CONCLUSION

This research on *A Man Called Otto* (2022) illustrates the significant impact of love and belonging needs on the emotional well-being and character development of the main character, Otto, using Maslow's hierarchy of needs as a framework. The findings highlight how the absence of these needs results in negative consequences, such as hostility, loneliness, hopelessness, and suicidal ideation. In contrast, their fulfillment leads to positive transformations, including increased caring, openness, acceptance, and joy.

This study has two key implications. First, it contributes to a deeper understanding of how fulfilling love and belonging needs can drive character development and influence behavior. This emphasizes the importance of social bonds and emotional support in achieving mental well-being and personal growth, particularly among older people. Second, this research offers valuable insights for filmmakers and scholars interested in age-related themes and underscores the relevance of these needs in society.