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Title:. Stylistic and Ideological Differences in the Portrayal of Two Mothers in Amma Darko's Faceless.

Recommendation:
Accept as it is .....
Accept after minor revision.....
Accept after major revision .....
Do not accept (*Reasons below*) .....

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity	✓			
Significance	✓			

Reviewer Name: Dr. Mithilesh kumar shukla

Reviewer's Comment for Publication:
This paper examines how two mothers, MaaTsuru and Kabria, are portrayed in Amma Darko's *Faceless* (2003) through a stylistic analysis grounded in an eclectic grammatical framework combining Text Grammar, Transformational Generative Grammar, and Systemic Functional Grammar. Using quantitative and qualitative methods, two purposively selected passages introducing each mother are analyzed for transitivity patterns, thematic structures, and foregrounding/backgrounding devices. Findings reveal contrasting portrayals: MaaTsuru is depicted as passive, helpless, and ostracized through dominant relational processes and agentless passives, while Kabria is shown as active, progressive, and capable through dominant material processes and dynamic participants. These stylistic choices encode opposing ideological perspectives on motherhood, gender, and patriarchy, illustrating Darko's binary representation of women in traditional African society.
Recommendation: Accept after minor revision, .

Detailed Reviewer's Report

STRENGTHS:

1- The paper is firmly grounded in stylistics, drawing on established scholars (Fowler, Leech & Short, Simpson, Halliday), providing a solid scholarly foundation.
2- It is Combining Text Grammar, Transformational Generative Grammar, and Systemic Functional Grammar offers a comprehensive analytical toolkit.
3- Integrating quantitative and qualitative (interpretive) methods strengthens the analysis and findings.
4- The clause-by-clause transitivity analysis with a clear coding scheme demonstrates methodological rigor and transparency.
5- It is Focus on Transitivity Patterns and Attention to Foregrounding and Backgrounding.

WEAKNESSES:

1- Limited Textual Sample and Lack of Inter-Coder Reliability.
2- While percentages are reported, no statistical tests
3- The analysis focuses heavily on grammar (transitivity, theme) but pays little attention to lexical choices, figurative language, or discourse-level features.

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