

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

In everyday life, there are so many uses of styles. Style is part of aspects of life for human, ranging from lifestyle, learning style, speaking style, dress style, or language style. In the literary world, language also has its own style which is known as stylistic. In this case, language style includes diction or word choice, sentence structure and figure of speech used by a writer or speaker in a literary work. For example, we can guess who the author of a literary work is because we find the characteristics of the use of language that typical, its tendency to consistently use a certain structure. For example, Boy Candra is known for his unique and simple language style when writing novels. The style of language and writing is one of the interesting elements in a reading. Authors have different styles in expressing each of their writing ideas. Every work created will have a style that is influenced by the author. It can be said that the character of the writer has a great influence on the work he creates. This is relevant to Keraf's opinion which said that language style can be seen from two different points of view, namely in terms of non-language and in terms of language. In terms of non-language, style can be categorized based on author, time, media, problem, place, purpose, and target, meanwhile from in terms of language style, the language is categorized based on word choice, tone choice, sentence structure, and delivery of sentences (Keraf, 2007) Language style is important to study because it expresses everything that is in the mind through distinctive languages. The language of each person is varies, because they have a different style of language in conveying their meaning. The style of language is identical to the typical style of an author himself. The use of language style in literary works is opposite to the use of language in scientific

works. The use of language in scientific works must use correct language, choose the right words, the clear sentences, this must be very careful so as not to cause ambiguous meanings. Meanwhile the use of language in literary works has more freedom that comes from the creativity of the author or speaker, because it is intended to have a wealth of meaning. A distinctive style of language in literary work is called stylistics. Stylistics is a style of language used by a person in expressing ideas through writing (Musthafa, 2008). In addition, the notion of stylistics is also put forward by Tuloli. Stylistics in general talks about the use of a distinctive or special language, which is the hallmark of an author, literary genre, deviations from everyday language or from the language that is used normal, and so on (Tuloli, 2000). Language style includes diction or word choice, sentence structure, meaning used by a writer or contained in a literary work. We can guess who the author of a literary work is through the characteristics of the use of the typical language used, the tendency to consistently use a certain structure, a person's personal style of language. For example, Tere Liye is known for her distinctive style and deep meaning. After reading a literary work, we can also determine the variety (genre) based on the style of the text because of the peculiarities of language use, including typography. The language style of a work can also reveal the period, generation, or literary genre. For example, we can recognize the language style of a work as an egalitarian style or a realism style. We can predict a work published at the time of *Balai Pustaka* by paying attention to the style of language (style of force).

There have been many researchers who have studied this topic in general, but there is another side of the topic that needs to be explored further, namely language style especially in *A Walk to Remember* novel. This famous novel was written by Nicholas Sparks in 1999, northern California. The novel was set in the 1950s and used a first-person point of view. The narrator in this novel was Landon Carter, a 57 year old who was

remembering his bitter sweet moment with Jamie when he was 17 years old. The plot in this novel was backwards. This novel was not 100% fictitious because it was inspired by the life story of her sister, Danielle Sparks Lewis who died because of cancer. Just like the story in the novel, her sister's husband proposed to her when she was sick. Landon Carter, a 17 year old boy who lived in Beaufort, Northern California on the coast near Morehead City. Landon's neighborhood was close to a reverend named Hegbert. Landon and Hegbert's family did not have a good relationship. Hegbert had a daughter named Jamie Sullivan, a girl who always tied her hair up and carried the Bible wherever she went. Jamie was Landon's classmate at Beaufort High School, but Landon was not close to Jamie. Their relationship began when the school celebrated a homecoming party and Landon was forced to bring Jamie because the other friends already have their own partners. Their relationship continued when Jamie asked Landon for help to become a character in a play that his father wrote. Landon was first amazed by Jamie's natural beauty when she played the role as the main character. After their involvement in the drama, Landon grew closer to Jamie, started with him brought Jamie to her house until it became his routine. Landon began to learn about organizations Jamie was involved in, such as orphanages. Until they intend to hold an appearance on Christmas Eve. At the Christmas, both Jamie and Landon enjoyed their event. While the children were sleeping, Landon came to Jamie who was sitting under a tree with a sleeping child on her lap. Then, Landon gave Jamie a gift contained a sweater, and Jamie gave Landon a gift contained her mother's Bible. From the activities that have brought them together, Landon finally fell in love with Jamie. He wondered how he fell in love with that girl. Landon bravely invited Jamie over to his house for dinner. Jamie, who heard this, of course agreed, even though she was actually surprised because Landon had never invited her to his house before. At first, Hegbert was surprised and disagreed, but, then he agreed. After weeks later, Landon

confessed his love for Jamie. Jamie who heard this was happy but she told Landon that she could not be his girlfriend because Jamie was currently suffering from leukemia. Jamie's condition was getting worst day by day, so Hegbert announced that his daughter was sick and could not go to school anymore. Everyone who had ever disliked Jamie started to come to her and apologize for what they had done. Since that incident, Landon's days had been empty and sad, he was confused about how he could make Jamie happy, and then he remembered that Jamie really wanted to get married. After that, Jamie asked the blessing of Hegbert and Landon's parents. At first the statement was rejected, but with Landon's conviction, they finally agreed. Then, Landon and Jamie were married in a church that was well attended. Although Jamie used a wheelchair, she decided to walk to the aisle accompanied by his father. Landon remembered and thought that it was the most difficult walk anyone ever had to make. In every way, a walk to remember. The novel ended with Landon, 57 years old. He loved Jamie so much and still wore the wedding ring on his finger.

After reading the novel of *A Walk To Remember*, it gave rise to various responses from readers. It evokes feelings of irritation and happiness at the beginning, but sad at the end of the chapter. Nicholas Sparks' third novel has a backstory set in the 1950s, about the love of two different teenagers. Landon comes from a rich family and is very good at socializing with his friends at school, while Jamie is pastor's daughter who always carries the Bible wherever she goes and looks clumsy to the purpose of being shunned by her friends. The author is able to make the readers do not feel bored, one of them when Landon is fall in love with Jamie. With the style of language used by Nicholas Sparks, it managed to make the readers feel as if they were part of the story. No wonder if the third novel by Nicholas was adapted to the big screen in 2002. However, this novel also has

shortcomings where the story told seems clichéd about a sick girl and a man who later falls in love with her and the storyline is predictable.

In another review comes from Tri Evina, by title *Book Review of Nicholas Sparks' A Walk to Remember*. This novel tells about a romantic love story. The issue in this novel is when Landon begins to fall in love with Jamie Sullivan, he begins to learn the truth that the woman he loves is sick. The story in this novel is very touching and has many meanings in each story.

Second review from The Bookish Elf with the title *Book Review: A Walk to Remember by Nicholas Sparks*. The charm of this novel lies in its simplicity and purity; serene setting, easy plot, easy to understand dialogue and a beautiful and amazing love story, but not complicated. No madness! Just one of the most beautiful, simple, pure and wholesome love stories ever written, *A Walk to Remember* by Nicholas Sparks, is truly worthy of going down in history.

Third review from Hannah Lav entitled *A Book to Remember: Student Reviews 'A Walk to Remember' by Nicholas Sparks*. It inspires how they face various obstacles together. The plot is that at one point in the book after London and Jamie meet, they develop a very strong and heartfelt relationship. At this point they had only known each other a few weeks and were finally able to become a loving couple. The theme of this book is love, but what the author really wants to teach you is that it's okay to let the person you love go. The character development in this book is excellent. Not only do the two characters truly mature, but Landon & Jamie's relationship grows as well.

The theoretical approach that will underlie this research is a stylistic approach. The stylistic approach is used in this study because the novel is not a type of modern literature. So it takes patience in analyzing the language style contained in the classic story of this novel. In addition, there are various kinds of language styles in it and are interesting to

study more deeply. Based on this phenomenon, the researcher finds that stylistic approach is the right theory to analyze the issues of this novel. This is in accordance with the objectives of the stylistics contained in *Kaji Bahasa Karya Sastra* (Purba, 2009) include: (1) Explaining the relationship between language and its artistic function and meaning. (2) Determine the use of literary language. (3) Answering the writer's questions. (4) Replacing subjective and impressive literary criticism with a more objective and scientific analysis of literary discourse. (5) Describe the special characteristics of a literary work. (6) To examine various forms of language style used by writers in their works.

The study of stylistics is about style, which is the method used by a speaker or a writer to express his intention by using language as a means. Style is a language style that includes diction, sentence structure, figure of speech, imagery, rhyme patterns, and dimensions used by an author or contained in a literary work (Sudjiman, 1993). In this research, the researcher will discuss about language style, where language style has several categories, namely frozen, formal, consultative, casual and intimate styles. This language style is taken based on the text used by Landon when he has dialogues. Based on that, we must know that language has a style in it. With so many types of language style in *A Walk to Remember* novel, we can make all expressions that seem abstract to be more concrete and can be enjoyed and absorbed. In addition, language style can give the impression and deep meaning that the author wants to convey to the reader. Therefore, researcher is interested in conducting research with the title “Language Style Reflected in *A Walk to Remember* Novel by Nicholas Sparks (1999): Stylistics Approach”.

B. Research Questions

Based on the background of study above, the statements of problem are stated as follows:

1. What are the types of language styles used by the main character in *A Walk to Remember* novel?
2. What are the functions of language styles used by the main character in *A Walk to Remember* novel?
3. How are the language style used by the main character in *A Walk to Remember* novel?

C. Objectives of the Study

The objective of this study is related to the problem statement above:

1. To analyze the types of language style used by the main character used in *A Walk to Remember* novel.
2. To analyze the function of language style used by the main character in *A Walk to Remember* novel.
3. To describe the language style used by the main character in *A Walk to Remember* novel.

D. Benefits of the Study

Based on the research objectives above, the benefits expected by researcher as follows:

1. Theoretical Benefit

The results of this study can be used to enrich theory and give contribution of knowledge in analyzing the novel of *A Walk to Remember*.

2. Practical Benefit

The results of this study are useful for the next researchers where they can use this research as a reference to analyze the novel of *A Walk to Remember*.