

CHAPTER IV

ANALYSIS

In this chapter, the researcher discusses two research problems that have been formulated to answer the existing problems, the first is the researcher focuses on the characteristics of Carol Danvers, and the second researchers will analyze the liberal feminism found in Carol's character as the main character in the 2019 Captain Marvel film.

4.1 Carol's Characteristic

Carol is a woman who comes from the earth where she is a woman who is blessed with superpowers. By using the Theory of Characterization according to M. Boggs, the researcher found several characteristics of Carol taken from the film script. After analyzing the main character's characteristics, it was found that Carol has several characteristics, including Curious, intelligence, brave, optimism, heroic, and independent. In this analysis, the researcher will focus on how liberal feminism is in Carol.

4.1.1 Curious

Carol describes a very high curiosity as it is known that Carol has lost her identity and memory. Here it is clearly described that Carol insists on finding out who she is and wants to know what happened in the past. She tried hard to remember her past, until she returned to earth and found friends from her past. To describe the characterizations, M. Boggs stated that the character could be seen through other characters' reactions to how other characters view someone like the main character.

Talos :**I have an audio recording from Pegasus, of your voice, from a plane crash, six years ago. On a device I believe you call a "black box".**

Maria :They told me it was destroyed in the crash. How'd you get it?

Talos :Does she not understand? Young lady I have a special skill that kinda allows me to get into places I'm not supposed to be in. “

Maria : You are Carol Danvers. **You are the woman on that black box risking her life to do the right thing.** My best friend... who supported me as a mother, and a pilot when no one else did. You're smart, and funny, and a huge pain in the ass. And you are the most powerful person I knew (Wilkinson, 2019: 24).

Carol had felt confused, but she still tried to find clues and information about her identity until she came to earth and met her best friend named Maria

Rambeau. After Talos as the leader of the Skrull, explained that he does not have malicious intentions and only wants a home and does not want war.

Skrull admits that he kept the black box containing the voice recordings when

Carol had a plane crash while with Dr. Wendy Lawson. Carol was curious and

finally agreed to listen to the recording of the black box. after hearing the

contents of his conversation with Dr. Wendy, she was confused and did not

know which side to believe because Carol had thought that the Skrulls were

her enemy and Yon-Rogg is a friend who supports by being Carol side.

However, Maria, her best friend, always helps and convince Carol. She

sacrificed her life to do something genuine and fulfilled Curiosity to know

Carol, who had lost her memory and identity, until finally, Carol remembers

who she is.

4.1.2 Intelligent

As a woman struggling alone, Carol has extensive knowledge related to her job as a pilot. She is proficient in using advanced technology. Furthermore, she quickly learns from mistakes and can strategize in dealing with enemies. In the story, the Skrulls can resemble human DNA so that Carol intelligently does not believe it. This is what makes it challenging to fool others. It can be seen that the characterizations can be seen through the dialogue from the way they talk and convey things with other characters.

Fury : You wanna get personal. –

Carol : **Where were you born?**

Fury : Huntsville, Alabama. But technically I don't remember that part.

Carol : Name of your first pet?

Fury : Mr. Snoofers.

Carol : Mr. Snoofers?

Fury : That's what I said. Do I pass?

Carol : **Not yet. First job?**

Fury : Soldier. Straight outta high school. Left the ranks a full-bird colonel.

Carol : Then?

Fury : Spy.

Carol : Where?

Fury : It's the Cold War. We were everywhere. Belfast Bucharest, Belgrade, Budapest. I like the B's. I can make 'em rhyme (Wilkinson, 2019: 13).

From the conversation above, Carol interrogates a S.H.I.E.L.D agent named Nicholas Joseph Fury to prove that he is not a Skrull disguised as a human. By asking Fury, who is an agent, Fury should carry out this conversation or this interrogation because Carol is an intruder from another planet and caused some damage to the place, Carol intelligently did it instead. This proves that Carol is intelligent and does not easily trust and be influenced by other people by first seeking detailed information about someone.

Carol: **I upgraded it. Range should be, a couple galaxies, at least.**

Fury: What? You think I'm gonna crank call you?

Carol: For emergencies only. Okay (Wilkinson, 2019: 37).

In the dialogue above, Carol tries to upgrade Fury's communication tool so that its range can reach several galaxies, and this shows that Carol is sufficiently at technology.

4.1.3 Brave

The definition of the word brave means having and showing courage in the face of danger, difficulty, and fear. Carol, she considered brave because of all her actions that risked her life to protect the people, while on a trip with Dr. Fury to find out where the whereabouts of Dr. Lawson and knowing that Dr. Lawson had died in a plane crash and the pilot carrying the plane was Carol, Carol's memory returned and immediately she quickly wanted to get out of the place. M. Boggs states that characterization can also be seen from external Action through a person's actions, which reflect the character's figure.

Fury : **Do you know how to fly this thing?**

Carol : Uhh, we'll see.

Fury : That's a 'yes or no' question.

Carol : **Yes**

Furry : That's what I'm talking about. We got a stowaway.
Hang on, Goose. Goose (Wilkinson,2018: 19).

Furry had doubts and fears that Carol could fly a large plane, but this did not kill Carol's guts and enthusiasm. She was always persistent and brave to show her ability to fly the plane without hesitation. Not only that Carol's also have courage in defeating her enemies to protect the universe.

Carol : **Hi. I'm Vers. Kree Starforce. Is this C-53? Do you understand me?** universal translator working?

Security: Yeah. I understand you. Good. Are you in charge of security for this district? Sort of.... The movie theater has its own guy. Where can I find communication equipment? Thank you (Wilkinson, 2019: 9).

The quotation above shows that Carol is a brave person. By the time she arrived on earth using a plane, she crashed and damaged the facilities of one of the film theaters in the area earth, feeling confused about where is Carol's current location she finally came to a security guard was in the car, and Carol dared to ask "Is this Planet C-53?" to a security guard who is supposed to be guarding the place from a vandal and a criminal, then the security guard felt confused and scared, so he just answered Carol's question without doing anything.

4.1.4 Strong

A person who has much energy can lift a heavy load and fight the enemy is the definition of strong. According to M.Bogs, characterization can be seen from contrasts: dramatic foils where this technique uses foil to contrast the actor's character, such as attitudes, lifestyle, opinions, physicality. The other is the opposite of the main character, with a similar mix of black and white. This technique can define personality clearly. Authors usually describe two characteristics or contrasts in a drama or film, such as an antagonist and

the main character. By comparing the two characters, it will be easier to see the character's personality. Carol indicates that she is strong, as seen from the following dialogue.

Talos : **I saw you crush 20 of my best men with your hands bound.** I just wanna talk.

Carol : The last time we talked, I ended up hanging from my ankles.

Talos : That was before I knew who you were. Before I knew what made you different from the others (Wilkinson, 2019: 24).

The dialogue quote above depicts against the twenty best troop of the Skrulls with her hands tied. This proves that Carol is a strong person. She can fight many male and female people, even doubled as big as her body size, because she has an extraordinary superpower.

Yon-Rogg :you'll be ready, the day you can knock me down as yourself. This is that moment. This is that moment, Vers! Turn off the light show, and prove, prove to me, you can beat me with...

Carol : **I have nothing to prove to you**
(Wilkinson, 2019: 36).

Yon-Rogg, Carol's enemy, challenges Carol to defeat him in the dialogue above. He insults Carol that she cannot control the power. Carol is tired of Yon-Rogg's desire for world domination. She attacked the enemy and used her superpowers so that Yon-Rogg was blown away, and Carol said, "I have nothing to prove to you". She does not need to prove that she is strong. Then

Carol took Yon-Rogg's hand and dragged him towards the plane to return Hala to the place of the Kree. This indicates that Carol is a strong female figure who can defeat and drag her enemies alone.

4.1.5 Optimistic

Carol Danvers, in this film, is described as an optimistic woman. Optimistic itself means someone full of hope and high confidence in what will happen in the future. Carol always gets discriminated against by her male colleagues because she is a female pilot. She was constantly teased that he was a decent pilot but very emotional and weak. Nevertheless, she is always optimistic that she constantly struggles and believes that she is strong and able to compete with the abilities of men. As stated by M.Boggs, characterization can be seen from internal actions, namely what happens from within the character's thoughts and emotions that come from Carol's daydreams and memories. This can be identified from the speech that Carol does in this.

Yon-Rogg : We embraced you as our own
Carol : You stole me. From my home. My family, my friends.
Yon-Rogg : It is cute how hard you try. Remember... Without us... Give it up, Carol! ... you are weak. You are flawed Helpless. We saved you. Without us... you are only human
Carol : **You are right. I am only human.**
Yon-Rogg : On Hala, you were reborn. Vers.
Carol : **My name... is Carol.** (She is trying to break out)**I've been fighting with one arm tied behind my back. But what happens when... I'm finally set free?** (Wilkinson,2019: 34).

The dialogue above explains a time when Carol was placed in a place and shackled until she could not use her powers, so Yon-Rogg took advantage of it by entering Vers' memory and disguised as the character Dr. Wendy Lawson. Yon-Rogg underestimated her because the power that Vers had was

something she got from an explosion and was controlled by Yon-Rogg. However, she did not give up and remained optimistic she believed that she could release the shackles and defeat the enemy even though with great difficulty the result she managed to defeat Yon-Rogg and prove that she is just an ordinary human being, but that does not mean that Carol will lose and give up easily. This shows that Carol indicates an optimistic attitude. This is according to the characterization theory of M. Boggs, namely characterization through internal characters, which occur in the thoughts and emotions of characters that appear in one's daydream or memory. Characterization can be seen through the choice of name, and it is known that Vers came from the earth. The name "Vers" was taken from the fragment of his air military identity necklace, whose real name was "Carol Danvers."

4.1.6 Heroic

She has a high heroic spirit which can be seen from Carol's determination to protect the universe and always puts the people's interests before her interests. She wants to serve and end the war by salvaging and storing the core energy in the safest place. So as not to be misused by greedy parties to dominate the world. According to M. Boggs, characterization can be seen from Through the Reaction of Other Characters. How other characters perceive a person is a reasonable way of characterization. Because the information is available before the main character appears. Supported by his words while talking to Dr. Wendy Lawson:

Dr. Lawson : **Put your people's needs before your own. We've given you a great gift—the chance to fight for the good of all Kree.**

Carol : I want to serve.

Dr. Lawson : Then master yourself. What was given can be taken away.

Carol : I won't let you down.

Dr. Lawson : We'll know soon enough. You have a mission.

Both : Serve well and with honor
(Wilkinson, 2019: 4).

Based on the dialogue above, Carol shows that she wants to serve well protect her many friends, family, and loved ones. Even though she has lost her memories from the past, her soul always shows that she is a great and kind heroine.

Fury: and you're a Kree. **A race of noble warriors.**

Carol: **Heroes.** Noble warrior heroes.

Fury: So, what do Skrulls want with Dr. Lawson?

Carol: They believe that she developed a lightspeed engine at Pegasus.

Fury: Lightspeed engine? Gotta admit, that's not the craziest thing I've heard today.

Carol: Well, it's still early.

Fury: And you? What do you want?

Carol: **To stop the Skrulls before they become unstoppable** (Wilkinson,2019:14).

In the dialogue above, when Fury and Carol are going to the Pegasus base, they are talking. Fury asks Carol some questions and asks if Carol is a Kree warrior. However, Carol refuses, and Carol claims that she is indeed a hero and she has a goal to stop the Skrulls, whom she considers evil and greedy and who want to have a light-speed engine so they can rule the world.

4.1.7 Independent

Independent means that a person does not depend on the authority of others. She can do anything and knows what is best for herself. Carol always acts independently, she fights and believes in her abilities. Starting when he was little, he took part in activities that men should have done. Even though

he had to fall and fail many times, he always got up on his own feet to fight again and do it independently no matter the obstacles faced in the future. Characterization can be seen through contrast: Dramatic Foil, where the author usually describes two different characteristics or contrasts in a drama or film, such as the antagonist and the main character. Comparing the two characters will be easier to see the character's personality.

Carol : Let... me... out.
Yon-Rogg : No, can do.
Carol : If you hurt them, I will burn you to the ground.
Yon-Rogg : With what, exactly? - Your power comes from us.
Carol : **You did not give me these powers**
(Wilkinson, 2019: 33).

In the conversation above, Carol is caught and her hands are tied by Yon-Rogg, the antagonist in this film, wherefrom Carol's hands the source of her power comes from. Despite knowing that her powers are limited, Carol still tries tenaciously to use her powers alone so that she manages to get out of the shackles independently without anyone's help. This proves that Carol can stand on her own feet in almost all of her work activities; she does it on her own.

4.2 Liberal Feminism is reflected through Carol's Action.

This analysis focuses on how liberal feminism reflected from the main character Carol Danvers in the 2019 Captain Marvel film. Liberal feminism aims at freedom for women to have the right to follow their wishes based on their interests. The characterizations found in Carol's character can be attributed to a feminist perspective. This explanation will discuss the second answer from the formulation of the problem, namely, how liberal feminism reflected from Carol's character. Alison Jaggar, in her book *Feminist Politics*

and Human, criticizes liberal feminism in which women must adopt the values that exist in men, namely rationality and autonomy. This means that women must also have an intelligent mind to achieve an equal position with men. In liberal feminism, it is emphasized that women can get an equal position with men regarding rights and opportunities. Liberal feminism is a political commitment to promote the recognition of the value of women for rights and opportunities between men and women and to eliminate female discrimination between legal equality and education as a social reform Wendell (1987) in Puspitasari, (2016). Liberal feminism is the view that women can follow choices and desires based on their interest and values, women can use their abilities and the democratic process between men and women to be equal before the law, both in society and in the workplace.

4.2.1 Women can pursue their choices and desires

Since childhood, Carol has always struggled to get what she wants. She does all the activities usually done by men because, as a woman she is unfailingly underestimated and weak by other friends around her. Nevertheless, she never stayed despite falling many times, facing failure, and feeling disappointed, this did not discourage Carol from getting what she wanted. She wanted to become a reliable pilot, and she managed to do it well.

Boy : You're too fast! You need to go slow! Now who is this person? Are--- are we in the right...

Father : What the hell are you thinking? You don't belong out here! I think we went back too far.

Carol : **You won't let me drive. Let me try it back.**

Carol friends : What the hell is wrong with her? You'll kill yourself. They'll never let you fly. I

am not the only one who's confused here (Wilkinson, 2019: 6).

In the dialogue above, Carol wants to take part in activities that boys follow. She participated in an electric car race as a teenager. Carol's friends mocked her and thought that Carol was just an ordinary little girl and could not compete with man until finally Carol had an accident and fell. Then the father scolded Carol and said that her father would not allow her to drive. Then the following dialogue, when Carol is training to become a pilot, she hangs on a rope to move again. The theme is trying to bring down Carol's mentality by saying you will kill yourself, which means you will not be able to do as hard as you try, and finally, Carol falls. This shows that Carol still follows her choices and desires in doing something despite descending and failing many times. She never hesitates and is afraid to compete with men.

4.2.2 Fight to get equal freedom of opportunity

Carol lives in a patriarchal culture where women always get second place to men. Carol's father forbids her from participating in electric car races and usual male activities. One time Carol fell and had an accident, and her father was getting angry. It was a patriarchal law since her father forbade Carol. Carol tries to fight for freedom because everyone has the right to get the same freedom of rights and opportunities. Then everyone has the right to decide what they want to do what they want to express. In liberal feminism, women try to get freedom because they are sometimes considered limited in doing something, and women must always follow social rules. Liberal feminism exists to fight for women's freedom.

Father : What the hell are you thinking? You don't belong out here! I think we went back too far.

Carol : **You won't let me drive. Let me try it back** (Wilkinson, 2019: 7).

Even though her activities are limited because his father is forbidden to do what he wants, this did not break Carol's intention to fight and get freedom for the same rights and opportunities until she finally succeeded in achieving her dream : Completed her Air Force military education, Fight against men whose body size is much larger than herself individually or in groups and she can control her superpowers.

Maria : Where's your head at?

Carol : **In the clouds.** Where's yours?

Maria : On my shoulders. **About to show these boys how we do it. You ready?**

Carol : Higher, further, faster, baby. That's right

(Wilkinson, 2019: 6).

In this dialogue, Maria greeted Carol and asked what she glimpsed. Carol said I am looking at the clouds means she is looking up, which can also mean that she had high aspirations in wanting something. They want to show their skills in flying a plane to the boy, their other friend, because of the lack of opportunities for women in society, even though women can develop themselves without being limited and discriminated against by others.

4.2.3 Equal Education

Liberal feminism is also related to education, where an effort to fight for education for women to experience a proper education in school, women also have the same right to enjoy education in the same way as men that way woman could have a space outside to develop themselves. In the 18th century, liberal feminism put more emphasis on education. Mary Wollstonecraft remarked that men and women have the same logical reasoning. If women are given the same education as what has been shown to men, logically, the quality

of women can be equal to men. Educated women can lead to prosperity for society. They were significantly raising her family and children. Feminist liberals make women fight discrimination. Carol has an eccentric character when she trains to fly a plane while undergoing military education, driving a race car, and doing sports usually done by men. Her father forbade her because she was a woman who was considered less able to carry out education or activities carried out by men. Carol feels she has tremendous potential and is also a human with the same right to education.

Maria : You don't remember anything?

Carol : I can see... ..flashes... Little moments. But I can't tell what's real. If I could just piece together what happened that morning... Maybe it'll make sense.

Maria : You woke me up, banging on my door at dawn. Your usual move. Back then we had to get up so early. **The Air Force still wasn't letting women fly combat, so... testing Lawson's plane was our only shot at doing something that mattered.** And you wanted to race to the base, in your old Mustang, and I wasn't about to argue, 'cause I knew my Camaro would dominate. But you cheated (Wilkinson, 2019:21).

In the dialogue above, about two women who struggle with discrimination to get an equal education. Maria is a woman as well as Carol's friend who always accompanies, and supports Carol as a fellow woman so that she does not shatter with discrimination or the obstacles they experience they are both here to strengthen each other, they are partners in seeking equal education equality between men and women. Maria tries to explain to Carol that she was before Carol's memory of the past disappeared that she had big dreams, she always attempted and woke up early in the morning to be able to fly a plane, but the air force still forbade women to fly planes in Education military. However, it was a challenge as well as a challenge for Carol. She struggled by doing

various ways to get Air Military Education until she finally became a great captain.

Boys : What the hell are you thinking? **You don't belong out here!**

Carol : You won't let me drive. Let me try it back.

Carol's friend : **What the hell is wrong with her? You'll kill yourself.** They'll never let you fly (Wilkinson, 2019: 6).

From the the dialogue, Carol holds difficulty swinging on a rope to train his physical strength while pursuing her air military education. Because she is a woman and is considered not strong enough to survive in the air military education, she undergoes and competes with other boys. Even Carol's superiors forbade her to fly a plane because she is a woman and is considered incapable of flying a plane. Carol does not give up and constantly struggles to learn and complete her education well.

Carol : **Early start to your morning?**

Dr. Wendy : Late night, actually. I can't sleep when there's work to do. Sound familiar?

Carol : Flying airplanes never feels like work.

Dr wendy : Wonderful view, isn't it?

Carol : **I prefer the view from up there.**

Dr wendy : You'll get there soon enough, ace (Wilkinson, 2019:7).

The conversation above explained that carol was excited to come early in the morning to the military air base and have met with Dr. wendy Lawson. She greeted dr Wendy and said you reach early in the morning Dr, whereas the doctor was working overtime. Carol said she enjoyed being in the sky while learning to fly an airplane. Dr. Wendy Lawson told Carol to be patient and that she would soon be up there and flying the plane properly.

4.2.4 Carol's capacity to think rationally

According to Alison Jaggar, in her book *Feminist Politics and Human Nature* criticizes liberal feminism in which women must adopt the values that exist in men, namely rationality and autonomy (1983). Carol is shown as a woman who can reason in dealing with situations. One day she finds herself in a dilemma because she does not know whether to trust the Skrulls or the Kree. This puts Carol in a difficult position. Everyone wants to take advantage of Carol because he is the only person closest to a scientist named Dr. Wendy Lawson, who holds a large core of power. Carol finally decided to trust her best friend Maria, the Skrulls, and Agent Nick Fury to go to the Marvel laboratory to find the core of the power, and she decided to take the core of the power to a safe place to avoid the war of many races. Carol solved this problem satisfactorily by taking the right decision to secure the power core. This moment shows that Carol is a good leader because she puts the interests of many people above her interests.

Carol : **Keep The Tesseract on Earth. Hidden.**

Fury : You're sure that's what Marvel would want?

Carol : Mar-Vell.

Fury : That's what I said. It's two words. Mar-Vell

Fury : Mar-Vell (Wilkinson, 2019: 37).

From the dialogue above, the ability to think rationally can be seen clearly. War will occur if the "Tesseract" or the core of the power of light falls on the wrong person, so he finds out who is on the right side in advance, and he decides and trusts Fury to keep the Tesseract on earth.

Yon-Rogg : I see what you're trying to do.

Carol : Is it working?

Yon-Rogg : Yes. But you won't succeed in changing the subject.

Carol : **What is the point of giving me these if you don't want me to use them?**

Yon-Rogg : I want you to use them. The Supreme Intelligence gave me responsibility of showing you **how** to use them.

Carol : **I know how.**

Yon-Rogg : Well if that were true, you could've knocked me down without it. Control your impulses. Stop using this, and start using this. I want you... to be the best version of yourself (Wilkinson, 2019: 3).

Yon-Rogg thinks that Carol is a woman. he feels that carol is weak and controlled by her feelings, he tries to be responsible and teaches carol to be able to control his strength. even though carol is capable of doing it all by herself. He conveyed to Carol to use her brain instead of her feelings. But Carol feels otherwise. She believes that she is a woman who can also think rationally and competently. He can use her power with all the skills he has.

Carol : **His beacon's coming from that temple. Let's move.**

Yon-Rogg : No. This is a perfect spot for an ambush. - Only one way in and one way out. - We can get past the locals. We don't know if they are locals. Too risky.

Carol : **You don't have to go with me.** I'll go alone.

Yon-Rogg : No, you won't. Right. We keep a close radius (Wilkinson, 2019: 5).

Carol is consistently the initiator whenever there is an attack from the Skrulls. This shows that she deserves to be a good leader even though she is a woman. He often wondered what power they gave when they weren't being used. From there, Carol felt able to reason and control her emotion.