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ABSTRACT

Bullying is one of the important problems that need to be discussed in *Wonder*, a novel written by R. J. Palacio. August Pullman as the main character has a disability on his face called *Mandibulofacial dysostosis*. The aims of this study are to describe the kind of bullying rendered by August Pullman, the psychological impact of bullying felt by August Pullman, and the struggle of August Pullman to the bullying. The writer uses textual analysis through close reading method to analyze the intrinsic element that is the character. By using the contextual analysis through psychological approach, the writer tries to analyze the extrinsic element. The result of this study shows that non-physical bullying is the main bullying rendered by August Pullman. In the beginning, August Pullman feels fear, less confidence, nervous, anxiety, and hurt due to the bullying. After he faces the bullying, he can be brave and confident. In addition, he finally has a lot of friends who love him.

Keywords: Bullying, Disability, *Mandibulofacial dysostosis*, Psychology

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background of the Study

In social life, bullying is still warmly discussed in some areas. Bullying commonly occurs in some places such as in a school. Bullying acts are usually done by people who have higher power over the lower ones. In addition, bullying is also done by the majority to the minority. Some forms of bullying attitudes that often occur in society such as mockery, scolding, isolation, and others.

Some people do bullying because they think that the victims of bullying cannot do as they do. No doubt, the victims of the bullying will experience the problems and difficulties of life like getting lots of friends. Bullying often disturbs the tranquility of life in the community. Worse, if this bullying is perpetually done, it could result in the loss of a person's life. According to a book entitled *Bullying in Secondary Schools* by Keith Sullivan, Mark Cleary, and Ginny Sullivan (2004:3-5), bullying itself is a series of negative, manipulative, and even aggressive actions by some people against others based on imbalances of strength over a period of time. Therefore, bullying is one of the most serious issues in the community.

The writer chose to analyze the novel *Wonder* because in this novel there is a bullying act received by the main character, namely August Pullman. This novel was written by an American author named R.J. Palacio and published in 2012. This novel tells of a boy named August Pullman who suffers from a disability in his face since he was born. This makes him difficult to be accepted in society. Departing from this, the writer wants to analyze the intrinsic element that

is characteristic of August Pullman. As an extrinsic element, the writer will describe the bullying attitudes that August Pullman received, the psychological impacts he experienced, and the ways August Pullman faces bullying from others.

1.2 Research Problems

1.2.1 What kind of bullying does August Pullman accept?

1.2.2 What is the psychological impact felt by August Pullman?

1.2.3 How does August Pullman struggle with his bullying?

1.3 Purposes of the Study

1.3.1 To describe the kind of bullying accepted by August Pullman.

1.3.2 To describe the psychological impact felt by August Pullman.

1.3.3 To describe how August Pullman struggle with his bullying.

1.4 Scope of the Study

The intrinsic element to be analyzed is the characterization of the main character. Then, the bullying and its psychological impact are the extrinsic elements will be discussed.

1.5 Method and Approach of the Study

To analyze the novel, the writer uses a close reading method. Eagleton (2008) writes that close reading is like a practical criticism that performs the analytic interpretation in detail, understands the hidden contents of beautiful words, but also implies that each type of criticism previously only reads an average of three words per line so that close reading is more than just paying attention to the text.

Therefore, close reading is a method to get the understanding by reading entire the book carefully. Then, the writer uses the contextual analysis method

with the main focus on the psychological impacts. Library approach is also used to find out the data and theories from books, journals, internet, and so on.

1.6 Previous Studies

To avoid plagiarism, the writer searched for previous studies related to the analysis in the *Wonder*. There are two theses related to the analysis of this novel. The first one is a thesis entitled *Engaging Children in Discussions of Disfiguration and Disability the Wonder of Palacio's Wonder*. This thesis was written by Anna Gabriella S. Casalme in 2015.

The second one is a thesis written by an English Department student at Diponegoro University in 2017 named Elfida Aulia entitled *The Influence of Social Condition towards The Personality of The Main Character on R.J. Palacio's Wonder*. Therefore, the writer focuses on the topic of bullying which has never been analyzed before.

2. AUTHOR AND HER WORK

2.1 R. J. Palacio

R. J. Palacio who has a full name, Raquel Jaramillo Palacio, was born on 13th July 1963, in New York City. Although her parents were Colombian immigrants, Palacio now lives in Brooklyn, New York with her husband, Russell Gordon. She has two sons, Caleb and Joseph, and two dogs, Bear and Beau.

Palacio studied The High School of Art and Design in Manhattan, and then at Parsons School of Design with a major in illustration. She continued her higher education at The American University in Paris. Not only working as a writer, but Palacio also has several professions that are an art director, an editorial

director, and a graphic designer. Palacio had designed some children's book covers, for instance, *Ride Baby Ride*; *Look Baby Look*, and *The Handiest Things in the World*.

Wonder, her first novel, was written after she met an extraordinary child at an ice cream store. This novel published on 14th February 2012 and widely spread to 45 countries. After successfully publishing *Wonder*, she continued to publish some books like *365 Days of Wonder: Mr. Browne's Book of Precepts*; *Auggie & Me*; *The Julian Chapter*, *Pluto*, and *Shingaling*.

2.2 Summary of *Wonder*

Wonder tells about a boy named August Pullman, commonly called Auggie, who has a physical disability named *Mandibulofacial dysostosis* or Treacher Collins Syndrom. The first problem arose when Auggie's mother wanted to send Auggie to a public school. Before that, Auggie run homeschooling and his mother became the teacher.

At first, Auggie did not want to go to school, but eventually, he was strengthened by both parents. During school, Auggie was often treated differently by his friends. When they passed Auggie, they usually whispered. However, Auggie had a best friend named Jack Will who accompanied Auggie even the other friends got away from him. Auggie also had a close friend named Summer. She was a cheerful girl who always accompanied Auggie for lunch. Previously, Auggie had lunch in the canteen alone.

Unfortunately, Auggie felt betrayed by Jack Will. While at the Halloween Party, Auggie heard Julian, a boy who always taunted him, and his friends

mocking him. Nevertheless, one of them was Jack. Auggie knew Jack by hearing his voice. Jack did not understand that Auggie came because Auggie changed his costume from Boba Fett to Bleeding Scream. Briefly, Summer told Jack about the reason why Auggie mad at him by the clue “Bleeding Scream”.

A few days later, Jack was paired in a science project with Auggie. Julian wanted to switch partner with Jack, but Jack did not want. After the class ended, Julian asked why Jack refused to be his partners and mentioned Auggie as a freak. Jack did not accept if Auggie was called as a freak, then he punched Julian’s mouth. Jack apologized to Auggie by sending messages on Facebook and e-mail. Feeling that Jack had defended him, Auggie had forgiven Jack and they could be friends again.

When the school held a camp, Auggie gained an incredible experience. One night, Jack asked Auggie to drive him to the toilet. Because many people queue up, then they went to look for a tree. When they wanted to return, they met some children from the other school. After looked at Auggie’s face, they mocked him and Jack hated the moment. Jack tried to push one of them, but he was hit back until he fell down. A few minutes later, Auggie’s school friends came and they helped Auggie and Jack.

News about Auggie who bullied by children from other school had made Auggie’s friends sympathize. Beforehand, Auggie used to be called “freak” but now turned into “little dude”. Only Julian who still gave Auggie a cynical look, but he had to move to another school because his parents considered the school was unsuitable for him. At the graduation ceremony, there were several awards

given from the school for talented students. The greatest award was given to Auggie for his courage, kindness, friendship, and character. Auggie was considered having a sincere heart and strength.

3. THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

In analyzing *Wonder*, the writer uses the intrinsic and extrinsic theory. The intrinsic theory used is the characters. On the other hand, bullying is the extrinsic theory.

3.1 Character and Characterization

There are two definitions of character; a personage and a personality. (Barnet, 1989:37). Therefore, the character is an actor in a literary work. However, it should be underlined that the actors in literary works are not only human. They are also animals, plants, goods, celestial objects, and many more.

In addition, the character is also an identity that indicates the nature or meaning of the object. For example, if the character is a policeman, it can be understood that he is a strong and assertive person. Hence, the character is the most important element in literature because if there are no characters, the story cannot work.

There are several types of characters in a story. First, there are the flat and round characters. Flat characters are actors who have the same personality from the beginning to the end of the story. They have one dimension and toneless life. Meanwhile, round characters are actors who experience changes in nature, form, and behavior. Although their lives are complicated, they can show the new identity. (Barnet, 1989:37)

Second, there are major and minor characters. Major characters are the main concern of a story. They are important characters in a conflict and its resolution. Minor characters are supporters, helpers, or complements in the story.

According to Mario Klarer in *An Introduction to Literary Studies: Second Edition* (2004: 18), the definition of characterization is like this, “the figures in a literary text can either be characterized as *types* or *individuals*.” Therefore, the characterization is an intrinsic element in the story that explains the types and characteristics of a character.

3.2 Bullying

Bullying has embedded in society from the past until now. Bullying means an action taken by students who have more strength towards students who have weaknesses by means of continuous verbal, physical, and emotional abuse, isolation, or intimidation. (Zirpoli, 2012:403)

Therefore, bullying is a bad and cruel act committed by a person or group of people within a certain period of time. In general, this action occurs because of differences in power and ability. Moreover, Keith Sullivan and friends (2004:5) says there are three types of bullying: *physical*, *non-physical*, and *damage to property*.

Physical bullying is an act of bullying that is carried out using physical attacks, such as hitting, punching, pushing, kicking, and others. Victims of bullying usually experience pain in their bodies.

Non-physical bullying has two types. First, *verbal bullying*. This bullying is usually done using the power of the tongue. Examples of this bullying are

cursing, calling names, teasing, phone calls, intimidation, spreading rumors and slander, abusive language, etc. Second, *non-verbal bullying*. This bullying can be performed directly and indirectly. In the *direct non-verbal bullying*, victims usually get rough faces and glances from people. They became the center of attention and were intimidated. Meanwhile, *indirect non-verbal bullying* is an action to avoid, ignore, isolate, make people dislike, and so on.

Damage to property is an act of bullying that is done by ruining goods, such as tearing clothes, throwing bags, scribbling tables and chairs, filling lockers with garbage, and others.

In *Wonder*, the victim of bullying is the main character, August Pullman. The kind of bullying that he accepted are physical and non-physical bullying. Non-physical bullying occurs more than physical bullying. The psychological impact and his struggle with bullying are also explained in the discussion.

4. DISCUSSION

4.1 Characters

In this novel, there are many characters included. These are the major characters: August Pullman, Jack Will, Summer Dawson, and Julian Albans. On the other hand, these are the minor characters: Nate Pullman, Isabella Pullman, Olivia Pullman, Justin, Miranda, Charlotte, Amos, Henry, and Miles. However, the writer focuses to analyze the main character that is August Pullman.

4.1.1 August Pullman/Auggie

In this novel, Auggie is a round character. August Pullman is the second child of Nate Pullman and Isabella Pullman. He has a beautiful older sister, Olivia

Pullman or Via. Auggie has a different face in his family. He has a physical disorder called *Mandibulofacial dystosis* since he was born. Via explains when Auggie was a baby, his eyes are not balanced that is the left eye is lower than the right one, or down an inch on the face in general. The upper eyelid of the eye appears half closed, while the lower part of the eye sags. Moreover, he has no eyelashes and eyebrows. Auggie has a big nose and has no cheekbones. The upper teeth are small and slightly protruding. His chin is very small and there are scars around his mouth. People often think that his face has been burned.

After twenty seven surgeries, Auggie's face is better than before. He can eat with a tube when he was young. He can speak because he often practices moving his tongue. He learns to keep his saliva from falling to his neck. He can also hear even though his ears are small like a cauliflower. (Palacio, 2012: 88-89)

Second, Auggie is a shy person. Having an abnormality in his face, Auggie feels embarrassed to meet many people. He even extends his bangs to cover part of his face. Auggie also likes to walk behind his mother so people don't pay attention to him.

Third, Auggie is a smart boy. Although he is a homeschooler since he was a child, he can compete with the school children. He has a talent in science. Auggie really wants to be an astronaut. He also likes to read novels. He has read *Dragon Rider* by Cornelia Funke which has 523 pages when he was six.

Fourth, Auggie is a funny person. When people see Auggie for the first time, they will be shocked by his appearance. However, if they are close to Auggie, they will feel comfortable with Auggie. Auggie often makes fun with the

people who close to him. Besides that, Auggie is a good friend. He helps Jack if Jack does not understand the school lessons. Summer Dawson also feels comfortable telling anything to Auggie. (Palacio, 2012:69)

Therefore, Auggie is bullied because he had a strange and disproportionate face. His face makes some people afraid of him. Most people assume that Auggie's face is different from theirs. They also underestimate Auggie's skill.

4.2 Bullying

The victim of bullying in this novel is August Pullman. The act of bullying he gets tends to non-physical bullying. Nevertheless, he has felt once from physical bullying.

4.2.1 Calling Names

The first non-physical bullying that Auggie got is verbal bullying by calling names. There are many bad names that his friends gave to him. Some of his friends call him by the bad names directly. Moreover, Auggie also knows the names from the other people.

Rat boy. Freak. Monster. Freddy Krueger. E.T. Gross-out. Lizard face. Mutant. I know the names they call me. I've been in enough playgrounds to know kids can be mean. I know, I know, I know. (Wonder, 79)

First, Auggie is called by "freak". This name means that Auggie is a strange or odd person, but freak is more ridicule to be uttered. Second, they call him by the name of animals like "rat boy" and "lizard face". Both rat and lizard is an animal who has a muzzle on his face. These names describe the face of Auggie who is similar to the rat and the lizard.

Third, “monster” and “mutant” have the same meaning. Both of them are defined as a creepy creature. Fourth, they also call Auggie by the character in the movie like “Freddy Krueger”, a murderer who has a burning face in *A Nightmare on Elm Street* movie, and “E.T”, an alien in *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial* movie. Moreover, “Gross-out” has a meaning as a disgusting person.

Julian Albans usually call him as a “freak”. He also offends Auggie’s feeling by asking the favorite character in *Star War* movie. Auggie answered that he likes “Jango Fett”, a hunter used a helmet. However, Julian asked why he did not like “Darth Sidious”, a burnt-face character. It has a meaning to quip Auggie’s face. (Palacio, 2012:44)

When the school camp held, a kid from another school named Eddie also calls Auggie by “freak” and “Freddie Krueger”. He calls him directly even though Eddie and Auggie just met for the first time.

“Are you talking to me, Freddie Krueger? I don’t think you want to mess with me, you ugly freak,” said Eddie (Wonder, 266)

4.2.2 Underestimating

Because Auggie only runs homeschooling, it makes Julian Albans superior to him. He feels that he is cleverer than Auggie because he has been in school for several years. He thinks that Auggie does not know about everything. Thus, he arrogantly introduces the name of things in the school. Cruelly, he ever tells Auggie about chalk and eraser.

“... This is chalk. This is the eraser.”

“I’m sure he knows what an eraser is,” Charlotte said, sounding a little like Via.

“How would I know what he knows?” Julian answered. “Mr. Tushman said he’s never been to a school before.”(Wonder, 25)

When Auggie, Jack, Charlotte, and Julian in the science room, they talk about the elective class. Then, Julian asks Auggie which one the elective class that he takes. Auggie is very interested in science elective. However, Julian tells Auggie that science elective is the most difficult elective. Julian said that Auggie can not be able to take the science elective because Auggie has never attended school before. This means that Julian underestimate the Auggie's skill. (Palacio, 2012:28)

4.2.3 Staring and Whispering

The second non-physical bullying that Auggie had is direct non-verbal bullying by staring and whispering from people. When Auggie's friend named Charlotte tells about her activities in the school to Auggie, Julian keep staring on Auggie. His stare same as people's stare when met Auggie on the street. (Palacio, 2012:27)

On the first day in school, the attention of students is pointed to Auggie. They stare at Auggie's face and take a peek behind their books. They also pretend not to see Auggie. Auggie feels that he has a disease than can spread to anyone who closes to him.

And being at school was awful in the beginning. Every new class I had was like a new chance for kids to "not stare" at me. They would sneak peeks at me from behind their notebooks or when they thought I wasn't looking. They would take the longest way around me to avoid bumping into me in any way, like I had some germ they could catch, like my face was contagious. (Wonder, 61)

The school children not only stare at Auggie but also whisper when they meet Auggie. Auggie sees they talk behind their hands and their eyes fixed on Auggie. (Palacio, 2012:49-50). However, Auggie keeps quiet and looks down.

4.2.4 Avoiding

Avoiding is an indirect non-verbal bullying. There are many students who avoid Auggie when they meet him. When Auggie try to approach them, they immediately go away. Therefore, Auggie always alone.

As the desks started to fill up, I did notice that no one sat down next to me. A couple of times someone was about to sit next to me, then changed his or her mind at the last minute and sat somewhere else. (Wonder, 37)

As in the school canteen, Auggie chooses an empty desk to eat his food. However, some children who are sitting near him suddenly move and look for other desks. Fortunately, this condition is only for a few days because Jack Will dares himself to approach Auggie.

4.2.5 Photo Editing

Editing someone's photo without his or her permission is a bad behavior. This action is also done by Julian's mother. She deletes Auggie's photo on the school picture. Then, she shares the edited photo to the other students' mother.

I heard that Julian's mom actually Photoshopped August's face out of the class picture when she got it. She gave a copy to a couple of the other moms. (Wonder, 158-159)

That action is also called as a bullying. Just because Julian and his mother feel uncomfortable with Auggie's face, then his mother edits Auggie's photo on the school picture. This action may be caused by Julian who feels disgusted or hates to Auggie.

4.2.6 Pushing

Pushing is a physical bullying. This kind of bullying only happens once to Auggie on the school camp. At that time, Auggie and Jack meet some children from the

other school in the wood. Because it is the first time they meet Auggie, they are shocked to see Auggie's face.

Then out of the blue, the Eddie guy grabbed my hood as I passed by him, yanking it really hard so I was pulled backward and fell flat on my back. It was a hard fall, and I hurt my elbow pretty bad on a rock. I couldn't really see what happened afterward, except that Amos rammed into the Eddie guy like a monster truck and they both fell down to the ground next to me. (Wonder, 267)

Then, they mock at Auggie's face. Jack try to protect Auggie, but a kid named Eddie pushes Jack. Then, Eddie grabs Auggie's hood forcely. As a result, Auggie falls down and his vision became blurred.

4.3 The Psychological Impact of Bullying Felt by Auggie

4.3.1 Fear

Auggie's fear has been felt since childhood. When people meet Auggie for the first time, they will be shocked and sometimes scream after seeing Auggie's face.

The attitude of people like this makes Auggie afraid to meet them.

Next week I start fifth grade. Since I've never been to a real school before, I am pretty much totally and completely petrified. People think I haven't gone to school because of the way I look, but it's not that. It's because of all the surgeries I've had. Twenty-seven since I was born. (Wonder, 4)

Previously, Auggie studies just at home with his mother. While he meets many new people from various backgrounds in school, he suddenly feels very scared. He thinks about the surgeries that he has in his face. He is also afraid if he has no friends at school.

The people action to avoid Auggie also makes Auggie avoid them. Auggie feels embarrassed to show her face in public places. When he returns to his house,

he prefers to pass on quiet streets so he can avoid many people who see his face.
(Palacio, 2012:35)

4.3.2 Insecurity

Bullying also has an impact on Auggie's mental. Auggie feels insecure if he has to meet a lot of people. Even, when he hears the voices of children, his feelings get hit. His heart feels trembling if he had to meet his new friends.

I was about to say something else, but then all of a sudden I heard other voices outside the office: kids' voices. I'm not exaggerating when I say this, but my heart literally started beating like I'd just run the longest race in the world. The laughter I had inside just poured out of me. (Wonder, 20)

4.3.3 Nervousness

When Julian underestimates him when explaining the names of equipment in the science elective, he honestly feels a little annoyed. Especially, when Julian asks if Auggie knows what the eraser is. Obviously, Auggie knows that it is an eraser. Nevertheless, he has a hard time saying it because he feels very nervous.

"You know what an eraser is, right?" Charlotte asked me.
I admit I was feeling so nervous that I didn't know what to say or do except look at the floor. (Wonder, 25)

When he first enters school, he also feels very nervous. He has to prepare himself to meet the new people. His body also shows his nervous like a stomachache and a little dizziness. (Palacio, 2012:35)

4.3.4 Anxiety

Anxiety is also the impact of bullying felt by Auggie. When someone quips or insults him, he actually wants to cry. Nevertheless, he cannot show his real feelings. He only responds to people's actions with a smile. Because his face, people don't know whether he is crying or laughing. (Palacio, 2012:29-30)

4.3.5 Sadness

When he is quipped by Julian for the first time, he feels hurt. After walking around the school, he wants to go home quickly. Arriving home, he immediately goes to his room and cry. (Palacio, 2012:33)

While at Halloween Party, Julian talks to his friends about Auggie's face, including Jack. Then, Julian wonders why Jack wants to be friends with Auggie. Before answering Julian's question, Jack sees the surrounding conditions and makes sure there is no Auggie there. After he thinks that Auggie is not there, he says to Julian that he is only told by the Headmaster to hang out with Auggie. At that moment, Auggie listens behind him in the Bleeding Scream costume. Initially, Auggie tells Jack that he will wear a Boba Fett costume.

I don't know what Jack answered because I walked out of the class without anyone knowing I had been there. My face felt like it was on fire while I walked back down the stairs. I was sweating under my costume. And I started crying. I couldn't keep it from happening. The tears were so thick in my eyes I could barely see, but I couldn't wipe them through the mask as I walked. (Wonder, 77-78)

Therefore, Auggie feels very hurt. Auggie has considered Jack as his best friend. When he enters school for the first time, Jack asks Julian to stop asking something that offends Auggie's feeling. On the other hand, Jack has long been friends with Julian. After getting to know Auggie, Jack is more comfortable to hang out with Auggie.

4.4 Auggie's Struggle with the Bullying

4.4.1 Having a Loving Family

Despite having physical disabilities, Auggie still has a family who loves him very much. There is his mother, Isabella Pullman, who always takes care of him,

educates him, and understands him. Nate Pullman, his father, always protects and encourages him. There is also Olivia Pullman, her sister who sometimes felt jealous, but in his heart she loved him.

While at school, Jack Will who is Auggie's first friend also feels comfortable to be friends with Auggie, even though their friendship ever broke because of Jack's selfishness. The presence of Summer Dawson who likes to be friends with Auggie, also makes Auggie become more cheerful and can be friends with Jack again. They are the biggest motivators for Auggie to be a stronger and brave person.

4.4.2 Using His Intelligence

Although Auggie has limitations on his face, he has a strength in his brain. He is a smart kid. Not only in science, but also in languages. When Julian mistakenly says "supposedly", he tries to justify Julian's words "supposably". With this action, he can show that homeschooling children are not stupid.

"The word's 'supposedly,' by the way," I said.
"What are you talking about?"
"You said 'supposably' before," I said. (Wonder, 30)

4.4.3 Challenging Himself

Although Auggie's first day at school is bad, especially after meeting Julian, he still wants to go to school. Even his mother who initially persuades him to go to school, suddenly she changes her mind in order Auggie to quit school. This shows Auggie's attitude in challenging himself.

"No, it's okay, Mom, really."
"You don't have to go to school if you don't want, sweetie."
"I want to," I said.
"Auggie . . ."

“Really, Mom. I want to.” And I wasn’t lying. (Wonder, 34)

4.4.4 Making Some Jokes to His Friends

Behind his silence, Auggie is actually humorist. If someone already knows him, he will laugh at the Auggie’s jokes. For example, Auggie flaunts his face at Jack and whispers the funny words at Jack. With his jokes, he can get more friends.

4.4.5 Trying to be Brave

Auggie continuously tries to be brave even though he is always scolded and shunned by his friends. He does not return the wickedness of his friends with the bad things. However, he always be patient and encourages himself to get along with his friends. (Palacio, 2012:303-304)

Finally, the headmaster acknowledges Auggie’s sincerity and courage in his struggle to be accepted by his friends. At the end of the semester, the school gives the greatest medal about recognizing greatness to Auggie.

5. CONCLUSION

In this novel, bullying is the most striking thing to discuss. This action occurs in the main character of this novel, namely August Pullman or Auggie. Although there are many kinds of bullying in society, this analysis shows some non-physical bullying and only one physical bullying. Some non-physical bullying that the main character accepted are calling names, underestimating, staring and whispering, avoiding, and photo editing. Then, pushing is the physical bullying that he got.

Bullying that is received by Auggie has many psychological impacts on his personality. In the beginning, Auggie feels fear, less confidence, nervous,

anxiety, and hurt after several people bully him. Nevertheless, he can face the bullying because of many factors. The biggest factor that makes him strong against the bullying is the support from his family and friends. Moreover, there are others factors, such as using his intelligence, challenging himself, making some jokes to his friends, and trying to be brave.

To sum up, Auggie can survive from the bullying and his personality becomes changed. Initially, he was a shy, exclusive child, and less confidence. Meanwhile, at the end of the story, he becomes a child who is brave and confident because of the support of his family and close friends and using his own abilities. Auggie also has a lot of friends who often avoid him in the beginning. Auggie can get the biggest award in his school for his kindness, courage, friendship, and personality. In the end, the writer hopes that this analysis will remind us that everyone has their own strengths and weaknesses. Hence, to underestimate the weaknesses of someone should not be done.

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