

JACOB PORTMAN'S IDENTITY CONFUSION IN RANSOM RIGGS' *MISS PEREGRINE'S HOME FOR PECULIAR CHILDREN*

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Abstrak

Penelitian ini membahas tentang kebingungan identitas yang di alami oleh Jacob Portman dalam novel *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* karya Ransom Riggs. Masa remaja, seperti yang di alami Jacob Portman, dianggap sebagai periode kehidupan yang paling sensitif dan berbahaya karena para remaja mengalami pencarian identitas pada periode itu. Mereka mungkin menemukan identitas diri atau mungkin mengalami kebingungan identitas. Penelitian ini berfokus untuk membahas kebingungan identitas yang digambarkan dalam novel fantasi, dan untuk mengungkap faktor-faktor yang mungkin menyebabkan kebingungan identitas pada karakter protagonis. Sumber data penelitian ini adalah novel fantasi Ransom Riggs, berjudul *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*. Penelitian kualitatif ini berfokus pada pendekatan deskriptif dan analitik. Hasil analisa dari penelitian ini di kerjakan dengan mengaplikasikan konsep kebingungan identitas dari Erik H. Erikson. Identitas versus kebingungan peran adalah salah satu bagian dari tahapan psikologi yang dapat membantu untuk mengungkap kebingungan identitas yang muncul pada Jacob Portman. penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa Jacob Portman mengalami kebingungan identitas, ia tidak dapat menjawab pertanyaan penting 'siapa saya?'. Jacob kebingungan tentang siapa dirinya dan di mana ia harus berada dalam masyarakat. Dan penelitian ini juga menunjukkan beberapa faktor yang mungkin menjadi penyebab Jacob Portman mengalami kebingungan identitas. Yang pertama adalah kurangnya dukungan dari orang tua, kedua adalah paksaan dari orang tua untuk menjadi seperti yang mereka inginkan, yang terakhir adalah ia tidak mempunyai komitmen yang cukup untuk memilih sesuatu untuk hidupnya sendiri. Jadi, Jacob tidak berhasil melalui tahap identitas versus keinginan peran yang tidak dapat menjadikannya individu yang dewasa seperti apa yang semua orang harapkan.

Kata kunci: *tahapan psikologi, identitas vs kebingungan peran, identitas, kebingungan identitas*

Abstract

This study analyses Jacob Portman's identity confusion in Ransom Riggs' *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*. Adolescent period, as experienced by Jacob Portman, is considered as the most sensitive and dangerous period in a person's life because adolescents experience a search of identity in that period. They may discover their self-identity or even experience identity confusion. This study is aimed to explore identity confusion depicted in a fantasy novel, and to reveal the possible factor of the identity confusion which happen to the protagonist character. The data source of the study is Ransom Rick's fantasy novel, entitled *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*. Analysis of the study is done by applying the theoretical concept of Identity confusion by Erik H. Erikson. Identity versus role confusion is part of psychological stages which can help to reveal identity confusion that appears on Jacob Portman. The study showed that Jacob Portman experienced identity confusion, he cannot answer the big question 'who am I?'. Jacob confuses about who is he and where he belongs in the society. And this study also showed the possible factors that caused Jacob Portman experienced identity confusion. First is caused by lack of supports from his parents, second is his parents always force him to be like they want, for the last possible factors is he does not have enough commitment to decide thing for his own life. So, Jacob cannot successfully through identity versus role confusion stage which cannot bring him to be mature individual as people expect.

Keywords: *psychological stages, identity vs role confusion, identity, identity confusion*

INTRODUCTION

Literary work is one of the results of someone's ideas. People can produce many kinds of literary works, one of them is a novel. Here, *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* novel is the subject of this study. It is being born by an American writer and filmmaker who grew up in Florida, Ransom Riggs. In 2011 he published *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*, which on April 29, 2012 reached the 1st spot on the Children's Chapter Books list. This young adult contemporary fantasy which contains combination between narrative and unusual vintage photographs adopted as a motion picture or movie with the same title directed by Tim Burton and written by Jane Goldman, in 2016.

This study will talk further about the main protagonist character in the novel, Jacob Portman. Jacob Portman in *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* is a teenager who tries to follow his grandfather last will and makes Jacob comes to Miss Peregrine's time loop. And in the peculiar world, he gets confused with his own self, who truly he is and where he belongs. The issues that appears on Jacob Portman, protagonist character in the novel is about his psychological development. The psychological development which will discuss here is identity confusion which is also part of the psychological stage. The reason identity confusion is chosen as the topic in the study because identity confusion is rarely being discussed in the fantasy novel.

Identity confusion is the part for identity formation from Erikson's psychological development which often happens to teenagers who try to find their real personality and forming quality of life (Arto, 2011, p:3). To analyze the issues this study will use identity versus role confusion from psychological concept by Erik H. Erikson. According to Erikson, identity is a particular meaning of self and also an noticeable quality of personal similarity and steadiness that must be explored for, because identity it-self is not something that easily headed over by society (Erikson, 1959, p:51). Identity is the result of solving the psychological development, identity versus confusion is one of the eight psychological stages which will pass. Teenagers should explore their role of identity perfectly to avoid the dangerous identity confusion.

Childhood-adulthood is an important period for a human to find who really they are. In this age, human tries to develop their identity by searching the real identity. In this stage, an individual can increase the quality of life or self-image that enhance the status where we belongs. Identity which shows the quality of one as an individual is the result of answering the big question of identity, 'who am I?', this question will gradually haunt the adolescent as a young person who still searches and figure it out personal self-identity (Schwartz et al., 2015). It is because identity can be considered as a problematic aspect 'in identity development during the adolescent and youth period' (Erikson, 1980).

Teenagers in period searching their identity they will develop a strong identity and try to find their missing piece. In searching the missing pieces, individual may be confused about which piece he or she must reassemble-in other words, "the more disjointed and incomplete the picture is, the more ego identity confusion one will manifest" (Schwartz,2001). In the crisis to find the real identity will forming identity confusion, and identity confusion itself can be describe as the confusing of being or doing something, confuse who truly they are, and where they belong.

Identity confusion appears on Jacob Pormant during his exploration to find the truth about his grandfather death and to full fill his grandfather last will. His grandfather wants Jacob to find a woman named Miss Peregrine who takes care of an orphanagewhwn his grandfather was a little. During the exploration Jacob fine a completely different world called time loop where evry day is the same day. Jaco can reveal several facts about his grandfather and also himself that lead him to identity confusion. It is interesting to talk about the protagonist character's identity confusion from the story, in order of psychological development. Because in this novel, the protagonist character is a teenager who came to an unusual world which is lead him to know the hidden power in him.

This study uses psychosocial development theory by Erik H. Erikson, which is totally influenced by Sigmund Freud. This psychosocial development deals with the ego psychologist, this theory is the extension from Sigmund Freud's psychosexual theory in which both of these theories are in the same umbrella of psychoanalytical approach ((Erikson,1994) in Anggraini, 2017, pg 10). Erikson argues that human has eight development stages human, "each stage of the unique developmental task that confronts individuals with a crisis that must be faced" (Arto, 2011, pg 3). From Erikson's eight psychological stages, this study will only focus to identity versus role confusion stage.

Identity versus role confusion can be called as transition time between childhood and adulthood, which is a very crucial stage that may determine who is really a person meant to be. Identity confusion is the result of failed identity exploration which may happen to adolescent. According to Erikson, in this crucial stage people, as an individual, are challenged to find out who really they are, what are they all about in the society, and where the perfect place they are going to life in this world (Halonen and Santrock, 1999, pg 305). It commonly happens to teenagers who try to discover who really they are, adolescent ten to tweeny years old.

The adolescents have to discover their identity to continue their life in society, but when they cannot find their true identity, it will lead them to identity confusion. "Identity is not readily given to the individual by society, nor does it appear as a maturational phenomenon when the time comes, as do secondary sex characteristics." (Erikson 1994, pg 51).

Identity confusion is a conflict during adolescent in searching their completion of identity formation Arto stated that Identity confusion might occur when an individual has not enough courage to make decision for their own life and has not mutually satisfying alternatives for their identity (Arto 2011, pg 14). It means when an adolescent has a lack of commitment they might be facing the dangers of identity confusion.

According to Anggraini (Anggraini, 2017, pg 2) "identity confusion is like the confusion of being and doing something that has been experienced by someone while searching for his or her real identity". The major question of the danger Identity confusion is "Who am I?", this issue commonly come up during the adolescent and early adult years (Schwartz, et al, pg 339). When adolescents face psychological conflict, Identity Versus Confusion, in their life it will lead them to the big question in their life 'Who am I?'. If the adolescent cannot answer that question, they absolutely get confused about their identity.

"With the establishment of a good initial relationship to the world of skills and tools, and with the advent of puberty, child-hood proper comes to an end. Youth begins" (Erikson 1950, pg 234). The most important stage during adolescent is the time when a child has though the glow up time to be an adult, this is also called as transition time, which will make them to be more independent and have the responsibility for their own life. As the adolescents transform from childhood to adulthood, they will start looking forward to the future, in terms of career, relationships, families, housing, etc. And they consider the adult world to know which roles might be they will take in adulthood. In other words, they figure it out their freedom and developing a sense of self in this crucial stage of their life.

In conclusion, from what adolescents have been trough to reach adulthood, they might be the appropriate victim of some role confusion in where they will fit into society. Behaviors and activities are some examples that adolescent may experiment with during their searching identity. Eventually, Erikson proposes, where the adolescents live influence most of the adolescents to get a sense of identity. Adolescents are faced many different roles and idealistic things dealing with romantic sense and occupational adult statuses, for the example: allowing the adolescents to explore many different new roles to figure it out which one is the best role for them and different way within a specific role is something important that parents should do. Jacob Portman in the novel has no freedom to choose what he wants in his own life.

Adolescent can be qualify get identity confusion if they experienced; questioning yourself 'Who am I?'; dealing with the role in society; changes the sense of self; questioning things on life; and searching meaning of life. These are the symptoms of identity confusion, that a teenager faced this several symptoms they might be get confuse about their personal identity and role in society.

METHOD

According to the background, the issues of this study are formulated as (1) How is Jacob Portman's identity confusion depicted in *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*? (2) What are the possible factors that cause of Jacob Portman's identity confusion in *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*? This study will use qualitative study to analyze the issues. This method contains explanation, narration, and description of literary work which becomes the data sources of this study.

The data source of this study is New York Times bestselling novel, *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*. The author of this novel is American writer and filmmaker who grew up in Florida, Ransom Riggs. The data can be taken from the dialogue between characters, phrases or monologue which concerning identity confusion that appear in protagonist character on the novel. To analyze the topic, close reading to the subject and the concept of this study is needed. During the close reading, taking note is an important thing to do because it can capture several points which are needed to reveal the issue. The process of analyzing data in this study will classify based on the problem. Learning and reading repeatedly the text is necessary because it will help to get more detail information and easy to find the best approach to each data.

ANALYSIS

Jacob Portman's Identity Confusion in *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*

The first issue in this study will discuss about the depiction of Jacob Portman's identity confusion. Jacob is a teenager who has interesting life story, when all teenagers can hang out with their friends Jacob should faced that he is different from other children. He should enter a completely different world to find the truth about his grandfather death. Jacob finally knows the truth about his grandfather and also himself. And it is the begining of his identity confusion. Jacob confuses about who really he is, he confuses about his personal identity and where should he belongs in society.

Identity confusion will happen to someone when they start to find and discover who really they are in this world. The common victim of this dangerous identity confusion is adolescents, who still try to search their identity, just like the protagonist character in *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*, Jacob Portman. Adolescence according to Erikson has been categorized as the period which the individual should establish a *sense of personal identity* and avoid the dangers of *role diffusion* and *identity confusion* in the human life cycle (Erikson 1994, pg 51).

1. Jacob's life devided into before and after

"The search of identity involves the establishment of a meaningful self-concept in which past, present, and future are brought together to form a unified whole." (Erikson 1994, pg 51). Identity is not thing that given by society, so the adolescent should

find their personal identity. During searching identity adolescent often experienced their life divided into before and after which will lead them to identity confusion if they cannot successfully through it.

“The first of these came as a terrible shock and, like anything that changes you forever, split my life into halves: Before and After.” (Riggs, R 2011, pg 8).

From the beginning of the novel, the narrator as well as the main character, Jacob Portman already stated that his life turns to ‘before and after’ it is like a signal that he has been through to this stage of searching identity. This is the beginning of Jacob Portman’s identity exploration in the peculiar world. Jacob experienced a new world, a new society with peculiar children and also knowing that he is not a normal person like he was thought this whole time. For teenagers who start to experience the new thing, like society new friend which is completely different with what he got before will lead him to confuse which one is the suitable place for him. From the quotation ‘like anything that changes you forever’, Jacob’s life will never be the same as before after big things came out. The mystery of Jacob’s grandfather’s death has become a huge thing which triggered Jacob to face identity confusion.

Before all things happen Jacob Portman has life his ordinary life in Florida with his family, high school routine and hanging out with his one and only friend, Ricky. He has no friend except Ricky who wants to be his friend because he is willingly help Ricky with English class and so do Ricky help Jacob from bullies in the school. “That was our friendship: equal parts irritation and cooperation. He was, I suppose, my best friend, which is a less pathetic way of saying he was my only friend.” (Riggs, R 2011, pg 30-31). Jacob seems have tragic teenage life, get bullies and has no true friend in school. Jacob’s teenager life also has no freedom because his parents did not allow him to do what he wants.

But, after his grandfather died and he tries to discover and follow his grandfather last will, “an extraordinary and terrible thing happened, and there was only Before and After.” (Riggs, R 2011, pg 22). The ‘extraordinary and terrible thing’ here is his experienced when he entered the time loop and know all the truth about his grandfather peculiar capability and knowing that every day in the time loop is the same day. Lately, Jacob also got the truth that he is one of peculiar children who has peculiar capability as well as his grandfather. After entering and knowing all the truth Jacob’s life changes, he cannot live as a normal teenager from Florida and he also not sure about his peculiarity, and who is he as a personal life in this world. Jacob mentioned ‘before and after’ twice in the novel, that shows he faced self-concept which hit him hard to live his ordinary life and starts to face the identity confusion.

2. Change sense of life

One of symptoms that appears when adolescent get identity confusion is changing their

sense of life because huge thing happen around them. Here Jacob Portman experienced ‘terrible thing’, as state in previous quotation, which is his grandfather death that makes him stressed out. He knows that his grandfather dead because of monster but no one believe him, and he regrets because he didnot believe to his grandfather.

“I blamed myself for what happened. If only I’d believed him was my endless refrain. But I hadn’t believed him, and neither had anyone else, and now I knew how he must’ve felt because no one believed me, either.” (Riggs, R 2011, pp 39-40).

In the novel, the mystery behind how Jacob’s grandfather died which make Jacob curious to find out the truth of all things which happened that night, the night when his grandfather died. From the quotation ‘If only I’d believed him’ shows that Jacob Portman regrets why he did not believe his grandfather, and he thinks that his grandfather died because he did not believe his grandfather since the beginning. His grandfather’s mysterious died becomes the big thing which appears to Jacob’s teenager life and starts to lead him to change the sense of life. From what he experienced in his grandfather’s back yard, there is no one who believes him, even his parents send him to the psychiatrist, ‘brain-shrinker’ he called it.

For adolescents who get appropriate help and support to pass the identity vs role confusion stage during personal exploration, they will pass this important and risky stage with good outcome like good self-control, a strong independence feeling and common sense of self built strongly to face the adulthood life. The insecurity and confused about the future and themselves are the result for adolescents who continue their life with has no confidence feeling about their beliefs and passions. As well exploring new roles teenagers might start to feel confused or unsure about themselves and how they can suit the role in society during their changeover from childhood to adulthood. That is part of searching for meaning of self which is important for themselves. Erikson believes that this is definitely a central point of forming self-identity process to build a strong identity and a sense development of the path in human life.

3. Jacob cannot answer question about identity ‘Who am i?’

Lately, Jacob finds out that his grandfather has a superpower, and he is one of the peculiar children in the world. Actually, the peculiar children did not allow to go out from time loop, but Jacob’s grandfather as known as Abraham Portman, decided to go and hunted the *Wights*, monsters who hunt the children that have peculiar capability because he is the one and only peculiar who can see the *Wights*. And accidentally his peculiar power inherited to Jacob, he tries to protect Jacob in his whole life, but he killed by a *Wight* who came to his house when Jacob on the way to his house in the evening. After Abraham died, Jacob becomes stressed out because he saw the *Wight* who killed his

grandfather. He always dreams about the monster and the peculiar children from his grandfather story when he was a kid. Then his adventure begins in Wales, the island where his grandfather spends childhood in an orphanage.

Jacob explores the island to find Miss Peregrine's Home, but he just found a boomed house inside the forest. After exploring the house for so many times, he found children and follows them to the time loop. At the beginning of his journey in the peculiar world, Jacob asked Miss Peregrine about how was his grandfather.

"Was he—my grandfather—was he like ..."

"Like us?"

I nodded. She smiled strangely. "He was like you, Jacob." And she turned and hobbled toward the stairs. (Riggs, R 2011, pg 232)

After having a long discussion with Miss Peregrine, the whole history of peculiar human in the world, Jacob curious to know how was like his grandfather. Here Miss Peregrine tries to tell that Jacob is just like his grandfather with the sentence 'he was like you', a peculiar who has a superpower, but Jacob still can realize it. He seems to avoid Miss Peregrine's words, and just think that his face similar to his grandfather when his grandfather was young. In this also shown rejection from Jacob that he is one of the peculiar children in the world.

Entered the time loop and experience new world new friends and everything about the peculiar things are the beginning of Jacob Portman identity confusion. Jacob experienced new things and he did not realize that only peculiar who can enter to the time loop. From the beginning of his journey, Miss Peregrine has given him a clue that he is just like his grandfather, a peculiar, but Jacob cannot realize it. After everything that happens in the peculiar world, Jacob did not realize the fact that only peculiar who can enter the time loop.

"I'm not meant to tell you this," she said, "but common people can't pass through time loops." (Riggs, R 2011, pg 245)

The fact that 'common people can't pass through time loops' hits Jacob to confuse what supposed he does. He has no idea where should he belongs, he still denied that he is a peculiar like other children in the time loops.

".... And then she said, "You should stay."

"Stay," I repeated.

"I want to, but I don't think I can."....

"I don't. I'm not like you." (Riggs, R 2011, pg 244)

In this quotation, Jacob Portman and Emma Bloom arguing about where should Jacob belongs. Emma tries to convince Jacob that he belongs to the peculiar world with her, Miss Peregrine and other peculiar children in the time loop. Here Jacob Portman

clearly stated that he refuse what have Emma said, he decided to believe that he is a common person, he does not belong to stay in the time loop. As stated by Erik H. Erikson in chapter II 2.2, that identity is not given by society, the person should discover it through the big question 'Who am I?'. Jacob seems can answer the question that by stated that 'I'm not like you', Jacob decided to clarify that he is a normal person, not a peculiar. But, this question is not only about who you want to be, Jacob said that he is a normal person when he does not know where should he belongs. That is the reason Jacob decided to be a normal person like he was in his whole life.

The first identity confusion's symptoms appear on Jacob Portman's which appear in the novel is questioning 'Who am I?'. According to Erikson (1994, pg 51) the big question of identity versus role confusion is 'Who am I?' the adolescent should answer this question to avoid identity confusion. During his exploration looking for the fact of the mysterious cause of his grandfather died. He got a massive problem dealing with his personality and relationship with society.

"We're peculiar," he replied, sounding a bit puzzled. "Aren't you?"

"I don't know. I don't think so."

"That's a shame." (Riggs, R 2011, pg 207)

From the quotation 'I don't know' Jacob seems to confuse to answer the question from one of the peculiar children. Jacob is not sure with his own personality, he confused to answer the question which mostly related to 'who I am?' from the symptoms of identity confusion. Jacob also cannot state it whether he is a peculiar or not, he decided to answer the question with 'I don't think so' which shown that he is not sure with what he is saying. He does not know that everyone in the time loops knows who really he is. Jacob experience new things when he entered the time loop, including having new friends which he does not have in Florida. He just has Ricky, the one and only boy who wants to hang out with him. That makes Jacob happy to be in the peculiar world, he is admiring the peculiar children since he was a kid and want to meet them. However, when he can find his grandfather's friend in the time loop, he also finds the new fact about him just state in the previous paragraph that Jacob is a peculiar child. During his adventure in time loop he saw all the peculiar children in the orphanage, and know that in time loop never have tomorrow, the day stuck in 3th September 1943.

4. Jacob questioning his life

The other symptoms which appear in Jacob Portman is questioning his life. Jacob starts to wonder the reason why should he stays at peculiar world or back to his real life in Florida with his family and high school life as a lame boy. He has to decide whether to stay or go home, because his father is already done with his business in Wales and time to go home.

"I had just a few days to decide what to do. Stay or go neither option seemed good. How could I possibly stay here and leave

behind everything I'd known? But after all I'd learned, how could I go home?" (Riggs, R 2011, pg 270)

From the quotation 'how could I possibly stay here and leave behind everything I'd know?' Jacob tries to figure it out what is the impact if he stays and live in the peculiar world. He cannot leave his life and stay in the peculiar world, he has his mother who waits for him in home and life in Florida. On the other hand, after all terrible things that happened in the peculiar world which he can do something to help the peculiar children, his heart cannot just leave it 'after all I'd learned, how could I go home?'. He has two different options and two big reasons how he should stay or go. Jacob knows that he cannot choose both, he starts questioning to find best and strong reason to decide to stay or leave.

From the paragraph above, it is clearly showed that Jacob Portman faced the confusion of his role in the society, he thinks about his life after all that happened to him the last few days in the island and met the peculiar children. From the quotation below appears that Jacob Portman began to think where he belongs, which is still related to other symptoms dealing with the role in society. Two completely different worlds that he knew after his long journey make Jacob stuck between these two worlds. He cannot choose both of them, this is the part of his role confusion where should he belongs. During his experience in the time loop, Jacob seems happy because he can meet new friends who are not like his friends in Eaglewood. He seems to run away from his real life when he is in the time loop with the peculiar children. That makes Jacob confused were should he stays, in the time loop with new life, or back to his

The Possible Factor of Jacob Portman's Identity Confusion in *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*

One of possible factor which may cause identity confusion is the pushed from parents for the identity of the adolescent (Arto, 2011, p 5). Jacob Portman's family in the novel has a tradition for their children to have first job experience in their own supermarket. It shows that Jacob's parents have pushed him to become what they want Jacob to be, not let Jacob explores what Jacob want to be.

"The reason I couldn't quit was that working at Smart Aid as your first job had long been a hallowed family tradition. All many campaign of self-sabotage had earned me was an unwinnable feud....., because no matter how many displays I knocked over or customers I short-changed, one day I was going to inherit a sizable chunk of the company, and they were not." (Riggs, R 2011, pg 25)

From the quotation 'working at Smart Aid as your first job had long been a hollowed a family tradition' which means that like it or not Jacob has to work in Smart Aid which is his family business and

Jacob should take care of it someday. That quotation shows Jacob's parents push him to do what they want, with 'family tradition' as a reason to make it as the best thing for Jacob's future life. Instead of doing an apprenticeship with happiness because he will be a successful entrepreneur in the future, Jacob does not like to work in Smart Aid at all. Jacob clearly knows that he will be inherit the Smart Aid, but seems not interesting to have a big company and all Smart Aid in Eagle Wood. From quotation 'sizable chunk of company' shows that his family company is not a big deal to his life, and he try to get fired from his summer apprenticeship in Smart Aid.

Jacob shows that he is not interesting to have an apprenticeship in his family business. From narration 'no matter how many displays I knocked over or customers I short-changed' shows his effort to get fired from his apprenticeship. He does not want to be in Smart Aid, he does 'self-sabotage' to get fired, but it does not work at all, then he should accept and face it like it or not. This is the first thing which cause the identity confusion because the adolescent needs to explore themselves, but in Jacob Portman's case, he is pushed by his parents with his family tradition to have first job experience in a family business. An adolescent who cannot explore his true identity just like what Jacob has experienced in his teenage life will guide him to have lack of confidence to make a commitment in his life. Jacob Portman's parents also did not give proper support for Jacob to explore himself when Jacob pass the identity versus role confusion stage in his teenager.

Since Jacob was a kid he has his parents and his grandfather who take care of them. In one side his grandfather always tells him about the experiences being an explorer and how wonderful life in a magic world when his grandfather live in the orphanage, Miss Peregrine's house in Wales. But, on the other side, his parents did not want that he trust his grandfather and do not let him to explore his identity from the beginning. His parents seem to choose who will Jacob be in the future, and his parents tell him that all story from his grandfather is just a fairy tale. There is no such thing in the world like what his grandfather told to him. And those things will make him confuse what should he do, and who will he trust in the world.

After knowing his grandfather's past life, he decided himself be an explorer just like his grandfather. This is the first step for kids to discover many roles in their life, want to be an explorer, imagine that something wonderful might happen to him in the future can help kids to find their real identity. Jacob's grandfather always tells the story about peculiar children and his life in the orphanage, which is Miss Peregrine's house for peculiar children. Abraham Portman, Jacob's grandfather, wants that Jacob knows peculiar world because Jacob is a peculiar just like him. Little Jacob did not realize his grandfather's purpose telling him all the story, one thing that he knows is he believes his grandfather and want to be like him.

“I believe you,” I said.” (Riggs, R 2011, pg 9).

After state that he believe his grandfather's story and make his home as his playground for make his imagination as explorer comes true, his parents always said to him that what his grandfather said is not true story.

“..... until my parents shoed me outside.....—that these fantasies were somehow inoculating me against more practical ambitions—so one day my mother sat me down and explained that I couldn't become an explorer because everything in the world had already been discovered.” (Riggs, R 2011, pg 9)

Jacob's mother does not allow what Jacob wants, by explaining that 'the world already been discovered'. That sentence directly cut down all little Jacob's imagination so it might be the cause that makes Jacob cannot explore the role of identity in his childhood. His mother to worry if her son becomes crazy because exploring identity, she did not realize that what she did lead Jacob to identity confusion because he cannot explore more role of identities to find Jacob's real identity. Jacob feels afraid to explore his role of identity, because everything has set down by his mother, and he does not know which one is the best for his own life. All things in his life are set by his parents and makes him has lacks of commitment to determine his life. He is afraid to make a decision because since the beginning Jacob's parents always did not allow everything that Jacob did.

After Jacob got disappointed because of his parents' words and gets bully from his friend in the school after tells them about his dream and his grandfather story he changes his mind.

“What fairy stories?” he said, peering at me over his glasses.

“You know. The stories. About the kids and the monsters.” (Riggs, R 2011, pg 9)

Thought the quotations, Jacob Portman seems to confuse that his grandfather story is real or not. In the beginning, he states that he believes, but after his parents told him that in the real life does not exist the human with superpower and a monster with tentacles in the mouth and get bully from his friend he changes his mind. It seems that Jacob has no commitment to himself to believe something. He gets confused which one is the truth but he cannot make a commitment to what he believes before. Accidentally, Jacob's grandfather told the story about the peculiar world and his childhood in the orphanage to guide Jacob to find his real identity as a peculiar child. But, his grandfather died before he can tell all the truth to Jacob.

“I thought I could protect you,” he said. “I should've told you a long time ago ...” I could see the life going out of him. (Riggs, R 2011, pg 45)

From this last conversation with his grandfather, become the beginning of all extraordinary things which comes to Jacob. And it makes him get

serious traumatic, then his parents decided to bring him to a psychiatrist.

Instead of the answer 'Who I am?' Which should answer by the adolescent, they should know where they belong. As states it in chapter 2, that identity confusion is when someone gets confused about who they are and where they belong, in the novel, Jacob also experience this issue. Where he start to thinking where should he stays, when he knows the truth of his life and the reality in his past life before he goes to the time loop. When he wants to live his life in the time loop but he knows that he has family in his real life. In this time Jacob faces the reality where he should choose which one is better for his life. But, he has lacks commitment to decide where he should stay for the rest of his life. And this will lead him to the danger of identity confusion.

“Falling asleep, my thoughts drifted to the peculiar children and the first question they'd asked after Miss Peregrine had introduced me: Is Jacob going to stay with us? At the time I'd thought, Of course not. But why not? If I never went home, what exactly would I be missing? I pictured my cold cavernous house, my friendless town full of bad memories, the utterly unremarkable life that had been mapped out for me.” (Riggs, R 2011, pg 256-257)

From the quotation 'why not?' Jacob is looking for the reason why could he stays, 'what exactly would I be missing?' he thinks about his life in Florida. Nothing special, there is no such a thing which can make Jacob has a strong reason to go home. At some points he thinks that his life in Florida as a socially odd teenager who get bully and has no friend, that makes Jacob think twice to back home in Florida. But on the other side of his heart, he cannot leave his life or his 'bad memories' he called it. He loves his parents, even though they not support Jacob properly to explore his identity and do what Jacob wants. He cannot just leave all what he has in Florida.

It shows Jacob confusion about choosing his home in Florida or Peculiar world with Miss Peregrine and the peculiar children. This is part of confusion role in society, which role that might perfect for him to life in. Jacob has no idea have to be a good kid for his parents or stay save in peculiar world with peculiar children. It can lead him to get identity confusion because of his lacks of commitment to decide where he belongs. Jacob confused which society can fit with him, the ordinary life which he has since he was a little or the wonderful world with peculiar children which seems so tempting to live in. He cannot make the decision whether to stay with peculiar children and a girl who he falls for or back to his reality with his parents and one and only friend in Eagle Wood, Florida.

CONCLUSION

Based on the analysis, the depiction of the protagonist, Jacob Portman's identity confusion in Ransom Riggs' *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* can be seen through the symptoms of the identity confusion itself. The dangerous identity confusion which is the opposite of identity achievement happens to the adolescent who cannot answer the major question of this stage, 'Who am I?'. In the novel, Jacob Portman has no idea of who is he as a personal life in the world and this role in society, he cannot clearly recognize is he a normal person or one of peculiar children. He confuses about who and where he belongs in society. Whether should stay in the peculiar world after knew that he is able to stay because he is one of the peculiar children, has a superpower, or back to the reality of his ordinary life as a normal person with his parents in Florida. It deals with Erikson's theory that Jacob has experience identity versus role confusion. He cannot answer the big question of identity vs role confusion stage 'Who I am?'. The identity confusion which experienced by Jacob Portman is confuse about his personal identity and where should he stay in the society.

Jacob's identity confusion starts when he tries to reveal his grandfather died. By follows his grandfather last wish and his before sleep story when he was a kid which told by his grandfather to lead Jacob knows that he is not a normal human. He seems difficult to realize that he is a peculiar child who has a superpower ability, when he can enter the peculiar world, which not all human can enter the time loop, other peculiar children had given clue that he is a peculiar but he still not accepted it. He cannot determine who really he is, and where he belongs after have travel peculiar world. Experience new things in the peculiar world makes Jacob's life turn to 'before and after' which makes him confused where should he belongs in this world.

The second concern is the possible factors that might be the cause of Jacob Portman's identity confusion. From what has been found in the analysis, the major cause of Jacob's identity confusion the lack of proper support from his own parents, mother, and father. Jacob has no freedom to live his life as what he wants, his parents keep telling him to do what they think is the best for Jacob. Instead of giving appropriate support for Jacob who still developing his individual identity, Jacob's parents force their little boy to believe what they believe as an adult. Jacob's parents send their teenage Jacob to learn how to work in a minimarket which will automatically be inherited to Jacob when he is ready. Jacob should accept what his parents choose for him willing or not because that is a family tradition which should follow by Jacob. All that forces make Jacob cannot explore and did not learn how to make decision that is the reason Jacob cannot success past identity versus role confusion stage, which leads him to face the dangerous identity confusion, confusing about

his real personal identity and cannot reach positive outcome to reach maturity.

In conclusion, identity confusion categorized as a crisis which might happen during early to the middle adolescent. The dangerous identity confusion will happen to an adolescent who can through identity versus role confusion successfully. Parents' role for their teenager kid is so important, without appropriate support from the parents adolescents cannot found their individual identity. Jacob has some identity confusion's symptoms depicted in his character through analysis using Erikson's identity versus role confusion. In Jacob Portman's case, his parents are the major factor which causing Jacob faces identity confusion after knowing all the truth in his life.

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