

REPRESENTATION OF CHINESE AND AFRICAN RELATIONSHIP THROUGH WOLF WARRIOR 2 FILM

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Abstract

Film Wolf Warrior 2 (war Wolf2/ zhàn lǎng 2) by Wu Jing which was released in 2017, tells the story of a former Special Forces of the People's Liberation Army (TPR) named Leng Feng in Africa. Leng Feng was an employee of the export trade from China to Africa, but with the wars and epidemics that occurred in Africa, Leng Feng had to evacuate Chinese citizens who were in Africa to return to China. The film not only features the main character Leng Feng, but also features a setting in Africa and several dialogues mention things about Africa. Based on the observations made, the writer intends to research the film Wolf Warrior 2 which was released in 2017 which was made and directed by Wu Jing. Observations were made to see how the film Wolf Warrior 2 represents the relationship between China and Africa, and to see its meaning through the scenes in the film. Through descriptive qualitative methods, the researcher found that the film Wolf Warrior 2 displays diplomatic relations between China and Africa.

Keywords: Representation, Chinese-African, Wolf Warrior, Film.

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INTRODUCTION

The Chinese film industry continues to grow and achieve significant progress. In fact, China is already the largest cinema market outside of North America. One of the Chinese films that has received attention from the Chinese public is an action film.¹ Previously, popular Chinese action films came from Hong Kong, for example the film Ip Man (2008) starring Donnie Yen, the film Police Story (1985) starring Jackie Chen and the film The Warlords (2007) starring Jet Li and Andy Lau. Until now, there are many action films

¹ Boxofficemojo.com, “<https://www.boxofficemojo.com/release,”> 2021.

produced in China that don't only come from Hong Kong.² Film is one of the media that is often used to represent a situation or relationship, as well as the film *Wolf Warrior 2* which will be discussed in this paper. explains that representation is an ability to imagine or describe something³. Hall explained further that representation refers to the construction of all forms of media on all aspects of reality, such as people, objects, events, to cultural identity⁴. Representation is the act of presenting or describing something, whether an event, person or object through something other than himself, usually in the form of a sign or symbol⁵.

One of the action films that attracted a large number of viewers and impressed Wu Jing to produce in 2015 was the film *Wolf Warrior*⁶. The *Wolf Warrior* film received a very good response from the Chinese people who watched it. Because *Wolf Warrior* received a good response from the Chinese public, Wu Jing as the producer of *Wolf Warrior* made the film *Wolf Warrior 2* in 2017 which is set in an African country. The film received a very good response from the Chinese public, based on a website boxofficemojo.com the film managed to earn \$ 131,773,219 in its initial release in China. This made the film *Wolf Warrior 2* receive many awards, one of which was receiving an award in the Asian Film Award for the Best-Selling Film category⁷. *Wolf Warrior 2* has the highest advantage over western films such as *Transformers* (2007) and *Fast and Furious* (2009). This film tells the story of a former Special Forces of the People's Liberation Army (TPR) named Leng Feng in Africa. Leng Feng is an employee of a Chinese national export trader living in Africa⁸. The war and disease outbreaks in Africa forced Leng Feng to evacuate all Chinese citizens to return to China.⁹

The film *Wolf Warrior 2* tells about the continuation of the adventures of Leng Feng who is a member of the Chinese TPR. Leng Feng is the best soldier owned by China. Leng Feng was discharged from the army for killing a house demolition chief. After being fired, Leng Feng had to serve a prison term. While in prison, Leng Feng's lover is killed by mercenaries. After Leng Feng served his prison term, he traveled the world to find the

² K Brown, "China's second continent: How a million migrants are building a new empire in Africa," *Vintage*, 22.4 (2017), 537–38 <<https://doi.org/10.1080/10220461.2015.1080626>>.

³ Michael F. M. Lindsay et al., "Peking Diary. A Year of Revolution.," *Pacific Affairs*, 24.2 (1951), 195 <<https://doi.org/10.2307/2753095>>.

⁴ Stuart Hall, "Representation Cultural Representation and Signifying," 1997.

⁵ B Bureau, "Wolf Warrior 2: the nationalist action film storming China," *BBC News*, 2017.

⁶ 万. q Chéngchéng, "双重视野下的中国男性气质:以《战狼 2》为例 shuāngchóng shìyě xià de zhōngguó nánxìng qìzhì: Yǐ "zhàn láng 2," wéi lì. *朝阳Zhāoyáng: 中华女子学*, 2018.

⁷ E Kurniasari, *Xi Jinping dan sosialisme berkarakter Tiongkok era baru= Xi Jinping and socialism with Chinese characteristics for a new era*, Depok: UI Press, 2019 <<http://152.118.24.168/detail?id=20485454&lokasi=lokal>>.

⁸ "Routledge: Constitutive Process and Individual Security."

⁹ A Mayyasi, "Hollywood's First Summer Blockbuster," 2021.

killer of his girlfriend.¹⁰

In the film, it is told that Africa is experiencing an outbreak of an infectious disease. Because of this outbreak, China sent several doctors along with medical equipment and some medicines¹¹. When Leng Feng was in Africa, he worked as an employee at a Chinese export trading company to Africa. Leng Feng lived with the local people in peace until one day, the Red-Scarf rebel army, working with a group of illegal arms dealers, took over the area Leng Feng worked and made The area is a conflict area.¹²

Medical personnel sent by China and several workers from China are still trapped in the conflict area. They had to be evacuated to China to avoid the conflict. When the evacuation process had started, the Chinese ambassador for Africa had a dialogue with the Chinese Navy Captain to wait for the evacuation process because there were still doctors and 47 workers who were still trapped in the conflict zone.

Leng Feng heard the conversation between the Ambassador and the Navy Captain and took the initiative to save Chinese citizens who were still trapped in the conflict zone. Leng Feng's courage and skills became the main capital for volunteering for the Marine Captain to save them. Finally Leng Feng is given the task of a mission to evacuate Chinese nationals. Leng Feng is given a mission for a very limited time and without additional troops, allies or weapons.¹³

While on a mission, Leng Feng meets a mercenary who belongs to the Red-Scarf rebel unit named Big Daddy. Big Daddy is a former special forces officer working in America. Big Daddy is given the task of obstructing the evacuation process that is being carried out by Leng Feng. Big Daddy followed and tracked Leng Feng's whereabouts, until finally Leng Feng's location was discovered to be at the Hanbond Factory¹⁴.

After Big Daddy learned of Leng Feng's location, he immediately rushed to that location. Leng Feng and Big Daddy had a dialogue and in the end a fight between the two former army soldiers could not be avoided. Big Daddy and the rebel forces managed to overwhelm Leng Feng, who was assisted by several factory workers and the head of

¹⁰ Brian Leavy, "Will China's entrepreneurial migrant managers Awaken Africa's dream of becoming the next factory of the world?," *Strategy and Leadership*, 46.1 (2018), 36-42 <<https://doi.org/10.1108/SL-11-2017-0107>>.

¹¹ Satya Deo Palit, *One belt one road (OBOR) sebagai cara untuk mewujudkan Zhongguomeng = One belt one road (OBOR) as a way to realize Zhongguomeng*, Makalah dan Kertas Kerja Perpustakaan Univesitas Indonesia (Depok: UI Press, 2018) <<https://lib.ui.ac.id>>.

¹² W.M. Reisman, "The Quest for World Order and Human Dignity in the Twenty-first Century," *The Quest for World Order and Human Dignity in the Twenty-first Century*, 2013 <<https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004236165>>.

¹³ W Jing, "Wolf Warrior 2 (战狼 2 / zhàn láng) [Motion Picture]," 2017.

¹⁴ 陈 Qiánbīn, "电影《战狼 2》中冷锋人物形象及其现实意义 diànyǐng 'zhàn láng 2' zhōng lěngfēng rénwù xíngxiàng jí qí xiànrí yìyì. 襄阳," *xiāngyáng: China Academic Journal Electronic Publishing*, 2019.

security. The head of the rebel army felt that Big Daddy only wanted to chase Leng Feng, but in fact Big Daddy also mistreated other Chinese nationals¹⁵. The rebel chief didn't want to get into trouble with the Chinese for that he asked his troops to retreat and let Leng Feng carry out the evacuation mission. Because of the actions taken by the head of the rebels, Big Daddy finally killed him because he felt Leng Feng was a fun game target for Big Daddy

While evacuating, Leng Feng was made the target of Big Daddy's assassination and a fight ensued between Big Daddy and Leng Feng. Leng Feng and the factory workers who were being evacuated banded together and struggled to defend themselves against enemy attacks. In the end, Leng Feng was able to defeat Big Daddy and was able to bring the Chinese nationals to the port for evacuation¹⁶.

Africa, which is used as the setting for *Wolf Warrior 2*, was chosen by Wu Jing as the director because of the many incidents of evacuating Chinese citizens and several incidents of shooting and robbing Chinese citizens in Africa. China and Africa have cooperated in mutually beneficial policies. Because of the lack of natural resources to meet domestic needs in China, the country is undergoing several cooperation with countries that have large natural resources. Therefore, China chose to cooperate with Africa because Africa still has many resources that have not been managed properly. The management of natural resources in Africa carried out by China has made China provide several efforts to improve friendly relations such as relief efforts, eliminating debts, development funds, sending professional staff to African people and so on that is needed by Africa.

The good relations shown by China and Africa are continuously improving. Relations between China and Africa were inaugurated in 2006 with Hu Jiantao's visit to various capitals on the African continent, then a meeting of 48 African heads of state was held in November and held in Beijing (Jacques, 2009: 352). In 2013 Xi Jinping as president of China initiated the policy of "oneBelt and Road Policy/ One Belt One Road (OBOR)". With the OBOR policy, China is trying to maintain and strengthen friendship with Africa

The OBOR policy is known as the "New Silk Road Economic Belt" making cooperative relations in the economic sector stronger with Central Asia which focuses on trade and also the "21st Century Maritime Silk Road" which is an effort to strengthen China's relations with various countries in Asia, Africa and Europe with a focus on maritime trade security. Like the depiction in the film *Wolf Warrior 2*, China tries to depict the OBOR program by having large ships carrying logistics from China to a country in Africa

Several countries in the world are currently active in export trade. With such a situation several countries facilitate access to global trade. Using e-commerce and building new factories outside their countries are steps taken by developed countries to

¹⁵ 丁 瑜, “通过‘英雄之旅’理论分析英雄人物的塑造过程tōngguò ‘yīngxióng zhī lǚ’ lǐlùn fēnxī yīngxióng rénwù de sùzào guòchéng. 长春,” *Chāngchūn: 长春光华学院影视戏剧文学研究所 Chāngchūn guānghuá xuéyuàn yǐngshì xìjù wénxué yánjiū suǒ*, 2020.

¹⁶ D. A Rahardjo, “Geliat Selat Gibraltar,” 2013.

expand trade¹⁷. China is doing something similar by establishing some relationships with other countries. One of the countries that have become targets for cooperation carried out by China are countries on the African continent. Many products with the label "made in China" are scattered in countries in Africa. In addition, there are factories originating from China in Africa

Many countries think that China is only taking advantage of the trade and exploitation carried out in Africa. However, many efforts and assistance from China to help the African economy. China considers Africa to be a good friend and in the film *Wolf Warriors 2* the word "good friend" is mentioned several times in the film. With the acknowledgment of good friends from China to Africa, it proves that China shows good relations with Africa. This is evidenced by China's assistance to Africa, such as aid for Africa in dealing with disease outbreaks, waiver of state debt, and even brought in experts in agriculture, fisheries, education, medicine, and so on to help African people¹⁸.

On the other hand, China's role in the United Nations (UN) is also seen well by Africa. China is one of the permanent members of the UN Security Council from 5 other countries namely the United States, Russia, Britain, France. China's role as a permanent member of the UN Security Council is to become a "shield" for Africa to get international security protection. With China's status as a permanent member of the UN Security Council, Africa doesn't want to have problems with China and tries to be a good friend

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There are several previous articles that discuss the movie *Wolf Warrior 2* from several points of view, such as Chen Qianbin. Chen Qianbin in his article "The movie 'Wolf Warrior 2': Middle coldsharp figure Like and its Practical significance/ diányǐng 'zhàn láng 2' zhōng lěngfēng rénwù xíngxiàng jí qí xiànshí yìyì Description of Characteristics and True Meaning in Leng Feng's character 'Wolf Warrior 2'. Describes Leng Feng's characteristics and temperament in detail. Furthermore, this article explains the meanings of each character¹⁹.

Furthermore, Ding Yu in the article entitled "PassPass 'hero's journey' reason On Analyzing the Process of Shaping Heroes/ tōngguò 'yīngxióng zhī lǚ' lǐlùn fēnxī yīngxióng rénwù de sùzào guòchéng The Process of Forming Heroic Characteristics Through the Theory of 'Heroic Journey'". In his article, Ding Yu analyzes the process of forming the heroic character of the main character Leng Feng through the theory "hero's

¹⁷ Palit.

¹⁸ H Raleigh, "Wolf warrior II tells us a lot about China," *The National Interest*, 2019.

¹⁹ Qiánbīn.

journey/ yīngxióng zhī lǚ Heroic Journey”²⁰.

From the literature review above, it can be seen that it only discusses the main figures and the propaganda carried out by China. Most of the research above focuses on the main character and the competitive relationship between China and America through the film *Wolf Warrior 2*. What distinguishes this research from the sources above is looking at how the film *Wolf Warrior 2* displays, or represents, the relationship between China and Africa. and see its meaning through film scenes. Through this paper, the author wants to explain how the film *Wolf Warrior 2* represents the relationship between China and Africa in African soil

RESEARCH METHODS

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RESULT AND DISCUSSION

on movies *Wolf Warriors 2* the scene begins with the presence of ships transporting goods from China to Africa. The existence of ships transporting goods from China is a form of realization of international economic circulation, especially in this film the relationship between China and Africa. What will be discussed in this paper are several film scenes that show the relationship between China and Africa. In the storyline, there are many scenes depicting diplomatic relations between China and Africa from various fields, especially in the economic field. The discussion will begin with the export trade from China to Africa which is very clearly depicted in this film.

Export Trade from China to Africa

Leng Feng was an employee of the Chinese wine trade from China to Africa. Leng Feng was used to being an employee of the Chinese wine trade. Because he has to deal with foreigners other than Chinese, Leng Feng is used to using English to communicate with foreigners. His relationship with the local community is so familiar and warm. As soon as Leng Feng got off the cargo ship from China, he immediately distributed the goods to the local residents who were waiting for him at the harbor.

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Figures 1.1 and 1.2 Leng Feng is doing a trading transaction

(*Wolf Warrior 2*, 11:53 dan 11:54)

In this scene, Leng Feng decides to become adventurous by selling Chinese wine to Africa. Shown in the atmosphere at the port of goods ships are so full and crowded. Many foreign traders sell their wares to Africans or vice versa. Leng Feng seemed to be enjoying his profession even as he was called “boss/ boss” by his customers and people who offer him goods who are African.



Picture 2. Leng Feng sells Wine to Qian Bida

(*Wolf Warrior 2*, 18:14)

Picture 2 shows the scene when Leng Feng is selling wine to Qian Bida who is the owner of a convenience store that sells goods exported from China. The scene also shows that goods originating from China are easily accessible to African people. The goods sold by Qian Bida are mostly export goods sent from China to Africa.

China-Africa relations are clearly visible in the export trade sector. This has been discussed before *Forum of China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC)*. Through the forum it was explained that China's export products to countries in Africa include agricultural-food products, manufactured products, processed foods, light industrial products and textiles²¹. China's export trade which is clearly illustrated in this film is when Leng Feng becomes an employee of the wine trade directly from China that sells in Africa. In addition, Qian

²¹ Lindsay et al.

Bida, as the owner of a Chinese goods minimarket, described Chinese goods as easily accessible to African people²²

China and Africa are good friends

From the scenes in the film *Wolf Warriors 2* there is something that proves about diplomatic relations between China and Africa with the existence of a Chinese Ambassador to Africa, and is called Ambassador Fan. This represents that in the film *Wolf Warriors 2* has the aim to show how good relations between the two countries. Some of the scenes below show it like:

Statement from Leng Feng's relative

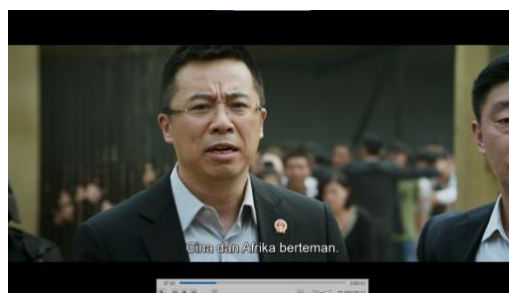


Figure 4. Ambassador Fan states that China and Africa are friends of the African rebel force

(*Wolf Warrior 2*, 27:10)

The scene in figure 4 shows that Ambassador Fan is trying to evacuate the Chinese who are in front to the headquarters of the Chinese Ambassador in Africa. Leng Feng and several other people who were being evacuated were nearly killed by the African rebel troops. However, this was prevented by the arrival of Ambassador Fan who stated that China and Africa were good friends. The rebels who previously wanted to kill Leng Feng and the others, discouraged because they did not want to have anything to do with or have a conflict with China.



Figures 5.1 and 5.2 Ambassador Fan stated that China and Africa are friends

²² Amitav Acharya, *理论概述 The Making of Global International Relations*, *Journal of Chemical Information and Modeling* (Cambridge University Press, 2019), LIII.

(*Wolf Warrior*, 30:41 dan 30:46)

In that scene, Ambassador Fan stated that China and Africa are friends with the rebel forces, he again stated this to the African Prime Minister with the intention of saving the Chinese doctor, Doctor Chen, and 47 factory workers from China. Ambassador Fan's communication with the African Prime Minister using English is as follows:

Dubes Fan: "Mister Prime Minister, please listen to me. I'm deeply sorry for what's happening in your country. But I believe, you have not forgotten about the help we provided it to your country and the friendship between our countries. I believe you understand how important our citizen Dr. Chen is to Africa. Please send somebody to protect his safety."

Based on the statement made by Ambassador Fan, it can be seen that he wanted to convince and remind of the services and assistance provided by China. Ambassador Fan also reminded the African Prime Minister for the dedication carried out by Dr. Chen in dealing with the disease outbreak that is happening in Africa. Because of the services that have been done by China, Ambassador Fan wants the protection of Chinese citizens who are in Africa.



Figures 6.1 and 6.2 He Jianguo praises the beauty of Africa

(*Wolf Warrior 2*, 1:00:11 dan 1:00:17)

Figures 6.1 and 6.2 show that He Jianguo, who was a former TPR 14th generation who became the head of security for the Chinese Hanbond factory, expressed the beauty that exists in Africa. He Jianguo's statement is contained in the following sentence:

He Jianguo: Africa. The food is good, the scenery is good, and the girl is good.

He Jianguo: Africa. Delicious food, beautiful scenery and beautiful women.

It can be seen that He Jianguo expressed the beauty that resides in Africa from food, scenery to women in Africa. He Jianguo said these words to Leng Feng who was watching the African workers get excited at the bonfire. He Jianguo's statement was approved by Leng Feng who nodded his head smiling at the bonfire feast.

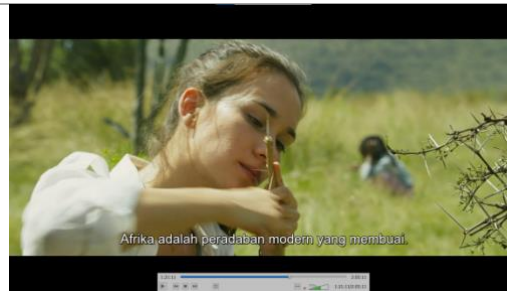


Figure 7. Dr. Rachel complimented Africa

(Wolf Warrior 2, 1:21:11)

Apart from He Jianguo, Dr. Rachel who is a partner of Dr. Chen who was rescued by Leng Feng praised Africa. In this scene Dr. Rachel was explaining to Leng Feng that previously developed African lands were currently in a slump and were being assisted by many countries, especially China. This is evidenced by the statement of Dr. Rachel as follows:

Dr. Rachel: My father said that humans left Africa 100,000 years ago. Africa is the cradle of modern civilization. However, when people who claim to be civilized come to Africa again. Instead it brought misery, slavery, disease and war. Koreans, Icelanders, Slavs, Americans, those are Chinese. They are all from all over the world, like my dad. They gave their youth for Africa. In the end, leave yourself in this land forever.”

Dr. Rachel: My dad said a hundred years ago mankind left Africa. Africa was the cradle of modern civilization. However, when people who prided themselves on civilization came to Africa again, bringing suffering, slavery, disease and war. Koreans, Icelanders, Slavs, Americans, there were some Chinese. They were all from all over the world. , like my father. For the sake of Africa they gave up their own youth. Until the day, establishes himself in this land forever.”

Unlike He Jianguo, Dr. Rachel praised that one hundred thousand years ago Africa was the cradle of modern civilization, but unfortunately a lot of suffering, slavery, disease and war have made Africa currently being assisted by many other countries to get back on its feet. Dr. Rachel mentioned every person from every country who helped Africa to get back on its feet, uniquely Dr. Rachel mentions “those are chinese/ there are some Chinese people” explaining that there are many Chinese people helping out in Africa.

Leng Feng's behavior

Although in the film Leng Feng does not say directly that China and Africa are good friends, Leng Feng always does his best to protect the people of China and Africa.



Figure 8. Leng Feng invites everyone in the convenience store (including Africans) to follow him to the Chinese Embassy

(Wolf Warrior 2, 23:01)

In this scene, the situation is very chaotic and scary, the rebel troops kill everyone who looks pro-government. Even the minimarket owned by Qian Bida was damaged by the actions of the rebel troops. Their lives were in danger, Qian Bida suggested going to the Chinese Embassy with Leng Feng, but the Africans also hoped for safety. There is a dialogue as follows:

Leng Feng: *Chinese embassy.*

Qian Bida: *Go to the embassy, they will take us in. we are Chinese.*

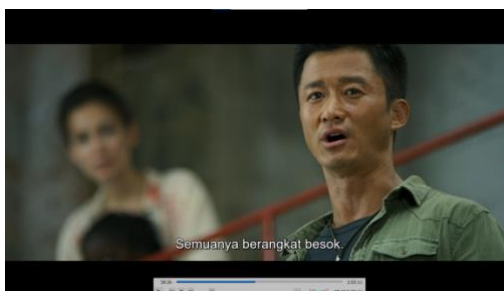
African 1: *Hei, what about us? What're we suppose to do?*

African 2: *Will they accept us?*

Qian Bida: *Hard to say, that's our country.*

Leng Feng: *Everybody follow me.*

In this situation it was clear that Leng Feng's character was different from Qian Bida. Qian Bida spoke to Leng Feng in Chinese “Go to the embassy, they will protect us. We are Chinese”. In addition, Qian Bida stated that it was difficult for the Chinese Embassy to protect Africans because it was the Chinese embassy's duty to protect Chinese people who were abroad. Meanwhile, Leng Feng wasn't thinking about that, he was thinking about how everyone could be saved. So Leng Feng told everyone in the convenience store including Africans to follow him to the Chinese Embassy.



Picture 9. Leng Feng Guaranteed every factory official to go to China for protection.

(Wolf Warrior 2, 58:26)

The situation in picture 9. is very moving, the Chinese and the Africans are separated. The Chinese will be evacuated by only 1 helicopter to China. Meanwhile, Africans will be left there because there is no transportation. Leng Feng dared to speak to all the factory employees. Leng Feng looked sad to see that there was a divide between Africans and Chinese, he hit things so that everyone paid attention to him and said:

Leng Feng: I brought the plane. Everyone listen to me. Let's go together tomorrow. Women and children get on the plane, men follow me. Everybody, we leave together.

Leng Feng: My helicopter brought it here. Everybody hear me. Tomorrow all go together. Women and children go by helicopter, men go with me. Everyone, we go together.

Leng Feng's statement above made everyone cheer and feel safe. Africans and Chinese who had previously been separated were reunited and happy together. At night they have a bonfire party to celebrate the joy and happiness of feeling protected from war:



Figures 10 and 11. Leng Feng raises the Chinese flag to pass through the war zone

(Wolf Warrior 2, 1:55:04 dan 1:55:06)

After a violent fight at the Hanbond Factory, the fight is won by Leng Feng. In the end, all factory employees were evacuated by land. On the way, a group of Chinese and all employees of the Hanbond Factory saw the civil war continuing. Leng Feng immediately rushed to raise the Chinese flag so that he could pass through the war zone. The Chinese flag signal that was raised by Leng Feng was seen by the war troops, so they stopped fighting only for the group of Chinese people to pass through the war zone safely.

Statements from Leng Feng's relatives and Leng Feng's behavior towards African people illustrate that China truly treats Africa as a good friend. Likewise the behavior of Africans towards Chinese. In the final scene of the film, the civil war in Africa briefly stops fighting only to allow Chinese people with Chinese flags to pass through the war zone. Like a good friend, China helps Africa's every need and need, helping out in times of trouble and not discriminating. Africa is extremely rich in raw materials, and recent discoveries of oil and natural gas have led China to take advantage of them and replace them with facilities that China can provide Africa with. Exploitation of natural resources

is needed by China because it is very poor in natural resources. In return, the Chinese side made various efforts including doubling aid, increasing the Sino-African development fund, providing preferential loans and preferential credit, writing off the debt of the most indebted and least developed African countries, training 15,000 African professionals, sending 100 agricultural experts to Africa, built 30 hospitals and 100 rural schools, and increased the number of Chinese Government scholarships for African students from 2,000 per year to 4,000 per year in 2009

Chinese factory in Africa

Cooperation between China and Africa is not only limited to the export of products from China to Africa or the export of natural resources from Africa to China. China-Africa cooperation has led China to set up factories in Africa. In the film *Wolf Warrior 2*, there is a factory in Africa owned by a Chinese businessman. In the story, Leng Feng has to save 47 Chinese employees who work in this factory.



Figure 12. Chinese Hanbond Factory

(*Wolf Warrior 2*, 52:17)

In figure 12, the factory located in Africa owned by the Chinese entrepreneur is called the Chinese Hanbond Factory. In the film, this factory is owned by a young entrepreneur named Zhuo Yifan. In the film, it is not clear what the Hanbond Factory is producing. The information contained in the film about this factory is that there are 47 Chinese people working there. This very grand and spacious factory has one head of factory security, namely He Jianguo who was formerly the 14th batch of TPR.

According to Irene Yuan Sun, China is the fastest growing source of foreign investment in Africa. Currently, there are more than 10,000 Chinese companies already operating in Africa, and three-quarters of them have arrived in the last decade. Thus, the factories owned by Chinese entrepreneurs located in Africa are one of the major economic drivers for both China and Africa. The existence of the Chinese Hanbond Factory in the film *Wolf Warrior 2* illustrates the situation of international African economic cooperation which has given space to China until now.

China and the United Nations (UN)

In this film, there are several scenes that state the relationship between China and the United Nations. China looks very submissive to the rules that the United Nations ordered. In this film, China follows every UN rule, especially in terms of defense.



Figure 13. Chinese Navy Captain explaining that without UN authorization they cannot enter a war zone

(Wolf Warrior 2, 30:02)

In picture 13 there is a Captain who has just arrived at the port of Africa talking with Ambassador Fan. The captain explained that his ship could enter because of UN permission. The area they are currently on is in the red zone of war, so ships cannot leave without UN permission. The captain and Ambassador Fan had argued because the Captain was very obedient to UN orders to immediately return to China after evacuating the Chinese nationals, while Ambassador Fan asked the Captain to send someone to evacuate the Chinese nationals who were still in the war zone, including Dr. Chen and 47 Chinese factory worker.



Figures 14 and 15. Leng Feng reports that 1 UN rescue helicopter is coming to evacuate the people at the factory.

(Wolf Warrior 2, 55:50)

In this scene, Leng Feng announces that a UN rescue helicopter will arrive at the Hanbond Factory to evacuate the factory workers at 7:00 am. However, the large number of factory employees did not allow them to be able to evacuate everyone in the factory, which was a problem for them. This problem could be solved by Leng Feng deciding that the women and children on board the helicopter. Meanwhile the men would go with Leng Feng overland. Leng Feng's decision was well received by everyone in the factory, they still took advantage of the help from the United Nations and took other measures for the people who couldn't get on the helicopters because their numbers were over capacity.



Figure 15. Commander of the Rebel Forces Reveals that China is a permanent member of the UN security council

(Wolf Warrior 2, 1:12:18)

In this scene, the Commander of the African rebel forces declares that China is a permanent member of the UN Security Council. He wanted China on his side when the commander took power. That is one of the reasons Africa doesn't want to have problems with Chinese citizens. Rebel troop commanders know that China is vital to Africa's economic, political and security advancement. Thus, the commander of the African rebel army was so unwilling to get in trouble with the Chinese that he scolded the mercenary Big Daddy for fighting with the Chinese in a factory owned by a Chinese citizen.

The People's Republic of China has been involved in joining the United Nations since 1970. Previously, membership was held by the Republic of China, but since the Chinese government was led by the Chinese Communist Party, the People's Republic of China has become a member of the United Nations. The People's Republic of China is a member of the United Nations Security Council. The UN Security Council has 5 permanent members namely the United States, Britain, Russia, France and China and has 15 non-permanent members who are elected every 2 years. The UN Security Council is tasked with handling every issue of world peace and international security (Bureau, 2018). China's role as a permanent member of the UN Security Council can be relied upon by people who want to control countries in Africa to get protection and recognition from China

CONCLUSION

The film Wolf Warriors 2 shows scenes that represent the good relations between China and Africa. One of the relationships shown is China's export trade relationship. In one of the scenes it can be seen that there are a lot of goods being exported from China to Africa. Not only trade, another thing that is shown in the film Wolf Warriors 2 is that there are strong diplomatic relations between China and Africa when Ambassador Fan asks the African Prime Minister for protection for Chinese citizens.

China looks very advanced in this film. From various fields China shows its superiority. Starting from an economic perspective, China is capable of exporting various kinds of industrial products to Africa, and has even built many factories in Africa; From a political point of view, China seems to have really helped Africa with the various kinds of assistance that Ambassador Fan clearly stated and the volunteers Dr. Chen who helped overcome the Lamanla epidemic in Africa; From a defense standpoint, China is a permanent member of the UN Security Council, China obeys UN orders and there is a

UN helicopter in the film scene evacuating Chinese people showing its involvement in the UN as a permanent member of the UN Security Council.

However, the film does not show what Africa provides. In fact, Africa has many natural resources that China does not have, these natural resources are needed by China to expedite its economy. By knowing these deficiencies, it requires China to look for countries with abundant natural resources. Africa is one of the countries that China needs because Africa is rich in natural resources and has not been managed properly. As a reciprocal of this, China provides a lot of assistance, which continues to increase every year, such as scholarships for African students and students, write-off of state debts, sending Chinese experts to Africa.

Even in this film, it is not explained which country and which part of Africa, but only gives the African setting. China as a country, while Africa is a continent. The existence of a relationship between a country and a continent is not an exact equivalent. Especially in this film, it is not natural for countries to be superior to continents.

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