

SIMILE IN DEMON THIEF NOVEL BY DARREN SHAN

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Abstract:

Literature has many forms, not only painting, but also writing. Each literature has its own uniqueness and one of the things that is unique is the writing in the novel. Novel is a writing in the form of a book that has various styles of writing in it. These writing styles are called figurative language. Figurative language also has many forms, one of which is simile. Simile is a figure of speech that illustrates or compares something in an explicit, or uncomplicated way. This study examines how many similes are contained in a literary work and explains them. By using descriptive qualitative method, all types of similes, namely (as, like, as...as, as if, and as though) will be discussed in detail. By studying this simile, it is hoped that it will make the readers of the novel better understand and better understand the stylistic message conveyed by the author to the reader.

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INTRODUCTION

Literature has many meanings from various languages in the world. Each country has its own understanding of literature. Endraswara (2008: 4) which says, Literature etymologically, the word literature in Indonesian comes from Sanskrit: the root word sas-, in a derivative verb means distance "to direct, teach, give instructions or instructions" ending -tra-, usually denotes "tools, means". So, literature can mean "tool for teaching, manual, instruction book, or teaching.

Literature used for teaching cannot be obtained just like that. Someone who wants to use literature as a means of teaching is not someone who is careless in using literary works. The literary works used have certain limitations, so that the resulting literary work is a charming literary work. Literature is a personal human expression in the form of experiences, thoughts, feelings, ideas, enthusiasm, beliefs in a form of concrete images that allow fascination with language, Sumarjo (in Susetianingsih, 2010: 22).

Novel is a literary work that uses books in its distribution. Novels that spread among the public are usually stories in the form of long essays from an author. Writers who write novels will include writings that come from human life or the environment around them, accompanied by several conflicts. Hapsari in Kusuma, (2022) stated that the novel is one

of the works that tells the story of human life which is characterized by conflicts that eventually cause changes in the characters. In addition to Wallek and Warren (in Hapsari, 2008) also state that the novel is a story that depicts a picture of human life and behavior from time to time.

Novel consists of narrative in it. Narrative is a collection of writings containing a story or series of events arranged in sequence. The writing presented is written neatly so that it makes the reader feel what the author feels. Alwasilah in Sundana (2017) narration comes from the word to narrate, which is to tell a story. The story is a series of events or events in chronological order, either fact or fiction. However, the narration can also start from the middle or the last event, thus giving rise to flashbacks. The narrative can be in the first person style so that it brings out the subjectivity of the author, or the third person so that it sounds more objectivity. Narrative often blends with description and serves as exposition or persuasion.

Figurative language has long been a decoration of existing writings, since ancient times until now. Figurative language is widely used in fiction literary works to beautify writing to make it more interesting and make the reader immersed in the reading. According to Pradopo in Riadhotul (2022) figurative language is an arrangement of words that occurs because the feelings in the author's heart, namely intentionally or not, cause certain feelings in the reader's heart. Ahmadi (in Lafamane 2000: 1) figurative language is the use of special language, and cannot be separated from the way or technique of an author in reflecting (reflecting and mirroring) experiences, values a special or special quality of mindfulness of mind and vision.

Simile figure of speech is one of the many figures of speech in the world of literature. Simile or often called comparative figure of speech, is an explicit figure of speech that is often used in fiction literary works, especially novels and short stories. Tarigan (in Lafamane 2000: 1) Simile or parable is a comparison of two things that are essentially different and are considered the same. Then according to Keraf's opinion in Claudya (2022) states that a simile or parable is an explicit comparison, namely a direct style of language that states something is the same as another thing.

METHOD

The research analysis in this data uses descriptive qualitative method to analyze the similes in the novel. Research is a scientific way to obtain data with specific purposes and uses. Bogdan & Biklen in Babchuk & Badiie (2010) stated, qualitative research is a kind of descriptive research. Rather than numbers, the information gathered is in the form of works or visuals.

Qualitative descriptive is research which tends not to use numbers and only focuses on making based on quality. Sandelowski (2000) as cited in Seixas et al., (2018) said that descriptive qualitative differs from other types of qualitative research, usually the result is a comprehensive summarization.

Data is a foundation of a study since data is a collection of information which will be analyzed. The source of this data is taken from a novel by Darren Shan entitled Demon

Thief. The steps of analysis data were identifying the types of simile based on the theory, finding out its meaning by analyzing its simile and finally making a conclusion.

Data Analysis

Simile is a figurative language that is conveyed explicitly, and not complicated. According to Hasan and Halliday in Sabiha in Allagbé & Allagbé (2017) simile is divided into six parts, namely (as, like, as...as, as if, and as though). Each simile is identified in each narrative in detail.

1. As
According to the online dictionary, Cambridge Dictionary, as is used to describe the purpose or quality of someone or something.
2. Like
According to the online dictionary, Oxford Learner's Dictionaries, Like is in the same way as somebody/something.
3. As...as
According to the online dictionary, Cambridge Dictionary, as...as is used in comparison to refer to the degree of something.
4. As if
According to the online dictionary, Oxford Learner's Dictionaries, as if is in a way that suggests something.
5. As though
According to the online dictionary, Cambridge Dictionary, as though is conjunction. We use as if and as though to make comparison. They have a similar meaning. We use as if and as though to talk about an imaginary situation or a situation that may not be true but that is likely or possible.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Results

This section presents an analysis of the data found based on how to analyze some of the similes in Darren Shan's novel *Demon Thief*. There are 30 similes found in the novel. However the table below will describe the simile.

Table 4.1 Simile in *Demon Thief* Novel by Darren Shan

NO	NAME	SCORE	Percentage
1	As	6	20%
2	Like	14	47%
3	As ... as	4	13%
4	As if	3	10%
5	As though	3	10%

Discussion

The Demon Thief novel is the second novel in the novel series The Demonata. This novel was first published by HarperCollins Books in 2005. Tells about the adventures of Kernel, a boy who has special abilities who is forced to go to the demon world to save his brother. This novel uses a lot of similes to describe demons, monsters, circumstances, and places that exist. That's why there are so many figures of speech in this Demon Thief novel.

Like is the most frequently used simile in this novel. The percentage is the highest compared to all of them, reaching 47% while the others are only 10% to 20%. The more detail explanation about simile found in Demon Thief novel is as follow.

As

Data 1

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*Dad said we'd be treated **as** lunatics if I repeated my demonic stories.*

In the narration above, when Kernel returns from Demonata, he tries to tell people that he has fought the demons. It was forbidden by his father because he thought that it would make Kernel like a lunatic who only told hallucinations. Hallucinations are one of the mental disorders where a person is unable to distinguish between real life and fake life (Rahmawati, 2019). The simile As above is used to illustrate how people will treat the Kernel family as if he were crazy.

Like

Data 2

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*The demon flies straight at me, **like** an arrow fired from a bow.*

The narrative fragment above tells about how fast the monster called Kallin is. This Kallin is a kind of monster found in the Demonata world that has a scary appearance. With a long hairy body, and a wide mouth. The moment the Kallins wanted to attack Kernel, they shot up very fast like arrows shot from their bows. The arrows that were shot had incredible speed. The like is an example of how quickly the Kallins shot towards the Kernel at an incredible speed that matched the speed of an arrow.

As...as

Data 3

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*But now I see he can be **as emotional as** any normal person.*

In the narrative fragment above, when Kernel returns to the Demonata world, he is immediately greeted by Beranabus. He had been trying all day to open the Window for him, but couldn't. So happy, Beranabus cheered and immediately twirled the Kernel. The parable of the principle here is that Beranabus is a leader who is rigid, cold and firm, in fact he still has emotions like normal humans. Ordinary humans have various emotions, such as sad, happy, or angry. Although Beranabus has always displayed cold and assertive emotions, Kernel discovered that he also has other emotions like humans in general.

As if**Data 4**

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*All our heads turn at once, **as if** our necks were connected.*

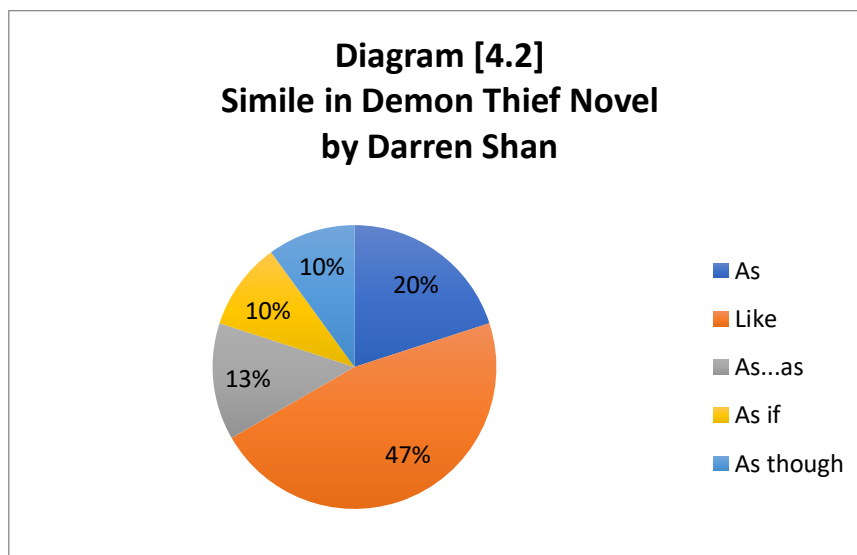
In the narration above, when Mrs. Egin suddenly shouted loudly, everyone immediately turned their heads towards her, Kernel and so did his friends. They looked at her at the same time, as if their necks were connected to each other. As if they had interconnected veins, they turned their heads towards Mrs. Egin.

As though**Data 5**

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*... then stop **as though** struck by a bolt of red energy.*

In the narration above, Kernel, who was holding a baby demon, was suddenly bitten by him. The bite made Kernel remember something. He felt something familiar from the bite and the form of the baby demon. Kernel recalled what felt familiar, he immediately felt like he was struck by lightning when he remembered it. The word As though above, is analogous to the shock that Kernel felt. It was like being struck by a red lightning bolt. Red lightning is commonly known as thunderstorm. This is an example of how shocked Kernel was when he remembered that this little demon he was holding was his own little brother, Art.

Percentage Chart

Based on the above research from the similes in Darren Shan's novel *Demon Thief*, the author found 30 data in which the data was categorized into five parts, namely as, like, as...as, as if, and as though. From this data, there are 10% As though, 10% As if, 13% As...as, 20% As, and 47% Like found in the narration and dialogue in the *Demon Thief* novel.

The diagram above explains what percentage of the graph is from the simile analysis in the Demon Thief novel. It can be concluded that the highest aspect of the analysis is the Like type simile, then followed by As, and the lowest percent is the As though and As if similes.

CONCLUSION

Based on the discussion and analysis of similes in the Demon Thief novel by Darren Shan, there are several similes found in the novel. Simile is a comparison of two things that are essentially different but are considered the same. Simile also compares words with other words directly without being complicated or called explicitly. In this Demon Thief novel, the most frequently found simile is Like. This is because like is the word for similes that is used most often. Both in daily activities, as well as in public places.

Simile will not occur without the development of the times. In the past, figure of speech was not as much as it is today, that's why literature is also developing. Literature consists of parts, one of which is a novel. Novel is a collection of writings in the form of a book and has a plot and conflict in it. In a novel there is what is called a narrative. It is this narrative that shapes the writing in a novel into a book. Although there are other elements in the novel, the figurative language is very influential in achieving a beautiful writing. And in the style of language there is a figure of speech, and one of the most frequently used figures of speech is simile.

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