

HEROISM IN DANIELLE STEEL'S *WINNERS*

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ABSTRACT

This study deals with *Heroism in Danielle Steel's Winners*. The problems of this study are related to what characteristics of hero as portrayed by the main character in Danielle Steel's *Winners* and how does the main character portray the characteristics of a hero in Danielle Steel's *Winners*. The analyzing applies the theory of Rottman about characteristics of a hero; they are empathy, courage, sacrifice, responsibility, selflessness, humility, determination, and wisdom. The method used by the writer in analyzing heroism of the main character in novel is descriptive qualitative method. The findings about heroism shown in *Winners* such as empathy, courage, sacrifice, responsibility, selflessness, humility, determination, wisdom and the ways of main character as true hero and a good father who always sacrifices to save life of his only daughter.

Keywords: *empathy, courage, sacrifice, responsibility, selflessness, humility, determination, wisdom*

Introduction.

"Literature is referred to as the entirety of written expression with the restriction that not every written document can be categorized as literature in the more exact sense of the world". Literature is concerned with all aspects of human life and universe in their entirety. (Klarer, 2004:10).

Terry (2005:1) says, "a novel is a piece of prose fiction of a reasonable length. Even a definition as toothless as this, however, is still too restricted". In this study, the writer chooses one of Danielle Steel's novels. She is an American, currently the bestselling author alive and the fourth bestselling author of all time. Although there are many good novels which can be selected but the writer chooses *Winners*.

Heroism is the act of putting the life or lives of others ahead of your own well-being. It used to be that a hero was one who put his or her life in danger to help or save the lives of others. That idea has since been diluted to include anyone who does a dangerous job, such as a police officer or fire fighter.

Winners is a novel written by Danielle Steel's. *Winners* tells about a tragic accident that happen to a young woman, named Lily Thomas. However, her father, Bill Thomas,

refuses to accept Lily's fate. The novel has moral story and can touch readers because it presents a story about of father to save his only daughter's life. He keeps fighting to find the greatest doctor in this world so that his daughter will not become disabled. He becomes a single parent when Lily was three years old, his wife died when she was driving to past the night. He tries to save his daughter's life. He rents a luxurious private jet and they go around world to find the best doctors. However, all doctors said that Lily must be in rehabilitation. Although not all doctors say like that but Bill Thomas never gives up curing his daughter.

In this study, heroism focuses on the main character moral that is about bravery in struggling something good for themselves or others although they have to face the risks. Their heart will not be willing to see people around them suffer. There are many types of heroic actions in the main characters Danielle Steel's *Winners*. This novel tells about a father who always struggle for his daughter and the person who never give up to save his only daughter's life. *Winners* is chosen as an object to be discuss in this study because this novel talks about heroism.

Clarification of Term “Heroism”

Heroism has high morality and great ability to attain his goals. Sometimes there is something to be sacrificed in being a hero. Here, a statement of Leonard Made’s theory that concerns with heroism. Made’s (2000:114) defines:

“Heroism is the qualities and actions of a hero. Hero in the original Greek sense of “Heroes”, a deified person or a demigod. The term also referred to dead persons noted for their outstanding achievements or noble qualities”.

Heroism is a social attribution, never a personal one. A hero always finds the best way to help others and bravery has risked of sacrificed his life, heroism is a concept that is simple at its sacrifice. According to Campbell (2008: 14):

“The hero, therefore, is the man or woman who has been able to battle past his personal and local historical limitations to the generally valid, normally human forms. Such as one’s visions, ideas, and inspirations come pristine from the primary springs of human life and thought”.

Characteristics of a Hero

A hero or heroine is a person or main character who faces on danger, bravery or strength. He always to rush in to help others in the face of danger and adversity do so because they genuinely care about the safety and well-being of other people. According to Rottman (1997:74) there are some kinds of hero’s characteristics, they are:

2.3.1 Empathy

Empathy is an important point that is owned by a hero to uphold a justice in his land. Empathy describes the emotion appreciation of others feelings. Empathy means to recognize others feelings, the causes of these feelings, and to be able to participate in the emotional experience of an individual. Baron and Byrne (2000: 415) define:

“Empathy is a complex affective and cognitive response to another’s emotional distress; includes being able to feel the other person’s distress, feeling sympathetic and attempting to solve the

problem, and taking the other’s perspective. One can be empathetic toward fictional characters as well as toward real-life victims.”

1. Courage

Courage is an extraordinary characteristic of a hero to fight a situation no matter how bad the situation itself. Courage and bravery leap to mind first when we think of heroism. It's difficult to achieve anything truly heroic unless you're up against daunting odds. As Nelson Mandela put it, "Courage is not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it”.

Putman (2004: 12) defines:

“Courage thus seems “easier” for people who have high self-esteem and high self –confidence. This goes for courage of all types. But keep in mind two provisos here. High self-esteem and high self-confidence can be a facade, especially in our capitalist system in which sales are rarely made by people who don’t look confident.”

Courage is an ethical reality, but is rooted in the whole breath of human existence and ultimately in the structure of being itself. A hero has courage who has given his life to something bigger than oneself and courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that more important than fear. A true hero is a man or woman to remain at his post and to defend himself against the enemy without running away.

2. Sacrifice

Sacrifice is a quality that stands unique from all the other virtues which makes a hero noble in his deeds. He or she is always quite willing to cast off the predilections and personal comforts whenever they become indispensable for a higher cause or for the welfare of others. Heroes can be anyone. Hero or heroine can be any sort of person. Heroes are merely one that is willing to sacrifice them for what they believe in. Rottman (1997: 74) defines:

“Sacrificial is a manner that requires courage and sacrifice – and in a way that benefits the community in some way. In others, the hero is willing to face serious danger, which is likely to result in his own demise.”

3. Responsibility

Whatever be the type of responsibility entailed on them, they take it up with utmost sincerity and take it to its logical conclusion. Responsibility is one obligation to do a great thing toward other people. Bridgeman, Keating and Craig (2008: 3) define:

“Responsibility, like rights, duties, obligations, justice and fairness, is a concept employed by the law in the ordering, regulation and resolution of conflicts in human life. Responsibility is a concept with many different meanings ranging across accountability, answerability, responsibility for, responsibility behaviour, being made to take responsibility or as a corollary to rights.”

4. Selflessness

True leaders always puts others first. Ironically, that kind of selflessness can often be strategic, because focusing on others' needs often winds up helping you achieve your own goals. However, a heroic leader does so without any expectation of payback. Hero must be selfless in order that they receive the fruits of their rewards. Heroes do not think about the valuable thing for themselves but also toward others. Strauss (1989:157), defines:

“As the habit of giving to everyone what is good for him – is utterly selfless. It is selfless devotion to others, pure serving of others, or serving of the whole. Since in a just city everyone is supposed to be just in the sense that he be dedicated to the service of others, no one will think of himself, of his own happiness, of his own.”

5. Humility

Nothing makes a heroic leader seem a little less heroic. A hero seems to want constant credit for his or her actions. True heroism can amaze us, but it also often contains a component of modesty. Humility often implies a willing in taking decisive action. Being a hero should have never been arrogant, but being honest and proud of his abilities is a good thing. Hooke (1999: 443) states:

“Humility is not what it is often taken to be. Humility is not a meek lack of self-respect or low self-esteem or the undervaluing of one's good

qualities. If it were any of these, then to be humble would be pitiable at best.”

6. Determination

For a hero the word “Impossible” always decomposes to yield “I am possible.” A hero is unflinching in his or her determination and believes in his ability without the whiff of dubiety. Determination can be best described as heroes' resolve or firmness of purpose to achieve what their desires most. In life may not be easy to achieve any given thing, but it is with determination that heroes can ultimately achieve what they desires most and turn themselves into a champion. Deci and Ryan (2002: 9) define:

“Determination, the specification of need and the study of need-related behavioural dynamics has been pursued as an empirical endeavour. The specification of needs, along with a stringent functional definition of what qualities as a psychological need, has led to quite exacting, if sometimes counter-intuitive predictions about human behaviour and the effect of social context.”

Determination is the act of coming to a decision or fixing or setting a purpose. A true hero has commitment and hard work to achieve purpose. Determination occurs prior to goal attainment and serves to motivate behaviour that will help achieve one's goal.

7. Wisdom

Wisdom is the most desired quality, which a leader must possess. A fool can lead a horde of beasts but not human beings set on a definite purpose. Only a wise and astute person can do so. Whatever a hero maybe a warrior, a preacher wisdom is always an attribute that all of them possess. A genuinely hero must be a wise man because it is impossible for him to be a winner in handling a case without having a wisdom. Soccio (2007: 12) defines:

“The chief goal of wisdom is a fundamental understanding of reality as it relates to leave a good life. At its core, wisdom is reasonable and practical, focusing on the circumstances and character of each individual. We might say then that wisdom is good judgment about complex situation involving reflection, insight and a plausible conception of the human condition.”

Wisdom is the process to understand ourselves, which is obtained through a process of self-exploration throughout life, overcome the challenges of life, and self-respect on the personal choices taken. Wisdom is also ability to judge correctly and to follow the best course of action.

The Heroism Portrayed in Danielle Steel's *Winners*

1. Empathy

Bill Thomas is an empathic hero who cares for his only daughter's life, named Lily Thomas. Lily has been a pride and the only main focus of her father since her mother died. When Lily got an accident, Bill Thomas refuses to accept Lily's fate. He never let his daughter become disabled. Bill Thomas will do anything for his daughter so that he protects his daughter's from a bad condition and do the best for Lily's safety.

"May I see my daughter?" **Bill asked, with agony eyes. He hated to see her in the condition she was in**." "What does that mean? And what kind of spinal injury? Is she paralyzed?" (Steel, 2013: 31-33).

Bill Thomas has characteristics as heroes. He has high empathy about the condition his daughter because he really worries that his daughter will be disabled and he always accompanies Lily Thomas in the hospital.

Bill Thomas is in the waiting room, feels like he is living a nightmare. He sees Lily just before they bring her away to the operating room. The surgery took longer; the spinal cord injury is a T10, which means that spinal cord has been severed irreparably. Bill Thomas does not believe the doctors who operated Lily and him never let only his daughter suffer.

"**How is she, how are her legs? Bill Thomas was panicked.**" "She is not going to regain full functions," Doctor said quietly. "What does the mean? Bill was too tired to be angry now, only scared." **"Will she walk again?"** It was all he to

know. He could not imagine Lily living life in a wheelchair.

"I don't believe you. You just don't know what you are doing. I will take her anywhere I have to, New York, Boston, and Europe. There has to be someone who can repair the damage to her spine". (Steel, 2013: 57-58).

Bill Thomas is an empathic father because he does not believe someone easy and he has the priority to make his daughter's happy without disabled. Bill Thomas gives all his attention to his only daughter and he focuses to cure Lily's. He prepares for Lily to go around the world and consult about the condition about his daughter. Bill Thomas always tries to make her daughter safe and gives much love for Lily.

"It is a cruel turn of fate for her to wind up in wheelchair for the rest of her life. His eyes were damp." "I will take her all over the world if I have to". **"Whatever** it takes, I am going to find someone to fix her. **"All I have is Lily. She is my whole world"**. (Steel, 2013: 59).

Bill Thomas never accepts Lily's fate because he does not want to see the condition of his daughter. He has an only daughter so that he cannot live without her in this world. He understands suffer of his daughter and he becomes a hero for his daughter's because he is a father who has tried to save his only daughter's life.

Thomas feels break down to see his daughter never walk again. There are tears in his eyes because he thinks the future of his daughter will be bad. He believes that no one will get married with her because his daughter is paralyzed.

"My daughter is not going to be skiing again, or going to the. She has been training for that for five years. She will never walk dance or walk again. She won't walk down the aisle at her wedding, and how many do you think are going to marry a girl in a wheelchair, no matter how beautiful she is". Bill said with tears in his eyes. (Steel, 2013: 74).

Bill Thomas feels pity for his daughter and he tries not to cry but at least he cries twice because he remembers the first moment when he lost his wife in the car accident and now he cries for Lily because his daughter is disabled.

“I am sorry you had such a tough time”. Bill said carely. “I should have called, but somehow time slips by for all of us. You have been through a lot too”. (Steel’s, 2013: 110- 112).

Bill Thomas always shows the attitude of empathy towards other people troubles. Although they are seldom in communications but he always gives motivation and support so that they can continue their relationships.

2. Courage

Bill Thomas is very brave to save the life of his daughter. When his daughter brings to the hospital, he refuses doctors who are going to operate his daughter and the nurses who try to come to see his daughter. He does not let his daughter suffer when her daughter has an accident because the most important thing in his life is Lily’s happiness.

That’s my daughter in there,” Bill said with emotions. He tries to force his way past the nurse. “You will have to carry me out,” he said bluntly. “That can be arranged”. The nurse said. (Steel, 2013: 27).

Bill Thomas struggles to care for his daughter even though he does not understand why the incident could happen to his daughter. He dares to break through the emergency room guarded by a nurse because he is not afraid of anyone. He just wants to know the condition of his daughter.

Bill Thomas could not imagine how his life without his daughter so he tries to save his daughter.

Who are they?” Bill Thomas asked. “I am not going to let just anyone operate on her,” Bill Thomas said, suddenly fierce he is a lion ready to depend his cub. “I want to know who they are. Can we fly someone in?” (Steel, 2013: 29).

Bill Thomas is people who brave to spend a lot of money. Bill thinks that his money is not everything. He always communicates with his daughter and keeps a good relationship and is a great father and never lets his daughter in trouble. Bill Thomas

shocks when Lily says to stop there. Bill Thomas says with bravery that nobody can disturb or insult his daughter.

“Don’t be silly; let me drop you off in front”. He looks worry and want to be sure his daughter gets into the building safely. “Nobody can insult you there, if there are, I will make them regret”. “Call me if you are in trouble, Lily”. (Steels, 2013: 284).

Bill Thomas keeps his daughter safely. He shows his bravery and responsibilities as a good father. And he says to kill anyone if someone make his daughter cries and assert in order to call him if his daughter in the trouble.

3. Sacrifice

Bill Thomas always protects his daughter’s life from fear and troubles; Bill Thomas becomes a single parent since Lily three years. When Lily gets an accident, Bill Thomas gives all sacrifices anything to cure his daughter. He is terrifying that his daughter going to die, just like her mother so he tries to find the best doctor in the world until his daughter can walk again. He sacrifices so many materials to find the greatest doctor in the world. He never gives up curing his only daughter’s and never bored to look for good doctor.

“I am lining up consultations with other doctors in London and New York. I willing die for my daughter. I hear about a neurosurgeon in Zurich who specializes in spinal cord injuries. I want to take my daughter to Harvard”. (Steel, 2013:66).

Bill Thomas will do something to try to help his daughter and his daughter's life for the better and not disable. Treasure, thoughts, feelings, energy, and even his life he sacrificed only for his daughter. Everything he does and gives because of his love for his daughter. He struggles to see the doctor so his daughter can return to normal and it achieves his expectations as a good father.

She needs to focus on rehabilitation now and getting on her life”. Said the doctor.

“I am sure, my daughter will be fine. No matter how much money, times to her. There are countries that I should visit”.

(Steel, 2013: 99).

Bill Thomas does not care what obstacles for him. He has struggles hard for only his daughter. He wants to save his daughter lives although many people break down his spirits. Bill Thomas tries that his sacrifices can be make his daughter fine. He works hard to help his daughter from adversity, he never hurts his daughter. He always says that his daughter will be recovering. He is a father who never gives up and put though the actions of a hero who sacrifice anything to make his daughter smiles.

“Baby, it’s going to be all right”. Her father said. “You are not going to be in that chair forever, and you can go shopping all you want when you get back on your feet”. “Stop it; stop acting like I am going to walk again. I know I won’t. You are the only one who thinks I will”. She said. “Sometimes, it only takes one relentless person who believes. I will never give up, Lily. I will do whatever I have to, to get you walk again. I am a father who have only kid. My life for you, Lily. All I have for you. Trust it”. He said. (Steel, 2013:101-102).

Bill Thomas tries to make his daughter trust what he says. He gives all attention to his daughter, he just focuses on Lily. He gives Lily’s many hopes that his daughter will walk again but Lily Thomas is very disappointed because Bill Thomas gives impossible hopes.

Bill Thomas spends a lot of money, energy, and feelings but he does not care all about it as long as the daughter can walk again. He also takes her daughter to London, Zurich but all the results are same that his daughter cannot walk anymore. The last place he should visit is the Boston and New York. He has sacrificed his job, money and everything for her daughter only.

“I don’t know that why we are there, she was operated on by woman in Squaw Valley. I don’t know if she is any good. They say she is, but she is a small time local doctor, and who knows? I just took Lily to London and Zurich, and it was not good. We are seeing someone here tomorrow, and I am taking her to Boston after that. Her spinal cord is severed, and she

is in wheelchair for now. I give all my times for her. All I do everything for my daughter’s. It’s been hell of a shock. She is dealing with it better than I am, but I am not let my daughter cannot walk again. She’s been through a lot. I leave all my activities, my business and anything”.

Bill Thomas is the father who sacrifices all sincerely for it to be a good father should have a great sacrifice. He does not care about anything and never gives up. He is a hero to his daughter with all the great action. He always spirits and tries doing the best.

Bill Thomas brings Lily to the hospital in New York for spinal surgery. Bill hopes that one surgeon will tell him that his daughter will recover, or offer to provide operation. He realizes that the only best way to cure his daughter is rehabilitation. He takes her daughter to Craig Hospital and has to rehabilitation for three months. He realizes that he must do something to his house so that his daughter can live comfortable when returning. He sees the inside of his house, the layout of the kitchen, bathroom and even his daughter's bedroom that will be difficult for her to live. He wants her comfortable at home so he sacrifices his house to be renovated again.

4. Responsibility

Bill Thomas is a responsible father because he does not care to let his daughter in troubles. He manages his only daughter well and educates his daughter from kid until now. He is a single parent but he never thinks about getting married again because the most important thing in his life is only his daughter. He gives full attention only for Lily.

“He had both father and mother to her for fourteen years; the most important woman in Bill’s Life was Lily”. “He had lost his wife and didn’t want to lose Lily. Lily’s mother had been driving and died at twenty five, leaving Bill as if she were made of glass”. (Steel’s, 2013: 14-16).

Bill Thomas is responsible father because he never leaves his daughter when she gets accident. Even though, he carries his daughter to

bedroom. He gives everything to her, never talk his daughter hurts.

Bill Thomas tries to make his daughter happy and helps her to do. He realizes and understands that Lily must be patients. He does everything and brings his daughter everywhere. He cares so much to only his daughter. When Lily needs help, he always responsible to make his daughter safe. Bill Thomas is a hero that he must protect his daughter.

“I carried her down to breakfast, as a father; I carried her out to the car, and put her wheelchair in the trunk with her suitcase”. (Steel’s, 2013: 142-143).

Bill Thomas helps his daughter in their house. He helps his daughter to take her things at weight. Although he is a single parent, but he can responsible all necessary his daughter.

Bill Thomas has everything. He is ready to give all that he has except his daughter, Lily Thomas. He feels so sorry to know his daughter never walk again but he never give up. He looks for the best doctor in the world but nothing doctor make his daughter can walk again in the world. He wants to care his daughter besides him. He knows the condition of his daughter to study at east. He does not want his tragedy for his daughter again. He gives the best treatment for only his daughter.

“You’re not serious about making Lily stay in Denver because of her injury, Bill. Are you?” Said the doctor. **“Yes, I am. This whole thing has been so traumatic, and I want here where I know she’ll get great care, and I can keep an eye on her, I don’t want something happening to her back east. But she is my whole world”.** **“I don’t to make her gets accident again, that’s enough.”** (Steel, 2013: 258).

Bill Thomas is a hero of his daughter. He does great obligation as a good father. He brings his daughter to the world. He hopes that he can find the great doctor. He carries his daughter to rehab and gives the good quality studies. He does not allow his daughter very far from him because he just has a kid, so that he must be responsible as a father.

5. Selflessness

A selfless father does not focus on himself but rather denies him own wants and needs for his family. Bill Thomas is a good father and also to everyone. He loves his daughter more than himself. He never makes his daughter disappointed. He just focuses to cure his daughter and gives the best treatment. All of doctors say that his daughter disabled and suggest going to rehab. He does not give up before he tries to do it. He visits many countries in the world, but all doctors say the same thing. Bill Thomas gives many attentions to the problem of his daughter. He knows that one way to make his daughter better must do rehab. He always discuss to the doctor who operates his daughter and he asks the doctor to give suggest about his daughter. He gets many suggestions from the doctor.

“I’m sure; I will be available by phone for consultation with any of the doctors”. Said the doctor. **“I had been in consultation with neurosurgeons around the world, and had identified four. I plan to take her to in Zurich, London, New York, and Boston”.** **“I will charter a private plane for the journey and booked suites in the best hotel. I make her comfortable and I never hope that she will back it”.** **“All I do just for my daughter’s, I just hope she will walk again”.** (Steel, 2013: 88).

Bill Thomas works hard to cure his daughter. He does everything for his daughter wants and needs. He never hopes anything from his daughter if his daughter success in the future but he hopes his daughter can walk again. He also searches solution to solve his daughter. As a father, he has duties to make his daughter recover and take care his daughter.

He is not shy and egoist to ask anything the doctor although he ever against and he always asks many other people. It can be seen in the quotation below:

I’m glad, you didn’t. I have talked to every few days for the last month, with question, ideas, and other opinion. I call you regularly for advices”. Bill said. (Steel’s, 2013: 249).

Bill Thomas has good relationship to the doctor and he asks the doctors many times. He shares the condition about his daughter because

he does not want to make faults as like before. He is not selfish and selfless in helping his daughter.

6. Humility

A humble hero is a person who shows his good attitude in making communication with other people. Bill Thomas is a humble person who controls himself when he makes good relationship. He is friendly person and he wants to help other people who need his helps. He is very generous because he puts the needs of another person before himself.

“I’d also like to offer free scholarship to those who need me, can’t afford to pay, or aren’t covered by insurance, and the doctor liked that idea too. There were plenty of people who could not afford extended stays in rehab, or to go at all, if they couldn’t pay or make up the difference, or justify it to their insurance. And facilities like that were expensive. So, what do you think?” Bill said. (Steel, 2013: 187-188).

Bill Thomas is a humble person because he helps others people. He tries to halts this arrogance. He is so attentive to other because he knows how people live in poverty. To be humble is not think less of oneself but think of one selfless.

Bill Thomas helps the doctor who operates his daughter, named Dr. Jessie. The doctor’s has difficult life when her husband died. She has four children, and her financial is difficult. Bill Thomas remembers the service of the doctor when she operates on his daughter. Bill Thomas offers her job as medical director. Bill Thomas promises to give a beautiful house to the doctor.

“I’ll try to make it as easy for you as I can. And June will be fine. And I have the perfect house in mind for you. And I had been thinking of buying it any director they hired, as an incentive to take the job. Free rent, in a beautiful home in one of the best neighborhoods in town, not far from my house and it was in an excellent school district. (Steel, 2013: 327).

Bill Thomas faces a serious problem but he still thinks logically. Bill Thomas has to be ready in facing what problem will come to him. When his daughter gets accident and must to

operate. Actually he does not wants his daughter to operate by the local doctor’s but he thinks if he cancels operated his daughter, it makes his daughter getting worse which is liable to do further damage to her future motor function. Finally, he invites the doctor to operate his daughter.

“All right, you can do it. You can operate my daughter”. Bill said. “I’ll get the paperwork drawn up”. Said the doctor. **“When are you going to do the surgery? He asked nervously. He will gladly have given his life for his daughter at the moment or any other”.** “I hope, I has made the right decisions, I didn’t want to take the risks of waiting longer, particularly if waiting can cause more damage” (Steel, 2013: 46-47).

Bill Thomas has not selfish or egoist man. He makes good decision for his only daughter. He does not let his daughter getting worse if she does not operate. He also a bit resigns to all the events that happened for his daughter. As a father, he also worries to the doctor who will operate his daughter because he thinks that doctor is from the local area. He wants his daughter is operated and handled by the professionally qualified doctors but he does not have times to choose the best doctor.

7. Determination

Bill Thomas is a father who tries hardest to reach his goals only to cure his daughter. He says that his daughter must be walk again. Although many doctors diagnose that his daughter never walks again or disabled. His daughter gets in spinal cord injuries and cannot be repaired completely. He does not care with the research all doctors. He believes that there is doctor who can make his daughter walk again. He has determination to make choices in his life. He never gives up and directs all of his abilities.

“Never mind the research. Can you anything to make her walk after this? Further surgeries? Bone grafts? Something? Anything? I don’t believe you; you just don’t know what you’re doing. I’ll take her anywhere I have to, New York, Boston and Europe. There has to be someone who can

repair the damage to her spine". (Steel, 2013: 58).

Bill Thomas has persistence attitude as father. He has a strong determination that his daughter will be recovered. However, it is impossible in medical but as a hero he says that it is possible. He does something very much and not allows anyone or any difficulties to stop his goals.

8. Wisdom

Bill Thomas has real personal character that he is good father and makes good decisions and when he breaks down to see his daughter in operating room. He cries and cannot imagine the future his daughter. He tries to think and act to use knowledge. He prays to God in order to make his heart peaceful. He does not want to lose his only daughter because he loves only his daughter so much. Bill Thomas hopes his daughter can live with him again.

"For the first time in fourteen years, I pray when I was even more shaken the moment I saw her. There wasn't an inch of her he could hold or kiss. I had no illusions about how dire her situation was after seeing her, it was almost impossible to believe she would live". (Steel, 2013: 34).

Bill Thomas still believes in God although he is not religious. He makes the best way when he upsets. He can think clearly that he gets bad situations and he does not want to lose his daughter because his daughter is a big gift from God.

Bill Thomas never complains to cure his daughter. Although his daughter disabled but he tries to find the best doctors in the world. He gives good facilities for his daughter and motivates her. He does not want to break hopes of his daughter and never leaves her.

"Sometimes it only takes one relentless person who believes. I'll never give up. I all make good decisions because I love you, my daughter. You have walking again, until we find one who the best". (Steels, 2013: 101).

Bill Thomas knows that his daughter cannot walk again but he never gives up. He always gives moral and motivations to his daughter so that her mental is not down to the reality

Finding and Conclusions Conclusions

From the findings, the conclusions are:

1. Heroism in *Winners* with the main characteristics named Bill Thomas is shown some characteristics such as empathy, courage, sacrifices, responsibility, selflessness, humility, determination and wisdom. The main character in *Winners* is a father and has good qualities because he tries to do the best thing. He does it because he just has one family and one daughter in his life that is his daughter, Lily. Bill Thomas is a good father who never hurts his daughter and he loves his daughter so much and he is very brave to fight the doctors who say that his daughter never walk again. He never believes the capabilities of doctors in his country so that he brings his daughter to around the world. He sacrifices everything in the name of father's love.
2. The ways of the main character in *Winners*, Bill Thomas is a person who work hard. He is a single parent and loves so much his daughter. He gives all his love only for his daughter and he tries to make his dreams come true for his daughter that she can be walk again but finally he realizes and to do best to build good facilities for kids who disabled.

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