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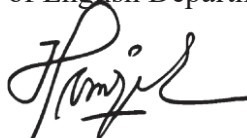
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... Maybe death is the same.

Maybe it's just the next life. **An inch away.**

The next life just an inch away ...

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ABSTRACT

Rebelliousness is an objection to the rules made to obey. Mostly the rebel action can be found in teenagers who tend to find themselves not suitable with the rules they have to follow. The rebellion's output can form a negative personality trait that is crucial to define teenagers in how they act and react, including how they will decide to destruct or preserve their lives. This issue is portrayed in the novel by Rachael Lippincott and friends entitled *Five Feet Apart*. The novel is about two teenagers with *Cystic Fibrosis* (CF), and one of them namely William (Will) Newman who tended to rebel by abandoning the treatment and clinical trial due to his incurable condition of *B. Cepacia* that made his name erased from the lung transplant list. Besides, his rebelliousness did not only elaborate on how he did the self-destructive action but also how it elaborated on his way to preserve his life by seeking freedom and happiness. This study applied the qualitative method and Freudian Psychoanalysis approach in the theory of drive to reveal Will's motive and form of his rebel action as a will to survive from what he did not desire to have. This study reveals how Will is portrayed as having his rebellious actions to gain attentions from his mother, to share love with his girlfriend, and to achieve his dreams to be free from any medical treatment.

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ABSTRAK

Perlawanan adalah suatu tindakan penolakan terhadap peraturan yang harus dipatuhi. Sebagian besar tindakan penentang dapat ditemukan pada remaja yang cenderung menemukan diri mereka tidak sesuai dengan peraturan yang harus diikuti. Hasil dari perlawanan ini dapat membentuk kepribadian negatif yang sangat penting untuk menentukan bagaimana mereka bertindak dan bereaksi, termasuk bagaimana mereka merusak atau mempertahankan hidup mereka. Permasalahan ini digambarkan pada novel karya Rachael Lippincott dan kawan-kawan yang berjudul *Five Feet Apart*. Novel ini bercerita tentang dua remaja penderita *Cystic Fibrosis* (CF), dan salah satunya bernama William (Will) Newman yang cenderung melawan dengan cara mengabaikan pengobatan dan uji klinis yang disebabkan oleh kondisi *B. Cepacianya* yang tidak dapat disembuhkan yang membuat namanya terhapus dari daftar transplantasi paru-paru. Selain itu, sikap perlawanannya tidak hanya menjelaskan tentang bagaimana dia merusak diri sendiri tapi juga bagaimana caranya untuk mempertahankan hidupnya dengan mencari kebebasan dan kebahagiaan. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode kualitatif dan pendekatan Psikoanalisis oleh Freud dalam teori dorongan untuk mengungkap motivasi dan tindakan perlawanan dari Will sebagai keinginan untuk bertahan hidup dari apa yang tidak dia ingin rasakan. Penelitian ini mengungkap bagaimana Will digambarkan melakukan tindakan perlawanan untuk memperoleh perhatian dari ibunya, berbagi cinta dengan kekasihnya, dan meraih impiannya untuk lepas dari perawatan medis.

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