

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

5.1 Conclusion

This study aims to analyze the female masculinity from a Japanese animation series, Attack on Titan, through one of the characters Mikasa Ackerman. Using the five category of female masculinity concept of Halberstam (1998), the writer have found that the female masculinity can be found in Mikasa Ackerman because she have met more than one requirement of female masculinity. Though, she only did not fill the qualification of fag drag, because she's a straight woman.

Mikasa proved to show qualities of a man after the night she was kidnapped and see her family died in front of her. She is better in performing a masculine traits, such as strong, heroic, brave and responsible. She also proves in mastering man's stuff like using sword and fight without feeling scared. In other words, every male and female can have those qualities; it just depends on how they develop in their lives.

5.2 Suggestion

While doing this research, writer might have some mistakes because of the limited knowledge, but hopefully, this research can be studied by other researchers that have other perspectives in literary such as feminism or others as this research focuses on analyzing the character of Mikasa Ackerman with female masculinity concept. Readers who read this study could also gain some new knowledge about masculinity which is not always be done by men.

For future researcher, writer hopes this study can be used as their reference who interested in doing the same analysis such as female masculinity especially using Judith Halberstam's theory. Other than that, writer only hopes that this research could be useful for everyone who new in this kind of theory.



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SYNOPSIS

For more than a hundred years, humans have faced the fear of giant humanoid creatures called Titans. Titan only made humans as a mere victim. While the appearance of these Titans was completely without human knowledge and their origin is beyond knowledge. As for the difference in strength between the humans and the Titans, this is very much different. The surviving humans flocked to erect a giant wall as high as 50 meters, namely the wall that was named Maria, Rose and Sina. Wall Maria is the outermost wall, Rose's wall is in the middle, and Sina's is the deepest. Humans live within these walls peacefully for more than a hundred years.

In 844, behind the walls of Maria, there is a girl who is cheerful and lives happily with her father and mother. The girl's name is Mikasa Ackerman. However, the humans who lived within the walls were mostly inhabited by European descendants. While there are only few people of an Asian race. Mikasa lives happily with her parents. However, until one day there was a group of slave sellers (especially female slaves) kidnapped Mikasa and kills both of Mikasa's parents. Actually the seller's goal is to kidnap Mikasa's mother who is of pure Asian race which is pure Asia has a very expensive price. However, Mikasa's mother was forced to be killed by the kidnappers because of her very rebellious behavior. In the end, only Mikasa was kidnapped by the slave sellers. The day of the kidnapping coincided with the visit of Dr. Jaeger (Eren Jaeger's father) and Eren Jaeger to the Mikasa family's house. Then the unexpectedly things happened as the three kidnappers were killed by Eren and Mikasa.

At first Mikasa was unable to kill this kidnappers, until Eren gave a speech to Mikasa that “Tatakawanakereba... katenai!” (If you don’t fight, you can’t win). Since then, Mikasa’s live is heavily influenced by Eren. Even though it’s hard to believe, the police think that the actions of Eren and Mikasa who were still children are human form of self-defense. Finally, Mikasa was adopted by Dr. Jaeger as his adopted daughter. Therefore, Mikasa is determined to protect Eren because she doesn’t want to lose her family again. After this traumatic event, Mikasa gains the view that the world is a beautiful place but the world is also a cruel place where only the strong one can survive. While living with Eren and his family, Mikasa befriends Armin, who is Eren’s best friend since childhood. However, since her parents left, Mikasa’s personality has turned cold and looks serious, but she still cares about her friends and family, especially Eren.

Until the year 845 behind Maria’s walls in the Shinganshina district an event that will never be forgotten happened and humans will always remember the magnitude of the threat of Titan. A Titan taller than the wall (later named the Colossal Titan) suddenly appears and destroys Shiganshina’s gate, allowing another Titan to enter the wall. Then the entire Shinganshina district’s people became panicked and took many lives, including Eren’s mother who was eaten by Titan in front of Eren and Mikasa’s eyes. This incident made the residents of the Shinganshina district flee to a deeper layer of the wall, namely the Rose wall.

After the incident, Mikasa was forced to enter the army camp because Eren insisted on entering the camp to become the Survey Corps. For three years Mikasa, Eren, and Armin were trained in the army training camp. During the graduation

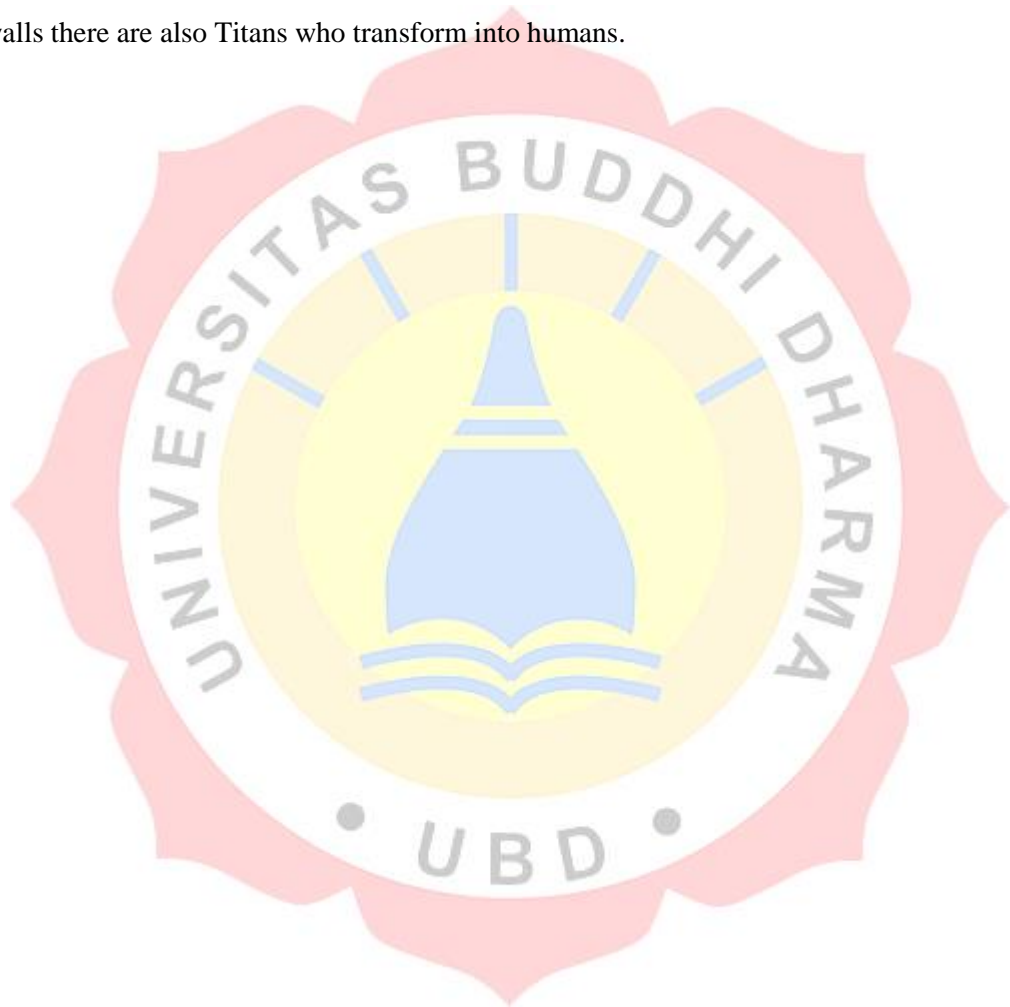
ceremony Mikasa became the best trained soldier or cadet in the army camp while Eren was ranked fifth.

When Mikasa, Eren, and Armin are doing their first assignment at the end of the Rose wall in the Trost district as Cadets, suddenly a Colossal Titan appears in front of them. The events that happened 3 years ago were repeated behind the Trost district, many residents and soldiers were preyed upon by the Titans. In this event, Mikasa as an elite soldier was assigned to evacuate the population, while Eren and Armin were assigned to help hinder the Titans on the front lines, even though Mikasa was actually reluctant to do her job because she wanted to protect Eren. But Eren assures Mikasa that he will not die. Though, the reality is beyond expectations, Eren is actually eaten by a Titan while trying to save Armin from the mouth of a Titan who wants to eat him.

After the evacuation, Mikasa moved to the front line to see the condition of Eren and Armin. However, due to the previous incident, Mikasa was informed by Armin that Eren had died. Then Mikasa spearheaded the other friends to fight back against the Titans. When Mikasa is cornered by a Titan attack, suddenly another abnormal Titan appears that kills the Titan that attacked Mikasa, saving Mikasa's life. A few moments later The Abnormal Titan died because many other Titans attacked him, then from the back of the Abnormal Titan appeared a human, it turned out that the human was Eren. Seeing this reality, Eren is even considered as a human threat, considering the many victims who died both from residents and soldiers due to the Titans. But Mikasa threatens anyone who dares to execute Eren. Then Eren is given the opportunity to transform into an Abnormal Titan again to win the Trost district which has been ruled by the Titans.

While researching Eren, what Eren remember is only about his father's secret place in Eren's house. Maybe that's where the secret of the Titan mystery is stored. Therefore,

the survey corps launched an expedition outside the walls to find out the secrets of Titan. However, during the expedition, there is one female abnormal Titan who thwarts the expedition and is only interested in Eren. The survey corps returned behind the wall in failure and the Titans took many victims. After researching her whereabouts, it turns out that the female Titan is one of the best graduates with Mikasa and Eren. It can be concluded that the enemies of humans are not only Titans who are outside the walls, but inside the walls there are also Titans who transform into humans.



APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1

The image below coming from Attack on Titan season 1 taken from: Netflix.

1. Butch Realness



2. Femme Pretender



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3. Male Mimicry



4. Fag Drag



5. Denaturalized Masculinity



APPENDIX 2

SCRIPT

Here's the script from chapter 4, the full script can be found at:

<https://transcribedanimescripts.tumblr.com/post/182994858067/attack-on-titan-master-list/amp>.

1. Butch Realness

Mikasa Nani wo... shite iru no?
What... are you doing?

Boss Oo, choudo ii! Omae! Koitsura ni tetsudawasero!
Oh, perfect timing. Hey you, make these people help me out!

Rei wa hazumu zo!
I'll reward you handsomely!

Mikasa Ima... nakama ga shinde iru.
My comrades are dying right now.

Juumin no hinan ga kanryou shitai kara, kyojin to tatakatte shinde iru.
Because the evacuation is lagging, they're fighting the Titans and dying.

Boss Touzen da!
'Course they are!

Juumin no inochi ya zaisan wo mamoru tame ni, shinzou wo sasageru no ga omaera no tsutome darou ga!
It's your duty to offer your lives to protect citizens and their property, is it not?!

Tada meshi kurai ga hyakunen-buri ni yaku ni tatta kara tte, ii ki ni narun ja nee!
Don't get full of yourselves just because you freeloaders are finally doing your job after a hundred years!

Attack on Titan Season 1, Episode 6.

[Scene: Some time later. It begins to rain hard. The Aberrant begins to dissolve.]

Ian Yoku shitometa, Akkaaman. Sasuga da na.
Good work taking it down, Ackermann. I'm impressed.

Mikasa Arigatou gozaimasu.
Thank you very much.

Shikashi... asette ikkai no kougeki de, yaiba wo namakura ni shite shimaimashita.

However... I dulled my blades with a single blow in my impatience.

Tsugi wa chuui shimasu.
I'll be more mindful next time.

Ian Omae, kore made ittai donna keiken wo...
Just what kind of life have you been living until now...

Iya... nandemo nai.
Never mind, it's nothing.

[Action: Mikasa pulls her scarf up over her nose. She remembers the child and mother from earlier, along with a couple from her childhood.]

Mikasa (Thoughts) Doushite konna toki ni omoidasu...
(Thoughts) Why am I remembering that now?

Attack on Titan Season 1, Episode 6.

[Scene: At home.]

Eren Tadaima.
We're home.

Carla Okaerinasai.
Welcome back.

Ara, Eren! Kyou wa mezurashiku ganbatta ja nai?
Wow Eren, I'm surprised you gathered all this firewood!

Eren U-Un...
Y-Yeah...

[Action: Carla pinches Eren's cheek.]

Eren Nan da yo?!
What was that for?

Carla Mimi ga akakatta... Uso tsuita shouko.
Your ears were red. You were lying.

Mikasa ni tetsudatte moratta no ne?
Mikasa helped you, didn't she?

Attack on Titan Season 1, Episode 1.

2. Femme Pretender

Armin Muri da yo! Kateru wake nai! Boku-tachi wa kabe no naka de ikiru shika nain da!
It's impossible! We can't beat the Titans! There's nothing we can do but live within the walls...

Mucha wo sureba shinu, boku no tou-san kaa-san mitai ni!
If you do something dumb, you'll die, like my mom and dad!

Eren Dakara aitsura ni pekopeko suru no ka?! Hazukashikunai no ka yo?!
So we should suck up to them instead?! Aren't you ashamed?!

Armin Ima wa... Ima wa shouganai yo!
Right now... Right now, there's no choice!

Eren Shouganai nante ii wake da!
That's just an excuse!

Dattara itsumademo sou yatte kachiku mitai ni ikiro, yowamushi!
Then spend the rest of your life as cattle, weakling!

Armin Mikasa?
Mikasa?

Mikasa Arumin ga yowamushi nara, Eren to watashi mo onaji.
If Armin is a weakling, so are we.

Watashi-tachi wa kyojin kara nigeru no mo, machi kara nigeru no mo, nani hitotsu jibun de yatte inai.

We didn't even run from the Titans or the city on our own two feet.

Kyou taberumono sae tasukete moratta.

We couldn't even get the food we're eating today without help.

Sonna chikara no nai ningen ga, ano kyojin wo ippiki datte taoseru wake nai.
Anyone so weak couldn't possibly defeat a single Titan.

Taisetsu na no wa iki-nobiru koto... oba-san ga itteta-toori.
What matters is survival... like your mother said.

Armin Mikasa!
Mikasa!

Attack on Titan Season 1, Episode 2.

[Action: Mikasa grabs the knife and stands. She hesitates.]

Mikasa Sonna... dekinai...!
I can't do it!

(Thoughts) Sono toki... omoidashita.

(Thoughts) At that moment, I remembered...

(Thoughts) Kono koukei wa ima made ni... nandomo, nandomo... mite kita.

(Thoughts) I'd witnessed this scene before... time and time again.

(Thoughts) Itsu datte... me ni haitte ita.

(Thoughts) It's always been unfolding before me.

(Thoughts) Demo... minakatta koto ni shite ita.

(Thoughts) But I turned a blind eye to it.

(Thoughts) Sou da. Kono sekai wa... zankoku nan da!

(Thoughts) That's right. This world is... cruel.

[Action: Mikasa steadies herself.]

Mikasa (Thoughts) Sono shunkan, karada no furue ga tomatta.
(Thoughts) At that instant, my body stopped shaking.

(Thoughts) Sono toki kara, watashi wa jibun wo kanpeki ni shihai dekita.

(Thoughts) Since then, I've had complete control over my body.

(Thoughts) Nandemo dekiru to omotta.

(Thoughts) I thought I could do anything.

(Thoughts) Tatakae... tatakae... tatakae!

(Thoughts) Fight... Fight... Fight!

[Action: Mikasa clutches the knife with ferocity and stabs the final man.]

Attack on Titan Season 1, Episode 6.

[Action: The residents begin to push frantically. A group of soldiers chases the Titan from behind.]

Soldier 1 Kuso! Naze ore-tachi wo mushi suru?!
Damn, why is it ignoring us?!

Soldier 2 Kikoushu da! Kangaetemo muda da!
It's an Aberrant! Don't think too much about it!

Soldier 3 Hayai! Seiei no watashi-tachi ga oitsukenai nante!
It's fast! Even we elites can't catch up to it?!

Soldier 4 Kono mama ja...!
At this rate...

[Action: From behind the other soldiers, Mikasa races ahead. She latches onto the neck of the Aberrant and slices through.]

Mikasa Yaa!

Yah!

Attack on Titan Season 1, Episode 6.

3. Male Mimicry

[Action: Mikasa hops down from the Aberrant's head. She begins walking through the crowd toward the merchant boss.]

Mikasa Hito ga hito no tame ni shinu no ga touzen da to omotte iru no nara, kitto rikai shite moraeru darou. Toki ni, hitori no toutoi inochi ga ooku no inochi wo sukuu koto mo aru koto wo.
If you think it's natural for people to die for others, I'm sure you'll understand that at times, the sacrifice of a single precious life can save many others.

Boss Yatte mirol!
Just try me!

Omae no yatoinushi to wa nagai tsukiai da!
I've known your employer for many years.

Shitappa noshintai nan za, joudan de kimeru zo!
You don't know how easy it'd be for me to order you underlings around!

[Action: The merchant boss's henchmen rush toward Mikasa. She easily knocks them out with a blow to their backs and continues walking toward the merchant boss.]

Mikasa Shitai ga douyatte shaberu no?
How can a corpse be speaking?

[Action: Mikasa raises her blade but stops at his neck before she strikes the man.]

Attack on Titan season 1, Episode 6.

Armin Gomen, Mikasa...
I'm sorry, Mikasa.

Eren wa... boku no mi-gawari ni... Boku wa... nanimo dekinakatta!
Eren died in my stead... I couldn't do anything!

Sumanai!
I'm so sorry!

[Action: Mikasa kneels down and places her hand on Armin's.]

Mikasa Arumin.
Armin.

Armin Eh...?
Huh...?

Mikasa Ochitsuite.
Calm down.

Ima wa kanshouteki ni natte iru baai ja nai.
This isn't the time to be emotional.

Armin Eh?
Huh?

Mikasa Saa, tatte.
Stand up.

[Action: Mikasa stands up and helps Armin to get up. After he does, Mikasa walks off.]

Attack on Titan Season 1, Episode 7.

[Action: Eren runs up to the bullies.]

Eren Yamero!
Stop!

Bully 1 Eren da!
It's Eren!

Bully 2 Baka-me, mata koyagatta!
He's an idiot, he's back again!

Bully 1 Buchi no mesaretee no ka?!
Does he want to get beaten?!

Bully 3 Kamo ni shite yaro! ... N?
We'll teach you a lesson! ... Huh?

[Action: Mikasa runs into the fight.]

Bully 3 M-Mikasa ga iru zo!
M-Mikasa is with him!

Bully 1 D-Dame da! Koko wo doke!
It's no use! Run!

Attack on Titan Season 1, Episode 1.

[Action: Mikasa takes the single blade that Armin kept for himself and throws it off the building.]

Armin S-Sonna...
B-But...

[Action: Mikasa places her hand on Armin's.]

Mikasa Arumin.
Armin.

Armin Eh?
Huh?

Mikasa Koko ni oite ittari wa shinai.
I won't leave you behind.

Armin Eh?
Huh?

[Action: Mikasa helps Armin up.]

Attack on Titan SEASON 1, Episode 7.

4. Fag Drag

Mikasa Eren. Sentou ga konran shitara, watashi no tokoro e kite.
Eren. If the battle gets too chaotic, come find me.

Eren Haa? Ore to omae wa betsubetsu no han daro!
Huh? We're in totally different squads!

Mikasa Konran shita joukyouka de wa sujigaki-doori ni wa ikanai. Watashi wa anata wo mamoru.
In the midst of the fray, nothing goes according to plan. I'll protect you.

Eren Omae nani itte...
What are you going on abo --

Dietrich Akkaaman-kunrenhei. Omae wa tokubetsu ni kouei butai da. Tsuite koi.
Trainee Ackermann! You were specially assigned to the rearguard. Come with me.

Mikasa W-Watashi no ude de wa, ashitematoi ni narimasu!
I'd only be in the way there, sir!

Dietrich Omae no handan wo kiite iru no dewanai.
I didn't ask for your opinion.

Hinan ga okurete iru ima wa, juumin no chikaku ni hitori demo ooku no seiei ga hitsuyou da.

The evacuation is going slow. We need as many elite guards as possible protecting the civilians.

Attack on Titan Season 1, Episode 5.

5. Denaturalized Masculinity

[Action: Mikasa draws her blades and stands in front of the other soldiers with one blade pointed to the sky.]

Mikasa Watashi wa... tsuyoi. Anata-tachi yori... tsuyoi. Sugoku tsuyoi.
I am strong. Stronger than all of you. Extremely strong.

Node, watashi wa asoko no kyojin-domo wo kechirasu koto ga dekiru. Tatoeba hitori demo.

I can kill all those Titans there. Even if I'm alone.

Anata-tachi wa ude ga tatanai bakari ka, okubyou de koshinuke da.
You're either incompetent, or you're spineless cowards.

Totemo zannen da. Koko de yubi wo kuwaetari shitereba ii. Kuwaete mitero.

How pathetic. You can sit here and suck on your fingers. Yeah, do that.

Soldier 4 Chotto, Mikasa! Ikinari nani wo ii-dasu no?
Hey, Mikasa! What are you saying?

Soldier 5 Ano kazu no kyojin wo hitori de aite ni suru-ki ka?!
You wanna fight all those Titans by yourself?

Soldier 6 Sonna koto, dekiru wake ga...!
There's no way you can do that!

Mikasa Dekinakereba, shinu dake.
If I can't, then I'll just die.

Demo... kateba ikiru.
But if I win, I live.

Tatakawanakereba katenai.
Unless I fight, I cannot win.

Marco Oi!
Hey!

[Action: Mikasa jumps off the roof and flies off.]

Attack on Titan Season 1, Episode 7.

Armin Yoshi!
Alright!

Kidou souchi wa mada ikeru zo. Yaiba mo zenbu tashita.
Your maneuver gear is good to go. I gave you all of my blades as well.

Tada... kore dake wa koko ni oite itte kure.

Just leave one with me.

Yappari... ikita mama kuwareru koto dake wa saketain da.
Now that I think about it, I don't want to be eaten alive.

Attack on Titan Season 1, Episode 7.

