

## ABSTRACT

Ambition exists in everyone's hearts whether it is consciously or unconsciously. It is common to have the ambition to achieve something, but most people thought of ambition with negativity. Ambition could motivate someone to achieve something great in life. Effort and hard work are necessary to achieve ambition. This research aims to look into the main character's struggle to shows how his effort to achieve his ambition. This research uses the New Criticism theory to analyze the issue supported by close reading as a method of analysis. The writer finds that the main character effort and hard work bring him to become the strongest which makes him closer to his ambitions. By analyzing Linley's effort, the reader will understand the theme of the story that effort is the right way to achieve a goal and never take a shortcut to realize a dream.

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