The Royal Tenenbaums

The Royal Tenenbaums exhibits disengagement from social norms and construction that affects the behavior and choices of the people. The father of the story, Royal fails to fulfil his expected parental role that leads to the destruction of the family. The themes of separation between Royal and Etheline depicts the absence of patriarchy. The family don't care about social values or restrictions. The absence of social norms provoke the parents to take a bold step.

The settings exhibit emotional trauma experienced by the children of separated parents. The living arrangements show salmon-pink walls following the staircase and a tent of yellow pitch in the living room. Royal Tenenbaum (Gene Hackman) transmits the themes of anti-patriarchy while the wife Etheline is estranged. Royal lives in the house with his three children Chas, Margot and Richie who are emotionally disturbed and dysfunctional (Lane, 2001). Richie is the most well-adjusted and favourite child of Royal who plays the role of mediator between father and the family members. The living arrangements convey the themes of separation, disconnection and division.

The failure of the parents to take traditional role pose challenges for the kids. they face traumatic experience that undermines their emotional stability. children undergo insecurity due to the distance between them and their parents. The distance between the father and kids conveys that the father does not care about society’s values. the challenges faced by the children leads to failure and betrayal (Lane, 2001). Children have to deal with the unkind and unloving attitude of father that causes further destruction. Cahs and Margot take the challenge for uniting the family. in their mission, they face fear and uncertainty. Refusal of the Chas to accept his father back in the family also reveals the absence of social norms.

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