

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Every person has goal in their life. People are motivated to do something in order to create a final goal. When people have a great goal in life then they begin their effort to get the final goal based on their ability, or sometimes do some amazing things, like sacrifice his or her life just to achieve the goal of life. The strong desire to achieve something will become the man's ambition.

Ambition is one of the characters of human being. An ambitious people will ignore the others even everything that obscure them to get final goal, including moral, norm or social aspect. Every person has different ambition. It depends on each individual. Every human's behavior brings particular style toward their own lifestyle because human is a unique configuration of motive, characters, interest and values.

Human value has social interest to be researched by individual perspective. The normal individual is genuinely concerned about people and has a good of thinking that encompasses the well being of all people. Human life has no values unless she/he contributes to the life of the people and even to the life of future generation. All phenomena are unified within the individual in a self-consistent manner.

That is why literature is formed as reflection of life. Literature as the reflection of human activity is created for understanding human's existence along with all of this mental and inner self-problem. Literature and psychology have the same object of research that is human being. Literature has a tight relationship to psychology. (Wellek and Warren, 1956:94).

One of the literature authors concerning with the psychology problem especially ambition is John Grisham in his novel entitled *The Testament*. It is published by Dell Publishing, New York, 1999. John Grisham is one of the greatest authors in the world who writes many kinds of bestseller novel and his novel is sold out all over 200 millions copies. The exciting novels are *The street lawyer*(1999), *The Partner*(1998),*A Time To Kill*(1992),*Rainmaker*(1996),*King Of Torts*(2003),*The Broker*(2005),*A Painted House*(2001),*The Firm, The Client, and the Bleacher*(2004)

In *The Testament*, John Grisham expressed true emotion and also there are many conflicts in this novel. This novel tells us about an old, eccentric, lonely, and sickness man, named Troy Phelan, killed himself by flying down from 14th floor of his office, just a few minutes after he signed his will. He gave all his eleven billion dollars for a mysterious woman named Rachel Lane. So, Phelan's lawyer assigned Nate O'Riley, an addicted lawyer who tried to free from his addiction. He ought to find his heirs in hinterland of Brazil. In his journey, he must fight against several temptations from outside and inside of himself. His ambition was to be a

better man in order to build his existence. He could open his mind when he met Rachel and was able to pass his problem by facing all of problem without running from the problem itself.

From the above consideration, the researcher attempts to analyze the major character using the individual psychological approach because of some consideration. Firstly, his ambition of the major character is a reflection of human being. Secondly, he has possibility to know phenomena of psychological problem in the life of character. So, the researcher uses *AMBITION OF NATE O'RILEY IN JOHN GRISHAM'S THE TESTAMENT: AN INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH* as the title of the research.

B. Literature Review

As far as the writer concerns there is only one researcher that had analyzed this novel, at least in Sebelas Maret University, Gajah Mada University, Diponegoro University, and Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta. The researcher is Endari. She wrote the thesis entitled *Optimist Personality of Nate O'Riley in John Grisham's The Testament: A Psychoanalytic Approach*. She focus on optimistic personality of one major character in *The Testament* named Nate O'Riley

Furthermore, there is no student in Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta who has analyzed *The Testament*. The present researcher will

analyze it by focusing on an ambition of Nate O'Riley , the main character of the novel.

C. Problem Statement

Based on the background of the research, the researcher proposed a major problem. The major problem is how the major character realizes his ambition to make his life better.

D. Limitation of the Study

This study is limited to ambition of Nate O'Riley, the major character in the novel *The Testament*. This study uses the theory of individual psychological development by Alfred Adler. It is as a means of analyzing with consideration that human being has striving for superiority, in which formulation and development of personality are influenced by many factors.

E. Objectives of the Study

The objectives of the study are:

1. To analyze the novel based on its structural elements
2. To analyze the novel based on the individual psychological approach

F. Benefit of the Study

The benefits of the study deal with:

1. Theoretical Benefit

To improve the body of knowledge in studying literature and give contribution to literary studies on John Grisham's *The Testament*.

2. Practical Benefit

To give deeper understanding about the content of the play especially from the psychology aspect.

G. Research Method

1. Object of Study

The object of the study is John Grisham *The Testament* to discuss the ambition of the main character in his struggle for life and its influence on his behavior.

2. Type of the Study

The writer uses a library research, which employs a qualitative method. The writer also applies individual psychology of the main characters as a means of further research.

3. Data Source

The data source are primary and secondary data source

a. Primary Data Sources

The primary data are taken from the texts of the novel *The Testament*. It consists of dialogue, plot, themes, conflicts, and the whole narration, etc, which are relevant to the object of the study John Grisham's *The Testament*.

b. Secondary Data Sources

Secondary data sources are some materials related to the data required, such as the author's biography, the related theories, etc.

4. Data Collecting Technique

The writer uses library research in collecting data, which involves several steps:

- a. Reading the novel repeatedly
- b. Marking the point in the novel to make easy in analyzing it.
- c. Taking notes of important in both primary and secondary data.
- d. Classifying the data into groups according categories of elements of literary study.
- e. Selecting them by rejecting the irrelevant sources, this doesn't have important information to support the topic of the study.

5. Data Analyzing Technique

The writer uses individual psychological approach and applies it by using the descriptive analysis. In addition, the writer also adds the structural analysis of the work. Firstly, the data are arranged in a list of data. Secondly, the researcher is looking for a selecting the correlation of data by using the chosen approach. Thirdly, all data from the second step are arranged. Finally, a conclusion is drawn.

H. Paper Organization

This research paper is divided into five chapters. The first chapter is introduction, which consists of the background of the study, literature review, limitation of the study, problem statement, objective of the study, benefits of the study, research method and paper organization. The second chapter deals with review of underlying theory involving the theory of individual psychology that will be used to analyze the data. The third chapter is structural analysis. In this chapter, the writer explains the structural elements of the novel. The fourth chapter is individual psychological analysis. And the last chapter is conclusion and suggestion.