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## ABSTRACT

This study aims to answer three research problems related to the character of Simon Brown in Kirk Jones's *Nanny McPhee* movie. The first objective is to explain the factors that cause Simon's rebelliousness, the second objective is to reveal the roles of Nanny McPhee in curing Simon's rebellious behavior. The third objective is to analyze the causes of Simon's personality development from the perspective of Alfred Adler's Individual Psychology. This study employs library research and the psychological approach to analyze the intrinsic and extrinsic elements of the movie. The result shows that Simon's character evolves throughout the story with the help of five lessons by Nanny McPhee, which helps him grow and change in a positive way. At the end of the story, Simon succeeds in overcoming his rebellious attitude, due to his inferiority and superiority complex, and he becomes a responsible and dependable child with the support of his family and Nanny McPhee.

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