

## **The Importance of Communication In The Family” Ali and The Queens of Queens”**

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**Abstract.** *This film tells about the poor communication relationship between a child and his parents. Lack of communication relationships, create prolonged misunderstandings. Lack of communication in the family makes relationships disharmonious, debates, and separation. This film is directed by Lucky Kuswandi and is the work of Gina S. Noer. Lack of communication also has a bad impact on a child's growth because it makes the child mentally disturbed. The debate between the parents occurs because of the lack of communication in family relationships. Lack of communication makes the child curious about what happened between his parents. Poor communication relationships create divisions in the long-established family, lack of communication also results in a loss of trust in each other. This film is very interesting for fans who like drama genre films. Conflicts about children whose mothers leave them abroad. The child was curious and finally he decided to follow his mother. This film takes place in the cities of Queens, New York, and Jakarta. This film won awards in 2021, namely the image trophy, the Bandung film festival award, and the Indonesian film festival. The method used in this study is a descriptive qualitative method to analyze the meaning of the communication relationship.*

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The film, entitled Ali and the Queens of Queens, is a film that is very synonymous with family, friendship, and love (Hasibuan & Agusta 2022, January). This film is enough to drain the eyes of the audience where each scene has its own meaning. The film Ali and the queen queens was published on May 24, 2021 and aired on the Netflix series on June 17, 2021. The film, directed by Lucky Kuswandi, tells the story of Ali (Iqbaal Ramadhan)'s journey in search of his mother, Mia (Marissa Anita) in New York, United States of America. Mia was forced to leave Hasan (Ibnu Jamil) and Ali as a child to pursue

her dream as a singer. With a photo and a number of letters that Mia had sent, Ali who was an adult went to New York. Once there, Ali goes around town and asks a number of people if they've seen Mia. After traveling around New York City. This film has the meaning of poor communication relationships in the family. Lack of communication can cause the family to become disharmonious and misunderstandings will continue to occur. One of them is Ali and his family do not have a good communication relationship, so various conflicts occur in this family. Communication in the family is very important so that there are no conflicts, but when Ali meets the Queens, Ali and the queens communicate very well, like a harmonious family, with good communication in the family, there will be no misunderstandings. which is continuous and will not create a prolonged conflict.

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Home and family are inseparable things, but in the journey of searching for the meaning of the two, courage is needed. In a family communication relationships also play a role in shaping a character. Effective family communication will make us feel accepted and valued as human beings, so that we can form a positive self-concept. Communication is sometimes underestimated or taken for granted. Yet without communication, everything can be lost and forgotten. Effective communication doesn't always mean something serious. Small talk or jokes can be the glue in family harmony. Good communication can start from talking about small things, because by talking everything will be seen clearly. In this film, it can be seen that Ali and his mother have lost communication since childhood, causing Ali to not know where his mother is.

## **METHODS**

The method that will be used in this study is a descriptive qualitative method and tends to use analysis. In this study, the researcher focused on knowing the communication that existed between the characters and describing the story based on the existing story.

## **FINDINGS**

In Sigmund Freud's psychoanalytic theory, there are three important elements in it, namely: Id, Ego, and Superego (Fasikh, & Indriana, 2022). The three of them have a relationship with each other that can shape the personality of a character in a film. The story begins when Ali's biological mother went to New York and promised to return within 6 months, but did not keep her promise to return to Indonesia to meet Ali and her husband. Long story short, Ali's father received a letter and a ticket from his wife to follow him to the United States in New York City. Ali's father did not agree with the decision taken by his wife. One day Ali's father received a phone call from his wife talking about his wife's condition in New York, then Ali's father asked when his wife was returning to Indonesia. There was an argument between Ali's father and mother, Ali indirectly listened to the conversation of his father and mother. The selfishness of both sides caused divisions between Ali's father and mother. Relationships Communication is very important because with communication we can know each other's character. Every human being cannot live individually but needs other people. Communication is also the delivery of meaning from a person to communicate well, therefore it is very important for us to establish communication.

Ali is the biological son of Hasan and Mia. Ali has been abandoned by his mother since childhood. Since childhood, Ali has not communicated with his mother who is already in the United States, more precisely in New York City and Queens City. When the extended family gets together, they talk about their respective lives. Ali told his extended family that he wanted to follow his mother in the United States, New York. Ali's extended family was surprised to hear this, because Ali had no information about his mother's whereabouts in America. Ali said that he would seek information about his mother when he arrived in America by showing a photo of his biological mother. Ali tries to raise money by renting out his house for his future trip to America. His brother

(Zoopunk) who always helps Ali in his every trouble at times like this is really needed to help Ali. With a good communication relationship with his brother Ali was helped to make a Visa by Zoopunk. A few years later Ali decided to follow his mother to the United States in New York City and Queens, but the lack of communication between his mother and father prevented Ali from knowing where his biological mother lived.

When Ali arrived in the city of Queens, Ali met his biological mother's old colleagues who were usually called the queens of Queens. Ratu-ratu Queens is a friendship circle from Indonesia which consists of Ance, Biah, Party, and Chinta. Ali had the opportunity to live together in the Ratu-Queens apartment because the hotels and food there were very expensive. At the Queens' apartment Ali also took on the role of helping with housework such as cleaning the room, toilets, etc., as a sign of Ali's gratitude to the Queens of Queens for giving him a proper place to live. The next day Ali was assisted by the Queens of Queens to find a new address for his biological mother. Ali cooks his mother's favorite food, Rendang because Ali has high expectations when he meets his biological mother. The unfavorable response from his mother made Ali feel disappointed and returned to the Queens Apartments. Ali spoke to the Queens of Queens to return to Indonesia. The Queens of Queens were also surprised by Ali's decision to return to Indonesia. The Queens of Queens take Ali out at night to enjoy New York City. A few days later Ali was reunited with his biological mother at a children's playground. A good response was shown by Ali's mother (Mia) and Ali's biological mother gave contact to Ali so that it was easy to contact him. They both contacted each other and promised to meet at a place that is a coffee shop. The next day they met at a coffee shop to discuss their respective activities in carrying out their daily lives. After leaving the coffee shop, the two of them spent time walking around seeing the beauty of New York City during the day and night, they also made a video documentation to serve as a memory that they had met to spend time together. Ali insists on living with his biological mother, but his biological mother forbids him because his biological mother (Mia) has a new small family in America, New York.

Good communication relations with the Queens of Queens made Ali feel comfortable in New York City (Roychoudhury, D. 2022). The communication relationship between Ali and his family is not good, but the relationship with his brother

named Zoopunk never breaks. Ali's relationship with his extended family is very harmonious and good, in contrast to the communication relationship with his biological father and mother. The impact that Ali felt was that prolonged solitude made Ali unable to stand the conditions in this household. Ali still really needs a loving figure from his biological mother and father. Losing his father made Ali even worse off. Ali really needed his mother, so Ali decided to follow his mother to the United States to be precise in New York City and Queens City. Ali has a very strong mission to meet his biological mother, but his extended family forbids Ali to meet his mother, because the communication relationship between Ali's extended family and Ali's biological mother is not harmonious, after the departure of his father since Ali was small.

Hasan is Ali's biological father and Mia's husband. Hasan is a housewife who educates his son alone after his wife left him to the United States to be more precise in New York to pursue his big dream of becoming a top singer. Hasan applies a firm and disciplined attitude to his son when he grows up he will become a person who keeps his promises and is responsible to his family. The communication relationship between Hasan and Mia began to crack since his wife did not return to Indonesia according to her promise. Actually Mia had already given tickets for Ali and Hasan to follow Mia to the United States, New York. But Ali's father rejected him, because of the disappointment caused by his wife's selfishness who still wanted to be a top singer in the United States. Then Ali's father (Hasan) fell ill and died when Ali was a child.

Mia is a biological mother of a child named Ali and has a husband named Hasan. Mia has a dream to become a top singer in the United States there. Mia's communication relationship with her son Ali and her husband is not very good, because Mia's high selfishness makes communication relations with her family not harmonious (Jonkman, & de Theije, M. 2022). Misunderstandings that continue to occur because of Mia's selfishness who always wants to win alone without listening to her husband's opinion. Reality in the United States Mia only became a small cafe singer in the city of New York and the city of Queens. In a short time, Mia finally met Ali, her biological child. Mia is surprised to see Ali who has grown up to meet her at her new place of residence. Mia feels bad and feels guilty about Ali, who since childhood she has lived away to pursue her dream to become a singer in America. Mia rejects Ali's existence, because Mia already

has a new family in America, she also hides her family's whereabouts from her child, Ali, the lack of communication with Ali causes misunderstandings. When he met Ali again at a coffee shop and told stories and took a walk in New York City, the communication relationship was better than before. Mia is invited to eat together at the Queens Queens apartment. Ali with the Queens of Queens cooks her mother's favorite food, Rendang, to make Mia remember the memory of when Mia was still in Indonesia. When Mia meets her old friend, we can see from the gap in the communication that occurs. A bad response was shown by the Queens of Queens when Mia came and gathered together in the apartment. Mia feels uncomfortable with the treatment of the Queens of Queens on her. Ali tried to lighten the mood again but to no avail. Mia and Ali were able to meet again on their third occasion at the Queens Queens apartment. Then the Queens of Queens mocked Mia that Mia was hot in the sense that Mia was not comfortable in the Queens' apartment, then Ance invited her to continue the event on the Queens' apartment roof. In a short time, Ali finally found out about the existence of Mia's new family, but Mia still didn't want to show her family to Ali's son. In the last scene, Mia tells the truth about what happened to her before marrying a new man and having a small family in the United States. Mia also feels that she has failed to become Ali's biological mother, because she has left Ali since childhood without informing Ali and his extended family. Because of her selfishness, Mia lost her way.

Ratu-ratu Queens is a group of friends from Indonesia who live in the United States, precisely in the city of Queens. They also live together in an apartment in Queens. The Queens of Queens also cooked food for Ali when Ali arrived at his apartment, they also allowed Ali to live together while he was looking for his biological mother. The compactness of the Queens of Queens when they heard the news that Ali was not recognized by his biological mother, they rushed to meet Ali's biological mother, but Ali did not want that. In that incident, the Queens of Queens invited Ali to go around at night and also invited Ali to taste snacks in New York City. They bought a dish called kebab and the kebab seller happened to be a Muslim. Ali, who is from a Muslim-majority country, was reminded by a kebab seller that there is a hadith which says that Islam upholds the status of a mother. Which contains Mother, Mother, Mother, then Father.

This friendship communication relationship is very good and harmonious. We can see this harmony from those who are always compact. One of them is their cohesiveness when they want to rent a shop, but they don't have enough money yet, but they work together and encourage each other and finally they managed to rent a shop in Queens city like a dream they wanted from a long time ago. They also help Ali to meet Mia's biological mother until we meet. With their effort and cohesiveness, Ali was finally able to meet his pregnant mother, whom he had been waiting for. After Ali met his biological mother and returned to the apartment, Ali showed him the video he had recorded during his stay in the United States, New York. The video contains about Ali's journey from Indonesia to the United States and his daily life while in the United States. The video also captures some important moments for Ali such as meeting his biological mother, Ali's togetherness with the Queens of Queens, and his togetherness with Ance's biological child, Eva. In a short time they managed to raise money from the hard work of the Queens of Queens to rent a shop to make their business field. As we can see at the end of the film, they celebrate Ali's birthday with laughter. This kind of communication relationship should be implemented in the Ali family, not what actually happened.

Ali's extended family comes from his father's family, Hasan. Ali's extended family communication relationship is very harmonious (Clarke, R. W. 2022). We can see from the scene when Ali is gathering with his extended family. Although Ali was initially disapproved of by his extended family even though Ali had insisted on following his biological mother, in the end Ali was agreed to follow his mother to the United States. Ali also has a brother named Zoopunk, played by Bayu Skak. It's very obvious that Zoopunk doesn't want Ali to leave for the United States. In the end, all of his extended family agreed to Ali's departure for the United States. Arriving in the United States in New York City, Aunt Ali contacted Ali via video call to ensure Ali's whereabouts were all right. The response from the Queens of Queens was very good towards his aunt Ali. Ali also made sure that Ali was fine and had a very harmonious environment in the United States. Ali's brother (Zoopunk) also briefly contacted Ali via video call and received news that Ali's mother did not consider Ali to be his biological son. On another occasion Zoopunk contacted Ali again to express his longing for Ali, because Zoopunk was Ali's closest brother since Ali was a child. In the last scene, Aunt and Zoopunk contact Ali to confirm Ali's whereabouts in the United States, New York. They told their daily life when

Ali was in New York. Ali's long existence in New York made Zoopunk want to catch up with him and ask Zoopunk's biological mother for permission to continue studying in New York with Ali. In the end Zoopunk was allowed to go to college in America to catch up with Ali. The communication relationship that exists in Ali's extended family is very harmonious, such as his family who doesn't want Ali to follow his mother, and Zoopunk who wants to follow Ali to the United States to study with Ali.

Eva is a cheerful and smiling child, she also dreams of becoming a great musician. Eva is the biological child of a member of the Queens Queens named Ance. Eva first met Ali in front of the Queens Apartments. They both exchanged points of view of ideas and thoughts. Eva also helps Ali to discover his potential and his dream to meet his biological mother. Eva meets Ali again at a clothing store and looks into each other's eyes. Ali seems to be fascinated by Eva's attitude and beauty. In a short time, Eva invites Ali to go to a university in New York City. There Ali learned many things about art and culture which was Ali's hobby since childhood. Ali invites Eva to take a walk around New York City. They went to a clothes shop that Eva subscribed to to choose and buy a set of clothes, Ali was happy together when they tried on some clothes and took videos and photos to be used as video documentation and to be used as mementos between the two of them. The communication relationship that exists between Ali and Eva is very good and harmonious, as we can see in the scene where Ali asks Eva's biological mother for permission to travel alone with the child, and in the end they are both very happy after being given permission by Eva's biological mother. They both spend the day together to have fun and let go of all the anxiety and fatigue they feel. They also took some photos to make memories together when Ali was in New York. Eva and Ali also invited the Queens of Queens and Ali's biological mother to take part in a burning event on the roof of the Queens Queens apartment. Their communication relationship did not become harmonious when Ali's biological mother came, because of past problems that could not be forgotten and resolved. At the end of the scene Eva also follows Ali's birthday celebration. The communication relationship between Eva and Ali is very harmonious, to the point that they have feelings of love for each other.

The conflict began when Ali's mother met Party at a shop that the Queens of Queens wanted to rent. There, Ali's mother gave a check to the Party asking Ali to return

to Indonesia. At first the Party did not agree with Ali's biological mother, because according to the Party, Ali had already fought to meet his biological mother in New York at the expense of all that Ali had and the Party was furious at the treatment Ali's biological mother had treated Ali, for solving the problem in such a way. The party told Mia to have good communication with Ali. But Mia insists on sticking with her stance on bringing Ali back to Indonesia. The party also accepted the check with disappointment towards Ali's biological mother. When the Party arrived at the Queens Queens apartment, the Party invited Ali to discuss about the check given by his biological mother with the aim of sending Ali back to Indonesia. The misunderstanding started when Ali heard from the Party that his biological mother did not want to see the child again. Because Ali's mother already has a small family in New York City. Ali was very angry with the Queens of Queens because what the Party said according to Ali was not true. The Queens of Queens were disappointed when Ali spoke that they were only using Ali's money. Then Ali immediately packed up his things and left the Queens apartment and said that everything the Queens of Queens said was wrong. Ali thinks that they are all lying to him so Ali wants to prove his mother couldn't have done that to Ali. Long story short, finally Ali met his biological mother to prove the words of the Queens of Queens, after Ali met his biological mother directly in front of the house, Mia was surprised at Ali's arrival at her house and immediately hugged her biological mother. Mia immediately let go of Ali's arms to avoid a bigger mess caused by Ali. Then Mia invites Ali to rush over to her house to have a private chat with Ali. Mia was honest with Ali and blamed herself for what she had done to Ali. Mia says that she is a mother who failed to educate Ali from a young age and Mia is honest that she is a selfish person. Then Ali went home with a very big disappointment to his biological mother because Mia didn't want to see Ali anymore.

This makes Ali feel guilty to the Queens of Queens, because of Ali's misunderstanding because of Ali's selfishness in not listening to the Party and Queens friends. Ali was frustrated and so he called Eva to accompany him that night. Eva, who was working, immediately approached Ali who was frustrated and then calmed Ali down to get rid of the disappointment that Ali had made. Then Ali decided to calm himself down by going to a nearby lake. Long story short, Ali returned to the Queens Queens apartment to apologize for the misunderstanding that Ali had caused. The Queens of Queens felt a little disappointed to accept Ali's return and calmed Ali over what had

happened. Then they reunite as before and the good thing is that they become Ali's new family.

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## CONCLUSION

We can conclude that a good communication relationship in the family makes the absence of misunderstandings and big arguments (Cox, S. 2022). Relationships Communication is very important because with communication we can know each other's character (Qu, & Harshman, 2022). Every human being cannot live individually but needs other people. Communication is also the delivery of meaning from a person to communicate well, therefore it is very important for us to establish communication. If the communication relationship in the family is tenuous, there will be continuous misunderstandings, even relationships in the family can be tenuous and cannot know each other's personalities, if we have tenuous communication relationships in the family, it's a good idea to solve problems by communicating. Communication relationships in the family can also strengthen friendship with extended families and even live in harmony and harmony, as everyone wants. The communication relationship in the family is our interaction to be able to understand each other better, we can see from the story of Ali and the queens, this film tells that a lack of communication can make us lose control and don't even know the condition of the people near us, selfishness that causes us to lose control. Long periods of time can make problems even bigger, communicating with family is a middle way for the book of Jesus to understand each other. Ali and the three have a relationship with each other that can shape the personality of the characters in a film.

The misunderstanding occurred because Ali's mother did not want to listen to her husband and pay attention to her children. The role of a mother is very important for children. Ali's mother only cares about herself, just because of her ideals she forgot her family and cut off communication with Ali, her husband, and extended family. Communication relationships are also very impactful for our lives, if the communication relationship in the family is bad then our lives will not go well, conflicts will continue to exist, and misunderstandings will never be resolved. In a harmonious family, if all work well together, all goals will be achieved because with cooperation we will find a solution from an answer, without the need to ask questions and confusion, because everything is solved with communication and kinship. Creating a good and harmonious relationship will make life free from stress and even conflict.

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