

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### **A. Background of the Study**

Life and love are two things that cannot be separated. In this life people need love. Vladimir Solovyov (1995) in *The Meaning of Love* stated that “the meaning of human love, speaking generally, is the justification and salvation of individuality through the sacrifice of egoism”. According to Zick Rubin (1970), “love means liking”. Loving, he believes involves being close to someone; it include dependency, a more selfless orientation toward the individual, and qualities of absorption and exclusiveness.

Life is a process through which human beings, as long as they breathe in this world. In life sometimes all that happens is not as beautiful as planned. Of course every human being alive has had problems respectively. Sometimes they get experience like frustration, despair, revenge or hatred against a person very deep. Indeed, to find happiness in life is to give love and affection. In fact, sometimes people who have a true love are able to think clearly and act more calmly. Love believed to have the power that can change anything. Fromm's analysis in Zick Rubin (1970) stated that “the components of love, which he identifies as care, responsibility, respect, and knowledge”. Of course everyone has different way to loving someone. It is depend on the level of emotion and personality of each person.

Can love change someone? Someone who has never found true love will become a better person after he found it. Humans move and work only by mechanical figures. Such conditions lead to humans became a lonely individual. The relationship between human beings is the relationship concerned. Then what is able to be given to someone else? The issue of love in the paradigm of a Western philosopher Erich Fromm, (in Fromm, 1956: 41) expressed in the following quote.

"The most important in this case is not a matter that he had sacrificed his life for the sake of others but that she has given what is alive in him: he gave his joy, his interests, his understanding, his knowledge, his humour, his grief-all expressions and manifestations of that were in him. With a person's actions have enriched others, increasing feelings of other people's lives through increased feelings of his own"

Fromm criticized those who see love in a modern vision of beauty and enjoyment without seeing love as an essential part of the art of living. Even love is the art of life itself, and a view to a more complete human being. Love gives a powerful spirit of life. Without love, people become inharmonious emotionally and sometimes they fell hopeless. In the view of the author Eloisa James in her book *When Beauty Tamed The Beast* that tell about love, love can remove hatred and resentment in a person and certainly brings a happiness.

A regency historical romance novel *When Beauty Tamed the Beast* was written by Eloisa James, and published in January 2011. It contains of 374 pages and 35 chapters. Eloisa James's *When Beauty Tamed the Beast* is a historical romance novel. The novel is an adaptation of the fairy tale Beauty

and the Beast, Beast here only in the form of an earl, who was nicknamed Doctor Beast and a beautiful woman as his fiancée, but packed with more modern style and the story be more real by Eloisa James.

Linnet Berry Thrynne is the daughter of a viscount (title of nobility under the earl or count and above a baron). Pretty petite girl, had a remarkable smile, red-haired and blue-eyed, fair like magnolia flowers and brighter than the sun. Having intelligence and sharp-tongued. But actually she is a friendly and courteous enough. Piers Yelverton, Earl of Marchant and heir of the Duke of Windebank, live in a castle Owfesty in Pendine, Wales. Piers is a Christian. He is blonde, tall and slim. He is a doctor and a sharp-tongued who got a chronically diseased and limping with a cane. He is also a genius who has bad manners.

Linnet Thynne is being courted by a prince, when the prince suddenly announced discrepancy to marry, and then left Linnet in the middle of the dance causing a scandal. The next day, rumours are circulating that Linnet was pregnant with the child prince as a party dress that made her look like a pregnant woman even though she was still a virgin. Linnet's father saw the scandal as something between a nuisance and a personal insult to him. Along with Linnet's aunt (the sister of his deceased mother), who makes the scheme to marry Linnet with the son of the Duke of Windebank, known as the only man desperate to find a partner. Rumours about Linnet conditions actually accepted by the Duke, he thinks his son is an impotent man and Duke is believed to be obsessed with the royal blood.

Linnet thought the whole thing was silly, but on the other hand, she does not want to keep hanging around in London, given that no one came to her rescue. So she immediately packed to Wales and stays in residence hereditary Duke of Windebank, ready to be a bride to a man she imagines a weak and easily manipulated. She knows from the duke that his son Piers Yelverton, Earl of Marchant, is a brilliant doctor who did not have the patience, and is known as a temperamental. But she did not doubt their own ability to use her beauty and charm to make Piers fall in love with her. Once that happens, Linnet could come clean about the fact that she was not pregnant.

Piers is not like what people expects Linnet. He also hates his father and has no intention to marry. His lives mostly delivered as a hospital, where he treats patients with various diseases and teach the young doctor's training. Piers himself suffered a bad leg, the result of a childhood accident, which caused him to walk with a limp and give him a lot of pain. Piers irritability was associated with the pain; the rest just seems to be a natural disposition. Piers say to Linnet that he would never marry, and Linnet also agrees that they do not fit each other. Piers made a promise to him that he would not get married to anyone.

Until one day, a patient came to the hospital for treatment and the patient turn's scarlatina anginosa disease includes fever infection red spots. The disease is spread quickly and become deadly outbreak in Wales. Because of that, patients who are not infected should be immediately removed from

the castle. Piers immediately ordered Linnet to leave Wales before her and the other people in the castle contracted the disease proficiency level. Piers told Linnet to go back to London and it means that they had to be separated, and that also means that both of them would never see each other again because clean hard Pies will never get married. Although Linnet admits that she fell in love and she knew Piers had fallen in love with her. Linnet went away with sadness and a heavy heart.

After 6 days passed, Piers never stop thinking about Linnet, until he remembers that Linnet dancing with Bitts, a young doctor on the night before she left. And after that night Bitts was infected by a fever red spots. Piers quickly went to search Linnet, she was possible sick because of contracting the disease. Finally he found Linnet lying plight in Llanddowll area and she was dying. Piers immediately help, and after the situation improved Piers brought her back to the castle and intend to marry her soon. But now Linnet found her skin very bad because of the disease and not as pretty as before. She always locked herself in his room and did not want to meet anyone.

Piers are desperate because of Linnet's attitudes, until the dawn Piers steal Linnet was asleep in his bed and took him to the pool to swim, Linnet was very angry. But Piers convinced him that he fell in love with Linnet and not for her beauty but she fell in love with what it is at all in him he is only owned Linnet. And it is not shared by other women. They were finally married and have one son who since childhood has ambitions to

become a surgeon like his father, and a daughter who was very beautiful like her mother.

Reader response is necessary to know how popular this work is. Many readers said that Eloisa James's *When Beauty Tamed The Beast* novel is a favourite novel since it was first published and marketed. This novel is recommended for readers who love the story of the search for true love. Especially for historical romance novels and fairy tale classic *Beauty And The Beast* lovers. And many of them gave a positive response about this novel. One of them is Diana who said "I would recommend this book to anyone who loves classic fairy tales, bitter end, and a hero to the backbone, intelligent characteristics, and a bad-tempered hero sarcastic more than meets the eye. You just have to read to find out!"

Eloisa James's *When Beauty Tamed the Beast* is a famous historical romance novel by The New York Times Best Selling Author, Eloisa James. Historical romance novel is a romance novel that has as its setting a usually significant period of history. The novel *When Beauty Tamed The Beast* was a 2012 RITA finalist for regency historical romance, but this novel does not win an award.

Eloisa James's *When Beauty Tamed The Beast* is an interesting novel. It can be seen from the structural elements from this novel. The structural elements of novel include the character and characterization, plot, theme, setting and style. This novel consists of two major characters and

twenty three minor characters. The major character has good and special characterization so that the reader is able to feel what the major character did. The minor characters support major characters so that the novel looks alive.

Linnet Thryne and Piers Yelverton are both very strong characters. Linnet is an incredibly beautiful woman, but sharp-tongued. And Piers is a stubborn man with a smart brain. The interaction of the two main characters make this novel draws the reader to get to know this novel further.

The novel, *When Beauty Tamed The Beast*, also uses progressive plot or straight plot. Each event causes the next event, so that it arranges orderly. The theme is about the importance of love in life, love is willing to accept others as they are and true love can changes her partner's life to the better direction. It is how people live without knowing the truly love, and how their life could be better than before with doing honest loving.

Eloisa James takes the setting in London and almost Wales to support the novel. The time is use the historical setting. At that time, in Europe everybody looked degrees of every human being based on the level of nobility. The language style in this novel also supports the intended idea and aim of the narrator. The text and the dialogues that the narrator has organized use the simple, comprehensible, vigorous and straightforward English. It makes its reader understand social background of this novel.

The message of this novel that is conveyed by the author is about love not only growing by the physical beauty, but because of intelligence,

attitude, character, and sincerity. And no matter how hard someone's heart will surrender and yield well in the end because they love sincere.

*When Beauty Tamed The Beast* novel is one of 2012 RITA (Romance Writers of America) Awards finalist for regency historical romance. The reader is also introduced the society of Europe in historical setting. This story is important because it tells the reader about the power of love which can change someone to be a better person.

Short overview of theoretical framework *When Beauty Tamed The Beast* novel will be investigated using A Humanistic Psychological Theory. In this thesis, the writer is encouraged to entitle the research as the following: ***“The Importance Of Love In Life in Eloisa James’s When Beauty Tamed The Beast Novel (2011): A Humanistic Psychological Approach”***.

## **B. Literature Review**

The study on Eloisa James’s *When Beauty Tamed The Beast* is first being conducted due to its latest publication that is in 2011. The researcher had searched through local and digital libraries and found none of it. Library of UGM, UNS, UNDIP, UNNES reported zero on the research of Eloisa James’s *When Beauty Tamed The Beast*.

### **C. Problem Statement**

The main problem that is analyzed in this study is: How is the importance of loving in life reflected in Eloisa James's *When Beauty Tamed The Beast* novel?

### **D. Limitation of the Study**

The limitation of the study is how the importance of love in life occurred in Eloisa James's *When Beauty Tamed The Beast*, especially viewed by Humanistic psychology. The researcher uses Humanistic psychology theory to analyze the novel because this approach is suitable with the major condition in the novel.

### **E. Objectives of the Study**

This research aims at analyzing the novel in terms of its structural elements in the novel and to analyze the importance of love in life based on humanistic psychological approach

## **F. Benefits of the Study**

### **1. Theoretical Benefit**

It gives contribution to the larger body of knowledge particularly in Eloisa James's *When Beauty Tamed The Beast*.

### **2. Practical Benefit**

It gives deeper understanding in literary field as the reference to the other researcher in analyzing this novel into different perspective.

## **G. Research Method**

### **1. Type of the Study**

In this research, the writer applies descriptive qualitative research. Descriptive qualitative is a type of research which result the descriptive data in the form of written from the observed object.

### **2. Type of the Data and the Data Source**

Data in this research is text consisting of words, phrases, and sentences.

There are two types of data source, namely primary and secondary data, as follows:

- a. Primary Data: the primary data source is *When Beauty Tamed The Beast* novel written by Eloisa James.

- b. Secondary Data: the secondary data source is information theory including references and materials related to the study whether picking up from books and internet.

### **3. Object of the Study**

In this study, the object of the study is the novel *When Beauty Tamed The Beast* by Eloisa James.

### **4. Technique of the Data Collecting**

The techniques of data collection are as follows:

- a. Reading the novel repeatedly
- b. Taking notes of important parts both primary and secondary data.
- c. Arranging the data into several groups based on its theoretical category.
- d. Developing of data provided.

### **5. Technique of the Data Analysis**

In analyzing the data, the writer applies a descriptive analysis. The steps taken by the writer in analyzing the data are as follows: the first is analyzing the data based on its structural element. Focus will be paid on the structural analysis of the novel. The second step is analyzing the data based on humanistic psychological perspective focus will be paid on the important of love in life.

## **H. Research Organization**

This research is divided into five chapters. First is introduction that covers the background of the study, literary review, problem statement, limitation of the study, objectives of the study, benefit of the study, and research method. The second chapter delivers underlying theory, which presents Notion of Humanistic Psychological, Major principle of Humanistic Psychological, Structural Element of the novel, Notion of love in life, and Theoretical application. The third chapter covers the structural analysis by describing character and characterization, plot, setting, point of view, style, theme, and discussion. The fourth chapter analyzes the novel by employing the concept of major principle of Humanistic Psychological Approach. The fifth chapter draws of conclusion and suggestion.