workforce.

Being rich is everyone's desire because wealth is something happiness that can make everyone feel the beauty of life, rich is not easily obtained, they work hard to gather their wealth, they learn to build all businesses that can make them collect a lot of wealth or some of those who have inherited a lot of wealth from their parents or from their family tree. Their pleasure is very

much sought after by the middle class or poor people, because they can buy expensive items easily, they can travel by private plane, have a large number of luxury vehicles, large houses and complete facilities, sometimes they have many opportunities in each circumstances that require a lot of money, as in today, most people who have a lot of money take precedence in any case. And being poor or middle class is not a pleasure, sometimes when they want something they can't get it as easily as possible but they have to work and try to get something they want. They also have to reduce each of their life's demands by eating simple and having a simple home. A person's wealth or poverty can not only be measured by their appearance but can be measured by all the luxury of life and the misery of life.

In common parlance, the term "social class" is usually synonymous with "socioeconomic class", defined as "people having the same social, economic, cultural, political or educational status", e.g., "the working class"; "an emerging professional class". However, academics distinguish social class and socioeconomic status, with the former refining to one's relatively stable sociocultural background and the latter refining to one's current social and economic situation and consequently being more changeable over time. Social class's definition is one of the most important discussed concept that sociolinguists handle.

But in social class also has a big influence on human life, such as health, relationships, and education. many people become stressed of this wealth group because they are so obsessed with being the top class in social class, the various ways they try to make them into the upper class. But there are some people who feel inferior about their own social class, for example if there is a woman want to marry a man who is very rich, but she feels she does not deserve to marry him because she is afraid if people told that she only wants wealth that man. Because many of the upper classes feel that if there are people from the lower classes who want to enter their family, they feel that people are only after their assets, but not necessarily the people they value are like that.

Crazy Rich Asian is a series of novels written by a Singaporean American novelist Kevin Kwan. Best known for his satirical novels Crazy Rich Asians, China Rich Girlfriend and Rich People Problems. In 2014, Kwan was named as one of the "Five Writers to Watch" on the list of Hollywood's Most Powerful Authors published by The Hollywood Reporter. In 2018, Kwan made Time magazine's list of 100 most influential people and was inducted into The Asian Hall of Fame, a project of the Robert Chinn Foundation established in 2004.

Nicholas Young or commonly called Nick, men of Sydney descent Australia and Singapore families who

inherited a lot. The young family has a lot of money, generations of money. Besides that, James married Shang Su Yi. The daughter of Shang Loong Ma was an extraordinarily rich man in Beijing, and before the fall of the Qing dynasty, he cleverly transferred his money to Singapore, where he gained even greater wealth in shipping and commodities. Shang Loong Ma had tentacles in every big business in the Singapore area, he controlled all shipping lines from the Indies, the Netherlands to Siam, and it was in the wake of the merger of early 30s Hokian banks. That's how Nick's wealth is obtained.

Rachel Chu or commonly called Rachel, a girl who was only raised by her mother. His mother said that his father had died and his mother had chosen to live alone as a single parent. Rachel is a teacher in Chengdu between her undergraduate and postgraduate education. he is also an economist from a well-known university in London. Rachel is not a girl in the upper class like Nick.

Rachel who only lives with her mother who chooses to live alone and works to raise Rachel. But behind the story of her life, it turns out Rachel's mother kept a big secret about her that made Nick's family not accept it. Nick's mother Eleanor Young looked for information about Rachel Chu that she got from investigators in Shenzhen. And she found three reasons for refusing Rachel as her daughter in law, the first of which she

found a Rachel's original birth certificate, and the second she find out that Rachel's father was still alive and in prison outside Shenzhen.

Eleanor had a clip of a 1992 newspaper that reported that a man named Zhou Fang Min had ordered illegal measures to cut costs, which eventually resulted in a construction accident that killed 74 workers in Shenzhen in 1992. The third was the announcement of a reward from Zhou's family An Mei, who was kidnapped by her mother, Kerry Ching, in 1981.

The news surprised Rachel because she really didn't know the situation. Rachel also chose to meet her father imprisoned after several silence in her friend's house named Peik Lin, but the news was heard by his mother and Nick, Nick was immediately brought Rachel's mother who was in America going to Singapore to meet Rachel and tell everything that happened in the past about her. Rachel's mother Kerry said that Zhou Fang Min was not Rachel's biological father, Rachel's biological father was a man named Kao Wei who saved Rachel's mother from the crimes committed by Zhou Fang Min, after the incident Kao Wei and Kerry fell in love with each other until one day she was pregnant, the news of the pregnancy was very much awaited by all of Zhou's family, the family fortune-teller Zhou said that the child that Kerry conceived was male, but when Kerry gave birth to a daughter

the Zhou family was very angry and could not accept the daughter making them want to make the girl disabled so that they can give them back the descendants. But their crime was immediately known by Kerry, and she chose to leave Zhou's house by bringing her daughter, she was sent to America by his parents and lived with the Chu family who were in America and changed the name of his daughter to Rachel Chu. Rachel is very surprised to hear all of her mother's stories, until she feels sorry for her mother and accepts her mother's story, she chooses to stay with her mother and make up with Nick even though their relationship is not approved by Nick's family.

Rachel is a girl from a family who, according to the Nick family, is not honored with a jailed father and a mother who hides her father's whereabouts. Rachel is also not a family belonging to the upper social class, Rachel is just a girl who works as a lecturer at one of the universities in America and is only raised by her mother so that according to Nick's family, Rachel only uses Nick. But Nick rejected all of his family's thoughts because Nick felt that Rachel wasn't a woman like that. According to Nick, Rachel really loved him and wanted to live with him under any circumstances so Nick didn't listen to the opinion of his mother and his grandmother.

The reason the writer chose to research Crazy Rich Asian Novel

because this novel contains many stories about the wealth of Asians which can be classified as social classes and this novel also tells about the relationships and views of the impact from inequality of social status.

1.2 Problem Statement

1. How is the depiction of social classes and those conflicts in Kevin Kwan's *Crazy Rich Asian Novel* ?
2. What are the factors which cause social classes and those conflicts in Kevin Kwan's *Crazy Rich Asian Novel* ?

1.3 Objective of The Study

1. To describe Factors which cause social classes and those conflicts in Kevin Kwan's *Crazy Rich Asian Novel*
2. To describe Factors which cause social classes and those conflicts in Kevin Kwan's *Crazy Rich Asian Novel*

1.4 Scope and Limitation

The scope of the study on this research is analyzing levels and conflicts of social classes in the novel by applying the social classes and social conflict theory proposed by Karl Marx. In the levels of social classes has three class. upper, middle and lower class. The writer found and analyze two classes in the novel, upper and middle class, and in conflict social the writer found three conflicts in the novel, conflict of involving social positions, conflict of interest and conflict of role. Scope of study is

necessary in order to make a research to be specific and well managed. Thus, is research is only focus in Kevin Kwan's *Crazy Rich Asian*.

1.5 Significance of the study

In analyzing the topic, the author has meaning that can be contributed to those who are interested in discussing it. Provide a concrete picture of social class in terms of levels and conflicts. By presenting the roles of Rachel Chu and Nick as seen in Kevin Kwan's *Crazy Rich Asian Novel* as the topic of discussion, the writer hopes that the readers can understand the social class aspect. This research is also expected to help students of the department of English literature in conducting further research related to Kevin Kwan's work in general and especially for those who wish to conduct research on similar topics.

1.6 Definition of key term

In order to avoid misinterpretation from the explanation above, the operational definition of each term used in the problems are presented as follows :

1. Social Classes

A Social class is a set of subjectively defined concepts in the social sciences and political theory centre on models of social stratification

in which people are grouped into a set of hierarchical social categories, the most common being the upper, middle and lower class.

2. Conflicts

Social class is the division of community members into a different class status hierarchy so that the members of each class have relatively the same status, and the other class members have higher or lower status.

3. Kind of Conflict Social

According to Lewis Coser (in Chris, 2002:64-74) social conflict is divided three categories.

The types of social conflict namely :

- a.) Conflict of involving social positions
- b.) Conflict of role
- c.) Conflict of interest

II. REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

A. Social Classes

Based on the characteristics of social stratification, we can find some class divisions or groups in society. Term class does not always have the same meaning, although in essence realizing a basic system of position in society. Definition of classing line

with the understanding of the layer without having to distinguish the coating base that community. Social class or social group has a relatively more meaning used to show the social layer based on economic criteria. So, the definition of Social Class or Social Group is: A group of people who occupy a social layer based on criteria the economy.

In general, social classes are divided into three classes that are upper, middle and lower. The upper class is the highest class which is the top social group compared to other classes. The upper classes are usually influenced by great wealth, influence or power in a good social, have a very sufficient income, undergo a high level of education such as a master or the rest and can also maintain family stability.

Whereas the middle class is the level of people who have enough wealth, have jobs and income that can support them, have savings and future plans and are usually involved in social activities. The lower class is the lowest class that has a modest income even for saving it is difficult, looking for money to live today and can not think about future savings, and relatively low education.

B. Levels of Social Classes

Karl Marx in Social Class Theory rests on the reason that "The history of all societies which existed until now is

the history of class struggle" (Karl Marx, 1977).

According to this view, since human society emerged from a primitive state and was relatively distinguished, it remained basically divided between classes which clashed in pursuit of class interests. The social class divisions are classified as, upper class (rich people, business people, and industrialists, plus top executives); the middle class (which includes most white-collar and professional workers); and the working class (those with blue collars or manual labor). The second group is the middle social class where life is adequate but not as much as the first group. The number of the second group is quite a lot. The last group or which is located at the bottom of the pyramid is a low social class which is a very large number of ordinary people.

C.The Upper Class

The upper class in modern capitalist societies is often distinguished by the possession of largely inherited wealth. The ownership of large amounts of property and the income derived from it confer many advantages upon the members of the upper class. They are able to develop a distinctive style of life based on extensive cultural pursuits and leisure activities, to exert a considerable influence on economic policy and political decisions, and to

procure for their children a superior education and economic opportunities that help to perpetuate family wealth.

D.The Middle Class

Marxism defines social classes according to their relationship with the means of production. The "middle class" is said to be the class below the ruling class and above the proletariat in the Marxist social schema and is synonymous with the term "petite-" or "petty-bourgeoisie." However, in modern developed countries, Marxist writers define the petite bourgeoisie as primarily comprising owners of small to medium-sized businesses, as well as the highly educated professional class of doctors, engineers, architects, lawyers, university professors, salaried middle-management of capitalist enterprises of all sizes, as the "middle class" which stands between the ruling capitalist "owners of the means of production" and the working class.

E.The Lower Class

Lower class (occasionally described as working class) are those employed in low-paying wage jobs with very little economic security. The term "lower class" also refers to persons with low income. The working class those persons who hold low-paying, low-skilled, nonunionized jobs in such industries as food service and retail sales. There are considerable differences within the working class, however, and a useful distinction

exists between skilled, semiskilled, and unskilled workers that broadly corresponds to differences in income level. What characterizes the working class as a whole is a lack of property and dependence on wages. Associated with this condition are relatively low living standards, restricted access to higher education, and exclusion, to a large extent, from the spheres of important decision making. Aside from the dramatic rise in living standards that occurred in the decades after World War II, the main factor affecting the working class since the mid-20th century was a general shift in the economy from manufacturing to service industries, which reduced the number of manual workers.

F.Conflict of social classes

Social class is the division of community members into a different class status hierarchy so that the members of each class have relatively the same status, and the other class members have higher or lower status. In the community environment we see that there are differences that apply and they are widely accepted by the community, but there are also some people who cannot accept these differences. From a social conflict theorist/marxism point of view social class and inequality emerges because the social structure is based on conflict and contradictions. Contradictions in interests and conflict over scarce resources between groups is the foundation of social society, according to the social conflict theory (Engels &

Marx, 1848). The higher class will try to maintain their privileges, power, status and social position - and therefore try to influence politics, education, and other institutions to protect and limit access to their forms of capital and resources. Whereas the lower class - in contradiction to the higher class - has very different interests. They do not have specific forms of capital that they need to protect. All they are interested in is in gaining access to the resources and capital of the higher class.

III. RESEARCH METHOD

3.1 Research Design

The writer uses qualitative method to analyze this novel because the writer considered explanation and description are the most important things in analyzes this novel. The reason why the writer use qualitative method is because qualitative research is a scientific method of observation to gather non-numerical data. This type of research "refers to the meanings, concepts definitions, characteristics, metaphors, symbols, and description of things" and not to their "counts or measures".

3.2 Data and Data Source

In analysis this research the writer absolutely needs data. Data are factual information which also an important element to make a research. There are many ways to classifying data source of data divided into two, the first is primary data and the second is secondary data. The primary data of this research is found in the Crazy

Rich Asian Novel and the secondary data of this research is library research, reading the book, journals, articles, thesis and also open the internet to get other some information. Nawawi (1993) says "Penelitian kepustakaan dilakukan dengan cara menghimpun data dari berbagai literature baik dari perpustakaan maupun tempat-tempat lain." (Library research is done by collecting data from books in the library or any other places).

3.3 Data Analysis Technique

After collecting and selecting all the data and some information that relates to with this study, the writer will be combined and analyzed the data to get what the writer want and has been planned in the object of this research. In analyze the data, the writer uses library

research and applied the qualitative descriptive method. The writer has some steps to analyzing this research. The first step in analyzing this research is re-reading the primary data to get the conclusion especially in levels and conflict of social classes in the novel to solve the problem of this study. The second step in analyzing this research is interpreting the data. The writer interprets the Crazy Rich Asian novel based on their levels and conflicts of social classes. The writer searching and finding as many as possible the information or data needed related to object of analysis. The last step in analyzing this

research. The writer will combine all data for many sources. To complete the process of data analysis, the writer makes a conclusion and summarizes.

3.4 Data Collection Method

The writer takes two types in process collecting the data. The two types of data collection in doing this research are primary data and secondary data. The first is primary data in this research is the novel that will be the source data to making this analysis, the writer will start to read the Novel Crazy Rich Asian carefully to understand the story and then takes some notes of important aspect or point in the story. The second is secondary data in this research is library research, reading the book, journals, articles, thesis and also open the internet to get other some information which is relevant to the topic and the writer also selecting the data after read the novel carefully, and then the writer will select suitable data like quotation or statement. The quotation or statement which already collects will put in the thesis later to find the correlation with the topic and make a conclusion from the analysis.

IV. FINDING AND DISCUSSION

4.1 Social Classes Differences

Chinese life is indeed very famous for its glamorous life. Most of them are people who have a lot of wealth.

Abundant assets owned by them can be categorized as inherited wealth. Wealth that will never end even a generation. Ibn Batuta (Fourteenth Century) said, "Nowhere in the world are there to be found people richer than the Chinese." (Kevin Kwan, 2013)

Crazy Rich Asian illustrates the fiction between the old rich and the new rich, and between overseas Chinese and Mainland Chinese and Straits Chinese, the Straits Chinese, also known as the peranakans, are the descendents of late-fifteenth and sixteen century Chinese immigrants to the Malay region during the colonial era. They were the elites of Singapore, English educated and more loyal to the British than to China. Often intermarried with the native Malays, the Straits Chinese created a unique culture that is a hybrid of Chinese, Malay, Dutch, and Indian influences. (Kevin Kwan, 2013). Which can be used as a level in social class.

Crazy rich asian novel tells about Asian families who inherited wealth, they are descendants of Chinese Singapore who settled in Singapore. These families belong to the upper class because they are landowners and heirs of wealth. The rich Chinese in Asia have two type of Chinese. Mainland China and Peranakan China. It is they who have abundant wealth by accumulating the wealth they have had for years. The following quote that explains about their wealth.

"Well, first of all, you must understand that there are two kinds of Chinese. There are the Chinese from Mainland China, who made their fortunes in the past decade like all the Russians, but then there are the Overseas Chinese. These are the one who left China long before Communists came in, in many cases hundreds of years ago, and spread throughout the rest of Asia, quietly amassing great fortunes over time. If you look at all the countries in Southeast Asia-especially Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia-you'll see the virtually all the commerce is controlled by the Overseas Chinese. Like the Liems in Indonesia, the Tans in the Philippines, the Leongs in." His wife cut in. Kevin Kwan (2013: 43)

In the Crazy Rich Asian novel there are several families in the upper class. The most important is the Young family and the Shang family. Chinese families who amassed their wealth and brought it to Singapore and turned it into a generation of wealth.

- **The Upper Class**

The upper classes are very famous for their unusual wealth, not only are the heirs of wealth, but they also have a very luxurious life that is not necessarily lived by rich people in general.

"Rachel always knew that Peik Lin came from money. They met during freshman orientation at Stanford, and Peik Lin was the girl who showed up to "8:00 a.m. classes looking as if she had just come from a shopping spree on Rodeo Drive. As a newly arrived international student from

Singapore, one of the met first things she did was buy herself a Porsche 911 convertible, claiming that since Porsches were such a bargain in America

"it's an absolute crime not to have one."..... She was generous to a fault, and Rachel spent most of her college years being showered with gifts, enjoying glorious meals at culinary destinations like Chez Panisse and Post Ranch Inn, and going on weekend spa trips all along the California coast courtesy of Peik Lin's handy American Express black card. " Kevin Kwan (2013: 131)

From the above quotation, there are several characteristics of the upper class. Peik Lin, a friend of Rachel from the upper class who went to campus in the style of someone who had just shopped at a Rodeo Drive shopping center, was famous for Hollywood artists and jet set shoppers. All are branded boutique shops, from Europe or from America itself. And Peik Lin has an American Express black card that only billionaires or upper class can have.

In addition to the items owned by the upper class, the party they held also became big parties such as the party of the king and queen of the upper class.

- **The Middle Class**

In Crazy Rich Asia there is also a group of people who are not in the upper classes, they are in the middle class, who do not have abundant wealth or wealth of generation, but

they have jobs that can finance their lives.

Kerry Chu's character who became the mother of Rachel Chu, girlfriend of Nicholas Young, who was born into a Chinese family in Guandong province but was not a Chinese who had abundant wealth. This is explained by the following quote.

"Back then, I was in my final year of secondary school and working nights as a waitress in the only bar in our village, so that is how I met him" Kevin Kwan (2013:512)

"Guess who just closed the deal on the big house on Laurel Glen Drive?" Kerry Chu boasted excitedly in Mandarin as soon as she picked up the phone.

"Wow, Mom, congratulations! Isn't that your third sale this month?" Rachel Asked.

"Yess!, I broke last year's office record! You see, I knew I made the right decision to join Mimi Shen at the Los Altos office" Kerry said with satisfaction. (Kevin Kwan, 2013 : 32)

Rachel's mother, Kerry Chu was just a village girl who worked at night as a waitress in a bar in her village when she was still in her final year of school. At that time a rich young man came to their village, Zhou Fang Min, who fell in love with Kerry and took her away to Xiamen where Zhou lived. They married without the consent of the Kerry family, which in the end the marriage was disastrous for Kerry Chu. Astrid Leong's husband, Michael Tho, who also came from a middle

class family who was always insulted by his wife's family.

- **The Conflict of Social Classes**

In this research, the writer presents the data analysis based on the types of social conflict in the novel "Crazy Rich Asian". The writer analysis kinds of social conflict such us Conflict of involving social positions, Conflict of interest and Role conflict in the Crazy Rich Asian novel using Lewis Coser's perspective.

In this Crazy Rich Asian novel, the writer gets a lot of conflicts from the existing story. the conflict in family life, the conflict can be obtained from fellow families who are from the same class and the impact can also arise from social class inequalities. Inequality of social class makes separation in the household, unfair treatment of the lower classes, always curious about the relationships of others, and educational groups that really have to be accepted in families that are in line with the upper classes.

- **Discussion**

Crazy rich asian novel tells about the lives of rich Chinese people in Singapore, who have abundant wealth so that they belong to the upper class, but they also like to interfere in other people's business, find out about other people's lives. The Chinese who are in abundant wealth cannot simply accept others who want to enter their family. Moreover, if other people were not from a wealthy group like them.

Based on this study, the writer found. The social class found in Kevin Kwan's Crazy Rich Asian novel covers social class differences between upper and middle class. this social class differs from the wealth, power and lifestyle and thinking of the upper and middle classes. The social class in Crazy Rich Asian tells the life of a Chinese who had moved to Singapore and had a wealth of wealth that made them into the upper classes. The middle classes in this crazy rich asian novel are a son-in-law and their beloved son who is not as wealthy as they are. These are the two social classes that the author discusses in order to analyze the crazy rich asian novel that is the problem in this thesis. The upper class and middle class.

The conflict of social classes on as potrayed in Crazy Rich Asian is inequality of family life and relationship on social class. Chinese people have a class in their culture which they call mainland and peranakan Chinese, these Chinese raise a lot of money for their next generation. But those who are in the upper social class do not really accept those in the middle social class who want to enter their family group.

Many conflicts occur in this social classes difference, such as a mother who cannot accept her son's girlfriend because she feels the woman chosen by his child is not in accordance with what she wants so she looks for the origins of the woman who is dating her son, his mother has a very strong

opinion about who her son may or may not marry. There is also a husband who belongs to the middle class who has married a woman who comes from the upper class, wants to divorce with his wife because he is unable to get insults from his wife's family.

In the Crazy Rich Asian novel there are also many upper class people who abuse their power as upper social class. They feel entitled to judge others. Most of the conflicts that occur with family relationships in this crazy rich asian novel are based on the difference in social class that occurs in someone who belongs to the upper class, those who are in middle social class feel they have no power to face people from the upper class.

V. CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

5.1 Conclusion

After analyzing this thesis, the writer comes to this part which consist of conclusion and suggestion. The conclusion is drawn based on the research problem and the result of analysis. The suggestion is given for everyone who is interested in this study and for the next researcher.

In this research, the writer found two different social classes which have been written in the Crazy Rich Asian novel, the first is upper social class and middle social class. Crazy Rich Asian tells about the lives of peranakan Chinese and mainland Chinese, who have different social

classes and have an impact on their lives.

The impact of social class inequality is a social conflict that can occur within the family or their environment. In Crazy Rich Asian there are many social conflicts that become differences and disputes between families and between social classes. Conflict from this study is the social class differences that make people in the middle class feel themselves very low. So the conclusion in this research is the difference in social class and the impact that occurs because of differences in social classes.

5.2 Suggestion

God has created humans with their strengths and weaknesses, wealth is another gift from God for those who want to always try to improve their lives and work hard. But there are also many people who can only complain but do not want to try and those who want to get instant wealth such as deceiving others, seizing other people's property, etc. Wealth also should not make people feel arrogant and feel unable to accept other people who are not from their class.

Through this thesis, the writer hopes to make the readers understand the contents of this research and can take a lesson from this research. The writer also hopes that there is no more human who distinguishes other humans only from their social class. Because a wealth is not something that

is eternal, wealth can be lost want it suddenly or periodically. Many people feel themselves rich, so they feel they do not need others, even though every human will need help from other people, no matter how small he or she need.

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