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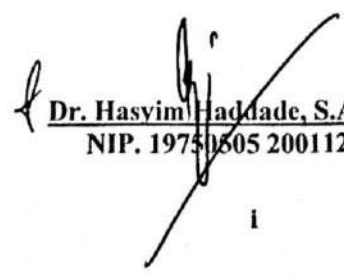
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This study is about Kevin's *Rich People Problems* and behavior that focused attention on the study. The purpose of this study is to explain the causes of the deviant behavior carried out by the character Edison "Eddie" Cheng in the novel *Rich People Problem*. In the study of the novel researcher used qualitative descriptive methods. Data were analyzed using differential association theories by Edwin H. Sutherland. From the research results 18 data were found which indicate an aberration of behavior and classified into normative and differential association process performed by Eddie cheng was performed to obtain the property of his grandmother to make himself rich and equal to his other relatives. Different family backgrounds create conflicting norms that make Eddie commit deviant behavior. Therefore Eddie's perversion was intended to remain in the environment, though not consistent with its background to obtain and inherit.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background

A literary work cannot be separated from human life as an object poured in a written work so that it has an aesthetic element. Humans, as thinking subjects, pour their experiences and creative ideas through beautiful writings that are complicated to create a work that contains aesthetic elements and moral values from human life. Sumardjo and Saini KM (1988: 3) reveal that literature is an expression of the human person through experiences, thoughts, feelings, ideas, passions, beliefs in the form of a concrete picture that evokes charm with language tools.

Humans as social beings certainly need other individuals to interact and establish communication. However, social interaction between individuals creates several different stories from the experiences of each individual, each of which is unique and inspiring for each person. Therefore, each individual has other traits and characters that we can know through the activities of these individuals, which represent their respective personalities and behaviors.

The character itself is the pure character of an individual, physically, how to dress, character, moral values, psychology, way of thinking, and characters to someone's behavior that makes the individual different from other individuals. This can be seen in the person's daily activities. In Maemonah's journal (2015: 43), W.B Saunders explains that human character is a fundamental and distinct trait shown by individuals, some attributes that individuals can observe.

As we know, in daily life, we meet with many people who each have different attitudes and behaviors through how they capture or respond to a conversation or event. This allows us to know the personality and character of that person. Human behavior refers to any act or action performed by a human being, such as walking, talking, weeping, laughing, working, studying, writing, reading, and so on (Notoatmodjo, 2010).

The behavior of an individual reflects the personality of a character. Therefore, the character cannot determine A person's by looking at an identity card, title, education, or blood lineage. Every human being has a character raised with different ideologies, environments, and experiences that allow them to form various characters from others to another individual.

Human have various kinds of behavior and the worst of them is deviant behavior. Deviant behavior is behavior that violates institutionalized rules, or laws that have been unanimously agreed upon by a group or society, such as social norms. According to Hurlock (1998): Explain that deviant behavior is behavior that is considered despicable, behavior that is violate social rules and values.

Long before the knowledge of good behavior and character developed by humans, Allah SWT has said in the holy book Al-Qur'an Surah Luqman Verse 19:

وَأَقْصِدْ فِي مَشْيِكَ وَاعْضُمْ نِصْفَ لُحْيِكَ وَالصَّوْتُ لِلْجَمَلِ وَالصَّوْتُ لِلْخَمِيرِ

Meaning: *"And be humble in walking and soften your voice. Verily, the worst sound is the voice of a donkey."* (Q.S. Luqman: 19)

From this verse, it can be interpreted that Allah SWT commands all Muslims to become human beings who have good behavior or morals. According to the researcher's interpretation of the verse, humans must be humble individuals in living their social lives and maintaining speech in interacting gently or well so that people around them feel at ease. The final sentence explains that humans who have poor speech in their interactions with humans are lower in rank than a donkey (animal).

One example of a literary work represent a character with various behaviors is novel. Obviously in a novel there must be characters who have deviant behavior which certainly presents a complicated problem. Novel is one of the genres of literary works in the form of prose. One of these types of literary works is already very popular and liked by many people. In some cases, the novel is presented with a longer and more complicated story that tells the life problems that arise from several characters and ends with solving the problem. Sehandi (2014: 59) explains the intrinsic elements in the novel, namely; a) the theme or essence of the story, b) the character or personality, c) the plot of the story, d) the background or setting, e) storytelling techniques or storytelling focus, f) diction or language style.

According to the researcher, one of the novels that offer various kinds of life problems along with unique and different characters is *Rich People Problem* by Kevin Kwan. The novel is a continuation of the two previous books, *Crazy Rich Asian* and *China Rich Girlfriend*, which became a trilogy. This novel tells about the glamorous life of a wealthy Asian family and each other's inheritance from their rich grandmother who is dying.

The problems that arise in this novel are closely related to the lives of rich people ranging from family relationships, lifestyle, popularity, romance drama, and selfishness of a treasure. This novel also does not focus on the problems that exist in the main character but also tells the problems that arise in the family of relatives of the main character, which leads to a solution to the problem.

After reading the novel, among the many problem that arise from this novel, there is one character that according to the researcher is interested in the character named, Edison Cheng or Eddie. Eddie are not the main character on this novel but he is a distant family from the recipient of heir of an Asian conglomerate who is crazy about wealth and wants wealth from the family so much that he does everything he can to get what he wants even in ways that don't make sense and violate social traditions and norms. Thus, from this character, researcher can analyze behavioral deviations from this character which are a representation of family conflicts that often occur in our reality.

B. Research Question

Causes of deviant behavior of Edison “Eddie” Cheng in the novel *Rich People Problem* by Kevin Kwan?

C. Objective of The Research

To define the deviant behavior of Edison “Eddie” Cheng in Kevin Kwan's novel *Rich People Problem*.

D. Significance of Research

There are two sorts of relevance in this study: theoretical and practical.

In principle, this study was designed to help the reader learn more about the characters in Rich People Problems' odd behavior. The researcher may assist the readers in better understanding the conduct of the characters in real life.

Practically, the research results were supposed to provide readers with a better grasp of how to recognize and know the causes of deviant behavior of people by observing their behavior activities. It may provide an awareness that human personalities are quite diverse, and there is a technique to study it.

E. Research Scope

In this study, the researcher focuses on analyzing the causes deviant behavior of Edison “Eddie” Cheng of *Rich People Problem* by Kevin Kwan using Edwin H. Sutherland Different Association Theory.



CHAPTER II

LITERARY REVIEW

A. Previous Studies

In this section, the researcher described several studies or articles that have been completed by several previous researchers regarding the theory that researchers studied.

Kalambe (2021) "The Behavioral Deviation of Main Character in Sheldon's *Bloodline*." According to the finding of this study by using structural approaches, the book *Bloodline* contains the main character Elizabeth Roffe's problematic behavior. Apathy, smoking, and lesbianism are among the undesirable behavioral abnormalities that make up this group. While leadership is a positive aberration. The researcher also identifies the elements from the variations in the behavior of the main character, including biological, sociological, and mental aspects from Elizabeth Roffe.

Sunario (2018) "The Deviant Behaviours of Main Character as Seen in Sidney Sheldon's Novel; *If Tomorrow Comes*." By using Pathology Social tShe researcher explores the main character's deviant behavior in Sidney Sheldon's *novel If Tomorrow Comes*. This research aims to (1) explain the main character's aberrant behavior in the novel *If Tomorrow Comes* and (2) identify the variables that contribute to the deviant behavior. (3) to discover the main character's actions in the novel *If Tomorrow Comes*; the primary characters influence others regarding deviant behaviors.

Anggraini, (2019). "Causes of Behavioral Change of The Major Character in *A Walk To Remember* Novel By Nicholas Sparks (1999); A Psychoanalysis Approach. The researcher comes to the conclusion that a person's behavior is greatly influenced by a variety of interactions based on the psychoanalytic method. From a psychoanalytic perspective, the family can show how love has an impact on the main character. Relationship that emerged in the book included romantic relationships, friendships, and more. Every relationships has a unique impact. He changes his life as a result of their effects by drawing knowledge from his life's experiences.

According to the three authors above, all three have similarities in studying the behavior of the main character of a novel. On the other hand, the difference between the three studies is that the first researcher Kalambe (2021) used a structural approach in studying the behavior of the main character, then Sunario (2018) studied the behavior of the main character using theory of social pathology and the last one, Anggraini (2019) Examined the causes of behavior change of main character by using psychoanalytic approach.

B. Theoretical Framework

a. Structural Approach

A literary works can be analyzed using a variety of approaches in the study of literary works. According to their developers, some of these methods have their own specific areas of research. Structural approach is one of them. The structural approach is an approach in literary research that examines the structural components that form literary works from the inside

out, searching for connections or interconnections between the components to attain unanimity of meaning.

This approach first appeared in France in 1950. Aristotle was one of the historical figures that popularized this approach, which Ferdinand De Saussure used the first time. According to this approach, literary works can be studied by starting with intrinsic elements. "The structural method is a type of approach that primarily focuses on fundamental components of literary works," writes Ryan. It is one of the literary theories that begins with the notion that literary work is made up of numerous aspects that are connected together as a whole. The parts interact with one another and eventually function as an independent system (2007:41)."

In analyzing the novel *Rich People Problem*, the author will use the structural approach. Novels consist of several intrinsic elements, all of which are interrelated and need each other. Intrinsic elements consist of several elements, namely characters, plot, setting and theme. All of these elements have their respective function to build a literary work. Thus the structural approach is very effective in explaining the function of the intrinsic elements in a novel. "The goal of structural analysis is to break accurately, meticulously, in depth, and thoroughly of reliable connection of all components and characteristics of literary works that form total meaning. The whole present is the most significant factor in instructional analysis (1988:25)."

Based on the foregoing arguments, the researcher believes that the structural approach examines the essential components of literary works such as character, story, place, and theme. The structural approach posits that there are sections in a literary work that serve diverse purposes but are interrelated to form a single unit to construct a literary work without the need to interact with outside aspects. This is the researcher guide to evaluating *Rich People Problem*, which includes character, story, setting, and subject.

1. Theme

Theme is one of the most significant aspects in literary works that interact with other elements to form a coherent whole in the construction of literary works. The basic base in the novel is the main concept of the tale conveyed by the author via his work, which is the theme. It is therefore difficult if the novel does not have a theme because it is discovered by other inherent components in the tale such as storyline, location, and characters. "A theme evolves in and through the development of characters, dialogue setting, and narrative movement," argues Gill (1995: 189). The Author frequently employs a variety of subjects in their writings, mainly those related to human existence, such as romance, religion, politics, morals, technical traditions, ethics, and social issues. There are various approaches to determining topic in literary works. The most important thing to do is read the entire tale. Looking at the author, expressing his thoughts, and producing events in his writings may help define the theme of a literary

work. The author's theme is a message that he wishes to express via his work. Sudjiman(1990:79) claimed that "The topic is the notion, idea, major thinking in both thereveled literature and that has not been revealed"

Based on the description provided above, the researcher acknowledges that the topic is the foundation of literary works. In a literary work, the theme is the central concept of the whole plot. Because theme may be generated by people, a series of events or plots, and place in the tale, it has a link with other fundamental aspects. As a result, the topic of a literary work may be discerned simply reading the entire tale.

2. Plot

A plot is a story's sequence of events. The events in the tale are ordered according to cause and consequence. According to Perrine (1970: 42), plot is the succession of incidents or events that comprise a tale. From the beginning to the finish of the tale, where the character performs the occurrence, events in the story have relationships with other events. Aristotle supports it in Abrams (1981: 133)," a plot must be comprised of the beginning, the middle, and the end,the three stages are vital to distinguish, especially if we wish to evaluate theplot of the literary work in question". The first section examines the conflict story's exposition. The middle section addresses the story's climax, and the last section explores the conclusion of the story's conflict.

Plot is an inherent aspect that helps readers grasp the tale by presenting a succession of events from the beginning to the finish. According to Charles (1987: 136-137), the story is divided into five sections: exposition or introduction, increasing action, climax, decreasing action, and resolution. If the story concept is based on Charles' ideas, as reported by Abubakar (2020: 15):

a) Exposition or Introduction

The narrative begins with exposition. The author introduces the characters and provides background information about the tale in this part.

b) Rising Action.

Rising action is when conflict in the characters' characters begins, and this conflict is a severe concern.

c) Climax.

Climax is a conflict that happens when the rising action becomes more difficult, often known as the conflict's apex. The character will determine how to resolve the conflict that happens in this part.

d) Falling action.

The term "falling action" refers to a scenario in which the conflict has reached its apex. Section This will also demonstrate the impact of the main character's decisions in resolving issues in the novel on the climax.

e) Resolution.

The story's conclusion is the resolution. This part depicts the conclusion of the narrative as well as the resolution of the main character's dilemma.

Based on the description provided above, the researcher believes that plot is an intrinsic feature composed of a series of occurrences separated into five sections. Plot helps the reader comprehend each occurrence in the tale by examining the link between them. Furthermore, plot has a link with the characters since every event in the tale is carried out by the characters and problems arise as a result of the characters' activities.

3. Setting

Every event in human history has a time and location description. This is true of every occurrence in the story. Setting is an essential component that depicts the time and place of each occurrence in the tale. Furthermore, the setting demonstrates how cultures and socioeconomic situations influence the events in the novel. "Setting is environment; and environment, especially family interiors, may be understood as metonymic, or metaphoric, manifestations of character," Warren and Wellek remarked (1970: 221).

One of the novel's most crucial components is the setting. Setting helps the reader understand every incident in the novel because it brings the plot to life. According to Nurgiyantoro (2005: 227-233), setting comprises of time setting, location setting, and society setting.

a) Setting of time

A time setting is a property that specifies when an event happens. Time is set in relation to a day, month, year, century, or conditions such as dawn, evening, and night. As a result, the reader can guess when the incident occurred.

b) Setting of place

Setting of place is a description of where the action takes place, such as the name of the area, nation, or place name.

c) Social history Setting society allows the reader to better understand the events that occurred by demonstrating the social situation at the time. The cultural aspects, living habits, conventions, traditions, and norms that apply to society at the time the event happens comprise the context of society.

According to the description above, the researcher recognizes that context is one of the most significant aspects that indicate when, where, and how social factors effect occurrences at that moment. It will be impossible for the reader to envision every incident that occurs without the context of time, location, and society. As a result, location is one of the most significant factors that develop a literary work from beginning to end since it makes the tale real and understandable to the reader.

4. Character and Characterization

Character is the most important aspect of literary works. Characters are required in all literary works, including novels, poetry, and short tales. Characters are individuals invented by the author who have a role in the plot. Because characters are literary works' actors, they keep the tale moving. Abrams defines character in his work *A Glossary of Literary Terms*. "Characters are the people depicted in a dramatic or narrative work who are perceived by the reader as having unique moral, intellectual, and emotional traits based on deductions from what they say and their different methods of presenting it, as well as what they do" (1991: 32).

Each character has a unique personality. Through the character's involvement in the tale, the reader can learn about the character's traits. As a result, the character is the primary foundation that must exist in order for a literary work to have significance.

Characters in literary works are classified as protagonists or antagonists based on their roles. The protagonist is a figure that is constantly admired for playing a positive role and having a positive attitude in the tale. That is why they are often referred to be heroes. Furthermore, this character always adds value and is well-liked by readers. In comparison, the antagonist in the tale is the polar opposite of the protagonist. This character has a terrible look and offers the reader a negative value.

The focus of character analysis is on three dimensions of the character. The first is physiology, which comprises the physical appearance of the story's characters, such as sex, age, and body shape, among other things. The second topic is sociology, which is concerned with the social lives of the people in the novel. Social standing, education, ideology, employment, social activities, family, and so on are examples. Finally, psychology examines the features of the characters in the tale. This section discusses the character's mentality, attitude, thinking, moral compass, and ambition (Roucek and Warren, 1963: 23).

According to Klarer, (2004:17) defines that a typed character in literature is dominated by one specific trait and is referred to as a flat character. The term round character usually denotes a persona with more complex and differentiated features as mentioned as deviant behavior.

b. Deviant Behavior

Deviation is defined as behavior that deviates from the rules that govern society at the moment. Individuals or organizations in society can engage in inappropriate behavior. Deviants are those who engage in aberrant conduct. According to Syaid, "deviation is conduct that deviates from societal ideals and conventions or behavior that fails to adapt to the will of society" (2020:3).

Behavioural deviance can be influenced by subjective factors that come from the individual itself or intrinsic and objective factors, namely

external influences that cause changes in the individual. Sometimes, an individual deviates because of his inability to absorb the accepted norms in his social environment. The socialization process between individuals and others can become a deviation if one has a different background. How to learn from an individual can also influence the mindset of carrying out deviant behaviour. This is caused by deviant learning behaviour, so it generalizes this behaviour. Association can also be a factor in deviant acts. If the group the individual follows tends to carry out deviant behaviour, it is undeniable that the individual can imitate this. Poor social values can also encourage someone to commit deviant behaviour. For example, the mass media spreads distorted impressions or news that can encourage someone to commit a crime.

We can identify deviant behavior in daily life, ranging from crime, sex, drugs, and lifestyle. Among the four behaviors we most often encounter is from activities or lifestyles such as arrogant attitudes, for example, about property, power, and intelligence. This is meant to deviate because it is unusual from normal society. One of many originators of deviant behaviour theory is Edwin H. Sutherland. Sutherland's view is widely known in the study of social deviations inconsistent with the norms prevailing in the social environment.

Sutherland's well-known behavioural theory of deviant behaviour is differential association. According to this theory, socially deviant behavior originates from differences in associations or interactions between

individuals through interactions with individuals with different backgrounds, so behaviour changes occur.

Edwin H. Sutherland (1939) develop theories on the causes of deviant behavior, namely normative conflicts and differential associations. The differential association theory explains the root concept of social norm deviation behavior or normative conflict and the process of the differential association as follows. on interactions in the environment Individual differential association gives a psychological explanation for how normative tensions in society translate into individual behaviors at the individual level.

a) Normative Conflict

According to Sutherland, socially deviant behaviour originates from normative conflicts in the surrounding environment. This conflict can occur due to incompatibility between two individuals who may have different understandings and backgrounds. People with behaviour that does not deviate tend never to be bound by conflict in the social environment. This can be exemplified by having a high social life and good moral values. Conversely, people with deviant behaviour tend to be contrary to social values and norms approved in their social environment, causing differences in understanding and culture and ultimately creating conflict.

b) Differential association process

It is the process of deviation from the normative conflict carried out by someone. The difference in an association that is the background of a

problem is an action or strategy passed by that person until a match occurs. It is from this process that an individual can be analyzed for the type of deviant behaviour he has committed.

Thus, from the explanation above, deviant behaviour is motivated by an incompatibility between an individual with a social or social background that is different from his environment. Differences in associations can be the background for behavioural deviations, leading to conflict due to incompatibility between the two individuals with the prevailing norms. From a match that occurs, it must have gone through an action that does not follow the standards approved in that environment due to the different associations of the two individuals.

C. Definition of the Novel

A novel is a form of prose that tells a character's life and the conflicts that occur in that character's life as explained by H.B Jassin in his book *Tifa Pengair* and the area where a novel is an extraordinary event from the lives of exceptional people because this incident was the end of a conflict. This conflict turned their fate (Suroto, 1989:19).

As a result, literature works hard to separate from humans because literature tells life stories, while life inspires authors to write literary works. Based on Wellek and Warren in Terry Eagleton (2005:2), literature is one manifestation of what human beings have witnessed in life, which was conveyed through language, in the form of oral written.

D. Synopsis of the Novel

Nick is first banned from meeting Su Yi due to maneuvers by his cousin Eddie Cheng, who feels he has a chance of inheriting his grandmother's inheritance. Eddie convinces the entire family and home staff that Su Yi does not want to see Nick when she is dying. With the help of the director of security, the head maid (who overheard Eddie's planning), and Astrid, Nick is able to sneak into Tyersall Park and connect with his grandmother while she is in a cardiac critical care unit in her bedroom. She is relieved to see him, and the two make amends. Meanwhile, Nick's cousin Astrid remarries Charlie Wu. Charlie's estranged ex-wife Isabel Wu and Astrid's soon-to-be ex-husband Michael Teo are stumbling obstacles in their relationship. Michael sends Astrid a shaky video of her and Charlie having sex in his bedroom, threatening to reveal the footage if he does not receive \$5 billion in their divorce settlement. Isabel makes the video just before attempting suicide.

Su Yi dies, and everyone prepares for her burial. In her will, she bequeaths a portion of Tyersall Park to each of her four children (Alexandra, Felicity, Victoria, and Catherine), as well as a portion to Nick and his cousin (and Eddie's brother) Alistair Cheng. When the will is read, Eddie is humiliated, and he is left with nothing save his grandfather's magnificent sapphire cuff links. Astrid inherits Su Yi's exquisite dress and jewels. Su Yi's goddaughter, Jacqueline, receives her shares in Ling Holdings, turning her into a wealthy lady and infuriating the family, who had intended to inherit some of the shares but now only have Tyersall Park.

Eddie confronts Fiona when he returns to Tyersall Park, accusing her of humiliating him by failing to notify him of the contents of the gift, so ruining his family's chance to live in luxury. Fiona claims she only signed the form as a witness out of respect for Su Yi's privacy. Fiona consoles Eddie after she discovers him curled up in a ball, crying. Tyersall Park cannot be saved, so the family agrees to sell it for ten billion dollars to Jack Bing's new wife Kitty, a former Hong Kong soap star (and Alistair's prior fiancée). Nick can't face the notion of losing Tyersall Park, so he attempts to purchase his four aunts' shares, with his father handing over his portion straight to Nick. He is, however, unable to raise the required funds. After receiving a message from his grandmother, Nick flies to Thailand to visit an elderly Thai prince, believing that this is the key to acquiring the monies required to acquire Tyersall Park. However, he finds that this Prince was his grandmother's first love, as well as his Aunt Catherine's biological father. Nick also learns that during WWII, Su Yi aided the resistance battle against Japanese occupancy of Singapore by making Tyersall Park a safe haven for numerous Chinese and British anti-Japanese operations. Nick then attempts to prevent Tyersall Park from being sold by claiming it is a historic site. Rachel and Nick enlist the help of Colin and Araminta Khoo, Rachel's friend Goh Peik Lin, and Alistair to acquire Tyersall Park and transform it into the Tyersall Museum and Hotel. To irritate Jack, who had opted to buy Tyersall Park for Colette (his daughter) rather than Kitty, Kitty completes the transaction by becoming a covert investor in their company.

E. Biography of the Author

Kevin Kwan was born in Singapore in 1973/1974, the youngest of three brothers. Kevin Kwan is a Singaporean writer best known for his satirical novels *Crazy Rich Asians*, *China Rich Girlfriend*, and *Rich People Problems*. His most recent work, *Sex and Vanity*, will be released in June 2020. In 2014, *The Hollywood Reporter* named Kwan one of the "Five Writers to Watch" on their list of Hollywood's Most Powerful Authors. Kwan was inducted into the Asian Hall of Fame and named one of *Time* magazine's "100 Most Influential People" in 2018.

Kwan co-wrote *Luck: The Essential Guide* with Deborah Aaronson and edited *I Was Cuba* (which was released in 2007 and featured pictures acquired by Ramiro A. Fernández). (First published in 2008). Kwan was inspired to write *Crazy Rich Asians* while caring for his father, who was dying of cancer, in 2009. Kwan and his father would reminisce about their life in Singapore while travelling to and from medical appointments, and Kwan began making up stories to remember those experiences. One of Kwan's goals was to portray "educated households with flair and taste who have been quietly going about their lives for millennia," which was a departure from the normal modern coverage of Asia, which highlighted extravagant spending. Friends had also pushed him to write down his memories. His view on Asia has shifted since moving to the United States, and he characterizes his life in Singapore as "an outsider looking in."

CHAPTER III

METHODOLOGY OF RESEARCH

A. Research Method

The descriptive qualitative approach was utilized by the researcher to study the object. The descriptive qualitative technique seeks to detail everything pertinent to the study topic (Ratna, 2007: 53). Eddie Cheng's deviant behavior will be examined using this method in Kevin Kwan's *Rich People Problem*.

B. Data Source

The data research took from the novel *Rich People Problem* by Kevin Kwan. This novel was published on May 23, 2017. The novel consists of 582 pages. The researcher took all the chapters for analysis related to the topic.

C. Instrument of the Research

The researcher employed note-taking as the study tool to collect data. Students can use note-taking to acquire knowledge from lectures, books, or any other event that they subsequently fear memorizing or applying in order to properly finish their academic program (Boch and Piloat, 2005:102). After reading *Rich People Problem* book and other supporting references, the researcher takes notes to categorize the relevant unit or sentence connected to the study issues and aims.

D. Procedure of Data Collection and Analysis

The procedures of data collections and analysis used by the researcher:

1. The researcher read the novel carefully in order to understand its content.

2. The researcher underlined the words, sentences, and utterances which showed the deviant of the characters from the novel.
3. The researcher identified the underlined words, sentences, and utterances that relate to the objective of the research.
4. The researcher took a note and write down the important points in order to facilitate memorizing the taking data.
5. The researcher analyzed the data from notes in order to re-write the data collection into descriptive paragraphs.

E. Technique of Data Analysis

Theoretical conceptions, concepts, and procedures are always linked to literary data analysis techniques (Fhatmawati 2012:31). The technique that used by researcher to analyze the object was descriptive qualitative. By used this method, researchers can easily describe the deviant behavior from Eddie Cheng in the novel Rich People Problem. The novel analyzed using the theory developed by Edwin H. Sutherland differential association.

CHAPTER IV

FINDING AND DISCUSSION

In this section, the researcher describes the data that has been collected from the novel Rich People Problems about Eddie Cheng's deviant behaviour according to the problem formulation..

A. Findings

The researcher found some data about Eddie Cheng's deviant behaviour in several parts of the Rich People Problems novel. The deviant behaviour shown by Eddie Cheng aims to get attention so that he can get an inheritance from his grandmother (Su Yi), who is about to die. Eddie Cheng does not hesitate to do all kinds of ways to get what he wants even though this is against the social norms and traditions of the Chinese people.

Edison "Eddie" Cheng is one of Nick's cousins from the Cheng family. The Cheng family was not highly regarded in their social environment because of their simple lifestyle compared to other families with greater wealth than the Cheng family. Therefore Eddie aims to elevate the Cheng family by following the luxurious lifestyle in his environment even though it is against his family, who live simply..

In finding the data, the researcher analyzed several statements by Eddie Cheng, which were considered deviant behaviour based on the type of deviance committed. The data is described with an explanation of several kinds of

significant theories and according to the type of deviant behaviour that lies behind it.

Researchers classify Eddie Cheng's deviant behaviour as written in the novel *Rich People Problems*. One of the interesting things in the novel *Rich People Problem* is the deviation of Eddie Cheng's behaviour from his ambition to get wealth. From the results of the research analysis, the researcher found several behavioural deviations from Eddie Cheng in the novel *Rich People Problems*.

Eddie comes from the Cheng family, categorized as a low class among some of his relatives who have a luxurious lifestyle. The interaction between Eddie Cheng and his relatives who live in an elegant environment influences the way people think, act, and talk like rich people in general..

a. Normative Conflict

Datum 1

“How many times do I have to tell you...we need to be the chief mourners at this funeral. We need to show everyone how much we care, because all eyes will be on us! Everyone knows that we are going to be benefiting the most!”p.262

From the two statements made by Eddie, he has the ambition to get all the attention at his grandmother's funeral. The funeral was attended by important people from various wealthy people. In contrast, Eddie Cheng's family was less respected in upper-class social circles. Eddie thought that the funeral was the right time to get attention because, among all the families in Tyersall Park, there was no one more caring and conspicuous than Eddie Cheng's family

Datum 2

“Fiona, have you been in dreamland all week? Ah Ma died before she could make any changes to her will! We’re going to be the ones getting the lion’s share! In a few days, we’re going to become bona fide members of the three-comma club! So we have to really go all out to display our grief!”p.262

. Eddie assumed that he would get the largest share of the entire inheritance that would be distributed in his grandmother's will because his grandmother had not changed the choice until he could imagine his plans for the heritage that he would receive from his grandmother's inheritance..

Datum 3

“Ah Ma, Nicky unfortunately had to cancel his trip at the last minute. Something came up with work, and he couldn’t make it back just yet. You know how important that history professor job is to him. He had to deliver a lecture on the Intergalactic Wars.”p.183

Eddie's words above meant to lie to his grandmother that his cousin (Nick) would not visit his sick grandmother because she was busy at work. Eddie's goal in lying is for his grandmother to hate Nick and for Eddie to get a favorable acknowledgment from his grandmother for caring more about him..

Datum 4

“That’s right, he’s a Young, he’s a Young! All my bloody life people have been telling me he’s a Young and I’m just a Cheng. This is all your fault!”p.185

In this statement Eddie explained that he was always looked down upon for being born into the Cheng family compared to the Young Family who had more wealth and blamed his mother for that.

Datum 5

“Why the hell did you have to marry Dad, a complete nobody from Hong Kong? Why couldn't you marry someone else, like an Aakara or a Leong? Someone with a respectable surname? Didn't you think of how it would affect your children? Didn't you realize how it has fucked up my whole life?”p.185

From the words above Eddie explained to his mother who married his father (Malcolm Cheng). Eddie considers his father to be one of those Hong Kong men who have nothing because he does not come from a prestigious family like his other cousins who come from prestigious families in Asia.

Datum 6

“I'm glad I married your father. He may not have inherited an empire or been born a prince, but for me he is far more impressive. He built himself up from nothing to become one of the world's leading cardiologists, and his hard work has sent you to the best schools and given us a lovely home.”p.185

Eddie laughed mockingly. “A lovely home? Oh my God, Mum, your flat is a disgrace!” “I think ninety-five percent of the population of Hong Kong would beg to differ. And don't forget, we even bought you your first flat when you graduated from university to help you get started—”p.185

From the conversation above, Eddie and his mother (Alix Young) explained the reasons for marrying Eddie's father, who comes from ordinary people who are less respected in Hong Kong but can support their mother and

children so that they have a life that is quite luxurious, although not as luxurious as their other siblings.

Eddie then replied to his mother with ungratefulness for the life his father had given him. Eddie considers everything he has in his life to be lacking and even embarrassing.

Datum 7

“They’re both underachieving losers! Cecilia is so obsessed with her horses, you should have named her Catherine the Great! And Alistair and his film-production bullshit—who in Hong Kong has ever seen any of those strange art-house movies that his director friend makes? Fallen Angels? It should have been called ‘Fallen Asleep’! I’m the only one of your children who has ever accomplished a damn thing! Do you really want to know what having the surname Cheng has done for me? It meant that I didn’t get to go to Robbie Ko-Tung’s birthday party at Ocean Park when we were in Primary Two. It meant that I didn’t get picked for the debate team at Diocesan. It meant that I didn’t get asked to be a groomsman at Andrew Ladoorie’s wedding. It meant that I knew I would never get a cushy no-show job at one of the Hong Kong banks and had to spend half my life licking the balls of everyone at Liechtenburg Group in order to claw my way to the top!”p.185-186

From the words above, Eddie emphasized to his mother that Eddie himself was a greater person than his two brothers who had many achievements, but Eddie considered it a pointless thing to discredit all the achievements his two brothers had achieved and instead he told his mother that he is the only one of his children to have such great accomplishments. Then Eddie explained the negative impact of being born as a Cheng in his life because he did not get the same opportunities or treatment as his relatives who were born in respectable families. Until Eddie said

that all his life he had to seek more attention to get equal treatment with his cousin from a respected family.

Datum 8

“If you truly care about your children, if you truly love us as you say you do, you will say NOTHING to Ah Ma about Nicky. Don’t you see what a perfect opportunity this is for us? We need to make sure he never gets to see her, and we need to keep reinforcing to Auntie Felicity that Astrid is still not welcome here! We can tell Uncle Philip that Ah Ma is too weak to see anyone. I will plant myself outside Ah Ma’s bedroom at all times — nobody is going to get in or out without my approval!”p.186

From Eddie's words above he told his mother seriously to follow what he wanted if his mother really loved her children. Eddie told his mother not to say anything that might make his grandmother change the will by lying to everyone who would come to her grandmother without Eddie's consent.

Datum 9

“This is not insane!” Eddie screamed. “YOU’RE insane if you allow us to lose this opportunity. This could be our only chance to get Tyersall Park. Yes—OUR. You see, I’m always thinking of what’s best for our family! I’m not doing this just for me, but for Alistair and Cecilia and all your precious grandchildren. If we are the new owners of Tyersall Park, no one can ever say that the Chengs aren’t as great as the Youngs or the Shangs. Please dDon’t ruin everything for us now!”p.186-187

From the explanation above Eddie snapped at his mother who did not agree with his suggestion to work with him. Eddie was very ambitious to get Tyersall Park through this opportunity. Then Eddie convinced his mother of his goal of wanting to get Tyersall that everything he did was for the Cheng family

not for himself so that the Cheng family would not be underestimated again by his wealthier relatives.

Datum 10

“No, no, this is all wrong. It’s incredibly tasteless, and what’s more, it’s extremely un-Christian.”

“Auntie Victoria, this is a Chinese tradition—it has nothing to do with religion,” Eddie argued.

From the conversation above between Eddie and his aunt (Victoria), Eddie made an extraordinarily expensive gift for his deceased grandmother. According to Chinese belief, he will wear the offerings that will be burned and will give happiness to those who die in the afterlife. But this was not approved by his aunt who thought it was too excessive and contrary to the teachings of Christianity which they believed. Then Eddie argued with his aunt so that the plan would go perfectly in the middle of the funeral.

b. Differential Association Process

Datum 11

“Well, I was attending the World Economic Forum in Davos as an official delegate and my client Mikhail Kordochevsky—you know, one of Russia’s richest men—insisted that I borrow his Boeing Business Jet when he heard about Ah Ma’s heart attack. And you know, it’s such a huge plane, I thought it was a pity that I was the only passenger. So instead of flying straight to Singapore, we made a detour to Hong Kong so I could pick up the whole family.”p.100

From the words above Eddie clearly said that he was attending a big event with a special invitation that only a few people got. The word meant that Eddie was already in the same class as his cousin when he attended the event. He reassured his words when he was offered by one of the richest people in Russia to use an expensive Jet plane when he heard that Ah Ma (his grandmother) had a heart attack because Ah Ma was a respected person in the upper class.

Datum 12

“He’s on holiday with his family. Skiing in Switzerland! Can you imagine? I happened to be in Switzerland too, attending a very important conference with the world’s most important businessmen, political leaders, and Pharrell, but I dropped everything and flew straight to Singapore the minute I heard you were ill!” p.107

From the statement above, Eddie said that his other siblings were on vacation in Switzerland at the same time. Eddie was attending an important conference and then returned to Singapore when he found out that his grandmother was sick.

Eddie's words in the above statement were exaggerated to get his grandmother's attention that the Cheng family cared more about his dying grandmother than his conference which he said was very important, unlike his relatives who were rich on vacation even though they knew their grandmother was sick. In fact the Relative was in Switzerland but Eddie said it was exaggerating to go skiing when it wasn't. He went on to say that his whole family (Cheng) came to

his grandmother's house earlier than any other family to get noticed that the Cheng Family cared more about his grandmother.

Datum 13

“FI!FIONA! LOOK WHAT THE KIDS ARE DOING! I TOLD THEM NO ICE CREAM IN THEIR BRUNELLO CUCINELLI LINENS!”p.139

The words uttered by Eddie clearly rebuked Fiona (his wife) because of her son's behavior which soiled the BrunelloCucinelli clothes worn by his children. Eddie really admires every expensive dress/clothing to the point where he doesn't want expensive clothes to ruin the beauty of the clothes, even if it's his child.

Datum 14

“WHAAAAT? Are you telling me that Nicky is upstairs with my grandmother?”p.222

In the statement above, Eddie was clearly surprised when he found out that Nick (his cousin) was in the room with his grandmother. Eddie previously assured that Nick would not come to see his sick grandmother by telling his grandmother that Nick was happy with his life in New York. Eddie said this so that Nick would not get a share of his rich grandmother's inheritance and hoped that Eddie would be counted for the inheritance if he got the attention of his grandmother that his family cared more about his grandmother than any other family..

Datum 15

“Okay, you’ve just lost your allowance for the rest of the year! And if I don’t see you crying until your eyes bleed, especially while I’m singing my song—”p.262

Eddie's words above refer to his son. Eddie's ambition is very big to get public attention during the funeral of his deceased grandmother. It was not half-hearted that Eddie even threatened his own child with words that a father should not say to his son. wanted to get the attention of all the important people who were present at the funeral, Eddie wanted all his children to cry when Eddie performed a special song as the last tribute to his grandmother. Chinese people believe that people who cry at funerals are a form that the person left behind is someone who loves them very much. All of this drama aims to make everyone at the funeral think that Eddie is someone who really loves his grandmother so that he will be considered for an inheritance from his wealthy grandmother.

Datum 16

“THIS IS TOTAL BULLSHIT! Where’s my share in Tyersall Park? Let me see that will! Are you sure this is even the latest version?”p.289

Eddie's words above were clearly written in very harsh words in the formal room in the reading of his grandmother's will, which turned out to have never changed the will even before her grandmother was sick. Eddie shouted asking what inheritance was given to him and then examined the entire contents of the will clearly. Eddie felt very sorry after doing many ways to get the attention of the whole family and even guests who came to Tyersall Park. Eddie had high hopes after putting out all his ambitions for the will, in which all his cousins got a share

except for himself because of a misunderstanding of what Freddie (his grandmother's lawyer) said when he called him the 'main character' after leaving his grandmother's room. Freddie's intention was because he was interested in the watch that was worn by Eddie. Eddie was angry because of the misunderstanding about it. Plus he knows that the will was approved and witnessed by his own wife (Fiona) So his emotions are unstoppable and confused why his grandmother didn't give him anything after all his ambitions were so convincing.

Datum 17

“Ah Ma! Ah Ma! What will I do without you now?”

“What a devoted grandson!” the president of China observed.

Hearing this, Eddie cried out even more bitterly, “How can I go on living, Ah Ma? How will I survive?” Tears poured down his face, mixing with lines of dangling snot as he continued to prostrate himself beside his grandmother’s casket.p.249

From the conversation above, Eddie started playing his plan to get attention during his grandmother's funeral. Eddie sobbed in his grandmother's casket in front of everyone present. Hearing the words of the president of China who saluted Eddie's fake tears, Eddie began to tighten his tears and exaggerate the drama.

Datum 18

“Constantine, my firstborn! Come! Give your great-grandma a kiss!”

“No fucking way, Dad! I don’t care how much you say you’ll pay me, I’m not going to kiss a dead body!”p.249

From the conversation above, Eddie invited his son back to get the attention of the people who attended the event. His son then refused Eddie's invitation to kiss his grandmother's corpse with a harsh answer even though Eddie would pay if he wanted to kiss her. Eddie was angry but he hid it because people were watching him.

Datum 19

Victoria shook her head in fury. "I don't want to hear any more of this nonsense! We Christians do not require worldly things in the kingdom of heaven! Remove this monstrosity at once!"p.251

"Do you know how much I spent on this mansion? This cost me over a quarter of a million dollars! We /are burning it, and we are burning it now!"p.251

From the discussion above, Eddie's aunt strongly criticized Eddie for carrying out this tradition because it was very contrary to their family's teachings. They even came from Chinese descent and told Eddie to throw away the object that was to be burned. But Eddie sticks with the ammo and tells his aunt that he spent a lot of money on the mansion. His aunt quickly ran towards Eddie who was going to throw a match at the mansion but Eddie threw the lighter first until the offering caught fire in front of the funeral attendees. Eddie felt the triumph he had won over the view while his aunt wept watching the mansion burn.

B. Discussion

From the findings above, the researcher then develops the results of the findings above by describing explanations of any behavioral deviations committed by Edison "Eddie" Cheng in Kevin Kwan's novel Rich People Problems. In this

section, the researcher uses the differential association theory by Edwin H. Sutherland.

a. Normative Conflict

In the Rich People Problems novel, there are several datums that contain elements of association differentiation in Eddie Cheng, namely datums 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 and 10. The researcher confirmed these results as normative conflict as characterized by Edwin H. Sutherland. From a static cross-sectional perspective, normative conflict exists when society is divided into groups that disagree on norms, values, and interests. For example, some groups define a given law as a rule to be followed under all circumstances; others define the law as a rule to be violated under certain circumstances; and still others define the law as a rule to be violated under virtually all circumstances.

In the normative conflict, Eddie Cheng is mentioned as an individual from the Cheng family who basically lives a simple life in a circle of relatives accompanied by a luxurious life. The simple background of Cheng's family life makes Eddie have a personality and limitations in behaving in his wealthy cousin's environment. Eddie's inability to match in terms of material possessions or social equality with his other cousins makes Eddie ambitious to match that equality even more than his rich cousins. This made Eddie deviate his behavior from the norms in his environment. This normative tension, which is characteristic of varied modern industrial society,

leads to high rates of conflict. Primitive, undifferentiated civilizations, on the other hand, are largely peaceful, integrated, and consensual.

In the novel *Rich People Problems*, Eddie is in a modern heterogeneous society and comes from various parts of the world. This allows Eddie to interact with many people who have different backgrounds and cultures. This interaction triggers intercultural competition that creates conflict between Eddie and his family. Eddie tries to maintain his existence in the environment by trying to follow their lifestyle. However, Eddie's inability makes him have to struggle to survive until he commits a behavioral disorder.

In Confucian terms, an ideal is called "an honorable person," who has an honest attitude and high morals and adheres to proper rituals in his behavior. An honorable person, in the Chinese sense, thus has a much deeper meaning than the understanding in the West, where being polite is enough to earn the above title.

One form of behavioral deviation from the norm is lying to his family so that his ambition to get his grandmother's inheritance is achieved, lowering other people's self-esteem so that he can be reckoned with by others as in datum 3 took the rights of others that were not his by giving false information to others. In datums 5, 6, 7 and 8, when viewed from a normative conflict perspective, it is clear that Eddie has a different understanding of his own family. Eddie considered his family very lowly compared to his other cousins who had a lot of wealth and Eddie deeply regretted being born into the Cheng family. Due to Eddie's position, which is already in his wealthy

cousin's environment, Eddie's background, which forces himself to survive in that environment, creates a conflict of norms that creates disharmony between his own family.

In this case, Eddie, who comes from a simple family, enters an environment in which his family lives a luxurious life, forcing Eddie to follow the lifestyle in that environment to maintain his existence. However, the problems experienced by Eddie were unable to adapt in it because of Eddie's background as a Cheng family.

b. Differential Association Process

In the novel *Rich People Problems*, Eddie Cheng deviates behavior due to the incompatibility of his cultural norms with his environment. In this study, the differential association process carried out by Eddie is found in datums 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19. From these datums, Eddie commits behavioral deviations that start from conflicting norms and lead to a process of differential association.

Actions that started from a conflict of norms were carried out by Eddie Cheng and this was then categorized as deviant behavior. Eddie, who tried to survive in an environment that was not in accordance with his culture, led to an interaction that was not accepted at the association so that he had to make changes to himself in order to remain in that environment.

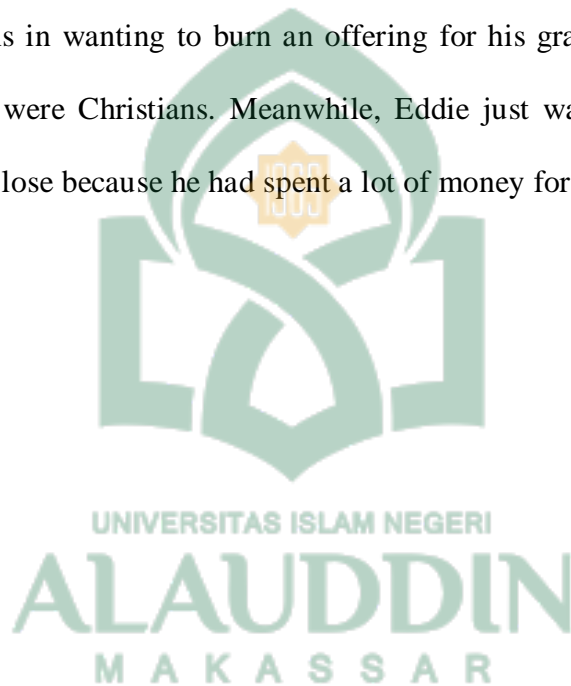
Through the process of association differentiation Eddie Cheng performs actions that are considered deviant by his own environment. Realizing that he was in a heterogeneous environment, Eddie tried to

convince others that he deserved to be in that environment as written in datum 11 Eddie felt that he was equivalent to his other cousin because he had attended the event by selling his family with his arrogance when offered using a jet by one of those present at the event because his grandmother was someone known by the rich among the rich people. After he felt that he had been accepted in that environment, some of Eddie felt that in terms of social class he was not differentiated but his behavior changed as he interacted in that environment so that the deviation was carried out to his child which was contrary to the norm as in datum 13. Eddie does not tolerate any actions that do not suit rich people in order to still be seen as a high class person even though it is his son. Eddie indirectly adjusts his behavior to the rich even though it deviates from the simple people. This then made the harmony in Eddie's household fade away because he was rude to his wife so that his child was like in datum 18

This deviant behavior was carried out by Eddie very systematically. Eddie is willing to threaten his own child in order to fulfill his ambition to become a rich man as described in datum 15. Eddie really hopes to get attention at the funeral which will begin soon. Eddie's social differences or background, who comes from the Cheng family, makes Eddie have to take advantage of every opportunity in the Tyersal Park environment to get the attention of other people, even by threatening his own child.

In order to fulfill Eddie's desire for her benefit, he tries to gain the public acknowledgment that he deserves the inheritance from his deceased

grandmother. Eddie thought it would be accepted in his environment without differentiation. Datum 19 Victoria shook her head in fury. Eddie's goal in carrying out these deviations was to get public attention for the recognition of those around him. However, Victoria and other families did not approve of Eddie's actions in wanting to burn an offering for his grandmother's funeral because they were Christians. Meanwhile, Eddie just wanted attention and didn't want to lose because he had spent a lot of money for the mansion.



CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

This section describes the conclusions of the research and the suggestions given by the researcher. This chapter is divided into two parts, namely conclusions and suggestions. Further explanation will be explained below.

A. Conclusion

After analyzing the novel *Rich People Problem* which focuses on discussing the causes of deviant behavior of Edison "Eddie" Cheng character, the researcher finally concluded. Based on the data that has been analyzed, the researcher found some data indicating deviant behavior by Eddie Cheng in the novel *Rich People Problems*.

Analysis of the findings of the data shows that the deviant behavior committed by Eddie Cheng stems from a shift in behavior over norms that he understands are contrary to the norms in his family environment which causes conflict over norms that are considered deviant.

From the norm conflicts that occur, Eddie's deviant behavior is indicated as a form of differential association process that aims to survive in that environment even though he does not follow the same norms as himself with the aim of surviving on his ambition to get an inheritance.

B. Suggestion

Based on the preceding results, the researcher divides the following two recommendations:

This research can help students appreciate works, particularly novels, if they are interested in studying literature. This research, however, is far from flawless because it only examines a small portion of the features of a literary study. As a result, the researcher makes the following recommendations to other researchers who may undertake more study on the same issue..

Furthermore, for further researchers who are interested in this novel to analyze it with a different theory to find other aspects besides deviant behavior, because this novel is exciting to analyze.

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APPENDIXES

No.	Data
1.	<i>“How many times do I have to tell you...we need to be the chief mourners at this funeral. We need to show everyone how much we care, because all eyes will be on us! Everyone knows that we are going to be benefiting the most!”p.26</i>
2.	<i>“Fiona, have you been in dreamland all week? Ah Ma died before she could make any changes to her will! We’re going to be the ones getting the lion’s share! In a few days, we’re going to become bona fide members of the three-comma club! So we have to really go all out to display our grief!”p.262</i>
3.	<i>“Ah Ma, Nicky unfortunately had to cancel his trip at the last minute. Something came up with work, and he couldn’t make it back just yet. You know how important that history professor job is to him. He had to deliver a lecture on the Intergalactic Wars.”p.183</i>
4.	<i>“That’s right, he’s a Young, he’s a Young! All my bloody life people have been telling me he’s a Young and I’m just a Cheng. This is all your fault!”p.185</i>
5.	<i>“Why the hell did you have to marry Dad, a complete nobody from Hong Kong? Why couldn’t you marry someone else, like an Aakara or a Leong? Someone with a respectable surname? Didn’t you think of how it would affect your children? Didn’t you realize how it has fucked up my whole life?”p.185</i>
6.	<p><i>“I’m glad I married your father. He may not have inherited an empire or been born a prince, but for me he is far more impressive. He built himself up from nothing to become one of the world’s leading cardiologists, and his hard work has sent you to the best schools and given us a lovely home.”p.185</i></p> <p><i>Eddie laughed mockingly. “A lovely home? Oh my God, Mum, your flat is a disgrace!” “I think ninety-five percent of the population of Hong Kong would</i></p>

	<i>beg to differ. And don't forget, we even bought you your first flat when you graduated from university to help you get started—”p.185</i>
7.	<i>“They're both underachieving losers! Cecilia is so obsessed with her horses, you should have named her Catherine the Great! And Alistair and his film-production bullshit—who in Hong Kong has ever seen any of those strange art-house movies that his director friend makes? Fallen Angels? It should have been called 'Fallen Asleep'! I'm the only one of your children who has ever accomplished a damn thing! Do you really want to know what having the surname Cheng has done for me? It meant that I didn't get to go to Robbie Ko-Tung's birthday party at Ocean Park when we were in Primary Two. It meant that I didn't get picked for the debate team at Diocesan. It meant that I didn't get asked to be a groomsman at Andrew Ladoorie's wedding. It meant that I knew I would never get a cushy no-show job at one of the Hong Kong banks and had to spend half my life licking the balls of everyone at Liechtenburg Group in order to claw my way to the top!”p.185-186</i>
8.	<i>“If you truly care about your children, if you truly love us as you say you do, you will say NOTHING to Ah Ma about Nicky. Don't you see what a perfect opportunity this is for us? We need to make sure he never gets to see her, and we need to keep reinforcing to Auntie Felicity that Astrid is still not welcome here! We can tell Uncle Philip that Ah Ma is too weak to see anyone. I will plant myself outside Ah Ma's bedroom at all times —nobody is going to get in or out without my approval!”p.186</i>
9.	<i>“This is not insane!” Eddie screamed. “YOU'RE insane if you allow us to lose this opportunity. This could be our only chance to get Tyersall Park. Yes—OUR. You see, I'm always thinking of what's best for our family! I'm not doing this just for me, but for Alistair and Cecilia and all your precious grandchildren. If we are the new owners of Tyersall Park, no one can ever say that the Chengs aren't as great as the Youngs or the Shangs. Please dDon't</i>

	<i>ruin everything for us now!”p.186-187</i>
10.	<i>“No, no, this is all wrong. It’s incredibly tasteless, and what’s more, it’s extremely un-Christian.” “Auntie Victoria, this is a Chinese tradition—it has nothing to do with religion,” Eddie argued</i>
11.	<i>“Well, I was attending the World Economic Forum in Davos as an official delegate and my client Mikhail Kordochevsky—you know, one of Russia’s richest men—insisted that I borrow his Boeing Business Jet when he heard about Ah Ma’s heart attack. And you know, it’s such a huge plane, I thought it was a pity that I was the only passenger. So instead of flying straight to Singapore, we made a detour to Hong Kong so I could pick up the whole family.”p.100</i>
12.	<i>“He’s on holiday with his family. Skiing in Switzerland! Can you imagine? I happened to be in Switzerland too, attending a very important conference with the world’s most important businessmen, political leaders, and Pharrell, but I dropped everything and flew straight to Singapore the minute I heard you were ill!”p.107</i>
13.	<i>“FI/FIONA! LOOK WHAT THE KIDS ARE DOING! I TOLD THEM NO ICE CREAM IN THEIR BRUNELLO CUCINELLI LINENS!”p.139</i>
14.	<i>“WHAAAAT? Are you telling me that Nicky is upstairs with my grandmother?”p.222</i>
15.	<i>“Okay, you’ve just lost your allowance for the rest of the year! And if I don’t see you crying until your eyes bleed, especially while I’m singing my song—”p.262</i>
16.	<i>“THIS IS TOTAL BULLSHIT! Where’s my share in Tyersall Park? Let me see that will! Are you sure this is even the latest version?”p.289</i>
17.	<i>“Ah Ma! Ah Ma! What will I do without you now?”</i>

	<p><i>“What a devoted grandson!” the president of China observed.</i></p> <p><i>Hearing this, Eddie cried out even more bitterly, “How can I go on living, Ah Ma? How will I survive?” Tears poured down his face, mixing with lines of dangling snot as he continued to prostrate himself beside his grandmother’s casket.p.249</i></p>
18.	<p><i>“Constantine, my firstborn! Come! Give your great-grandma a kiss!”</i></p> <p><i>“No fucking way, Dad! I don’t care how much you say you’ll pay me, I’m not going to kiss a dead body!”p.249</i></p>
19.	<p><i>Victoria shook her head in fury. “I don’t want to hear any more of this nonsense! We Christians do not require worldly things in the kingdom of heaven! Remove this monstrosity at once!”p.251</i></p> <p><i>“Do you know how much I spent on this mansion? This cost me over a quarter of a million dollars! We /are burning it, and we are burning it now!”p.251</i></p>



BIOGRAPHY

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