ABSTRACT

_Hannibal_ is one of the most controversial novels by Thomas Harris. The existence of Hannibal Lecter, a psychiatrist turns into cannibal, makes him becoming one of the most popular character in the world. The character is close to Hannibal Lecter is Clarice Starling, an FBI agent who has a trauma. Hannibal as a psychiatrist knows about Starling’s past and decides to help curing Starling’s trauma by using “Talking Cure” method. The study will be based on three research questions which are: first is how talking cure method by Hannibal Lecter cures Clarice Starling’s trauma, the second is how talking cure method influences Starling’s personality, and the last is what the difference between talking cure conducted by Dr. Lecter and the ordinary psychiatrist in the real life is. Sigmund Freud Psychoanalysis theory will be applied to analyze the issues, especially Talking Cure, Electra Complex, Defense Mechanism, and Transference Phenomenon. The study finds that talking cure method or process by Dr. Lecter is modified from Sigmund Freud’s talking cure therapy. Dr. Lecter’s Talking Cure is done in three ways: ‘Quid Pro Quo’ method, the use of hypnotic drugs and process, and the shocking therapy. Those methods have given influences in Starling’s personality. It could help curing Starling’s childhood trauma and solve Electra complex in Starling. The changing in personality also influences Starling in her social and sexual life. Dr. Lecter’s talking cure is considered as the extreme therapy and could only be done for special case like Starling.

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