

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Life is essentially a coping process. If someone wants to survive and develop, they must continually adapt to changes in their environment and in themselves. Life so full of choices, whatever choice people make over the beachhead of understanding of the whole life will not be the wrong choice. Bravery is a nature preserve and fight for what is considered the right to confront all forms of danger, hardship, pain, and others. Resilience is people ability to adapt and bounce back when things don't go as planned. However, most people have purpose to live in bravery and resilience.

Bravery is the ability to confront fear, pain, danger, uncertainty, or intimidation. Physical courage is courage in the face of physical pain, hardship, death, or threat of death, while moral courage is the ability to act rightly to face popular opposition, shame, scandal, or discouragement. In some traditions, fortitude holds approximately the same meaning as bravery. In the Western tradition, notable thoughts on courage have come from philosophers such as Aristotle, Aquinas and Kierkegaard; in the Eastern tradition, some thoughts on courage were offered by the Tao Te Ching.

Bravery is something people all admire. When asked to describe bravery, most people conjure up the image of an individual running into a

burning building, or maybe a fictional hero saving the day. Images of bravery are prevalent in people society; from the images of people soldiers overseas to the local hero who saved her neighbor from imminent danger (Aristotle, 1962).

Resilience means the skills, abilities, knowledge, and insight that accumulate over time as people struggle to surmount adversity and meet challenges. It is an ongoing and developing fund of energy and skill that can be used in current struggles. (Garmezy, N. 1991: 416-430).

Resilience is the capacity for successful adaptation, positive functioning or competence despite high-risk status, chronic stress, or following prolonged or severe trauma. (Egeland, Carlson, & Sroufe, 1993). An important component of resilience, however, is the hazardous, adverse and threatening life circumstances that result in individual vulnerability. An individual's resilience at any moment is calculated by the ratio between the presence of protective factors and the presence of hazardous circumstances.

Those studying resilience and resilience related concepts like positive youth development are looking at these constructs as clusters of assets, both individual and environmental (Lerner, Brentano, Dowling, & Anderson, 2006). A more individualized understanding of resilience is less informing of practical solutions. Resilience is the capacity of individuals' physical and social ecologies to provide these resources, and resilience is

the capacity of individuals, their families and communities to negotiate culturally meaningful ways for resources to be shared.

Pittacus Lore was born in Renton, Washington on July 9, 1980. He lives in New York with his wife, daughter and dog. He is still writing. Most recently he has published *Bright Shiny Morning*, and his new book *The Final Testament of the Holy Bible* will be published on April 12. He was a high school state champion in wrestling, attended Ohio University on an athletic scholarship, and graduated with a business degree in Management Information Systems (MIS), a major he had little interest in and chosen for no other reason than, at age 20, he hadn't the slightest idea of what he wanted to do. What followed were five aimless years earning minimal pay working shitty jobs, most of which he was fired from. He started writing when he was 24 and, at age 27, left capitalism behind and moved to New York City to attend Columbia University's School of the Arts. He graduated in May 2009 with a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Creative Writing (fiction).

There are several reasons why this topic is chosen. First, the topic of the study represents the recent phenomena, in which a child as seen in the story is able to do crime acts such as killing someone or committing suicide. Therefore, this topic needs to be explored. Firstly, people are interested to read the novel *I Am Number Four* because the plot was what really grabbed attention, people wanted to learn more about Lorien and its former inhabitants, and as the reader, they are only given small bits of

information of the past life on the planet. The people also enjoyed reading about how John number four worked to just survive.

Secondly, John and Henri are hunted by agents from the planet Mogadore, the planet which destroyed Lorien after becoming uninhabitable through the greed and self-indulgence of the Mogadorians. And now the Mogadorians seem to be planning to take over Earth. After their latest move, which lands them in the small town of Paradise, Ohio, John encounters the normal high school bullies who seem to be in every school. But this time, rather than maintaining his usual low profile, he fights back and unwittingly exposes his powers and ultimately his location. He is attracted to Sarah, a popular ex-cheerleader and former girlfriend of the football star. And he is willing to risk everything in order to stay near her. As the novel builds to the final climactic scene, the reader is gripped by the action and suspense. John's love for Sarah and his affection for his friend Sam cloud his judgment and endanger his survival.

Thirdly, this novel which takes a look at the consequences of alien contact and survival of the human species. Lorien is a planet that is a hundred times older than Earth. It has already faced the myriad of problems with which Earth is only beginning to struggle now - global warming, food shortages, overpopulation, and pollution are all part of Lorien's history. Twenty five thousand years ago, long before they were able to travel through the universe, their planet began to die. The

inhabitants of Lorien knew that something drastic had to be done to ensure their survival. They made a commitment to change their way of life, and slowly do away with the harmful chemicals, bombs, pollutants and guns. In time, the damage began to reverse itself, and Lorien survived.

Finally, the last reason is to supply theoretical framework in the research of literature in the English department described in this novel, so that the writer can find out the motive behind bravery and resilience life so that it will be very useful to be applied in real life as well. From the explanation above, the researcher will analyze the bravery and resilience life on the major character in *I Am Number Four* novel using Individual psychological approach. So that the researcher entitled her research paper **"BRAVERY AND RESILIENCE IN PITTACUS LORE'S *I AM NUMBER FOUR* NOVEL (2010): AN INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH"**.

B. Previous Studies

I Am Number Four Novel (2010) by Pittacus Lore is an interesting novel, and as the researcher knows that there is no such kind of research analyzing this novel whether in Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta, UMY, UNY, UNS, UGM or UNDIP. The researcher takes the Individual Psychological Approach. So, the researcher cannot make the comparison with the other researcher because it is the first study in Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta.

C. Problem Statement

Based on the background of the research, the writer formulates a single problem statement. The major problem of this study is “How are bravery and resilience reflected in Pittacus Lore’s *I Am Number Four* Novel (2010)?”

D. Limitation of the Study

In this research, the writer focuses in analyzing bravery and resilience in Pittacus Lore’s *I Am Number Four* Novel (2010): an individual psychological approach. Concerning with an individual psychological approach, there are many problems to be analyzed, but in this research, the analysis is limited only bravery and resilience in Pittacus Lore’s *I Am Number Four* Novel (2010): an individual pshchological approach the data will be analyzed using an individual psychological theory by addler.

E. Objective of the Study

The objectives of the study are mentioned as follows:

1. To analyze bravery and resiliennce in Pittacus Lore’s *I Am number four* novel (2010) based on its structural elements.
2. To analyze the novel based on bravery and resilience theory and individual psychology approach.

F. Benefit of the Study

The benefits expected from this study are as follows:

1. Theoretical Benefit

The study is hoped to give novel contribution and information to the larger body of knowledge, particularly in the literary studies.

2. Practical Benefit

The study is hoped to enrich knowledge and experience of the writer and another students of Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta or another Universities who have interest with literary study on the novel from an individual psychological approach.

G. Research Method

1. Type of the Study

In this research, the writer uses a qualitative research. The data sources are library and literary data. It's purpose is to analyze using individual psychological approach. The steps to conduct the research are as follows: 1. determining the type of the study, 2. determining the object of the study, 3. determining data and data source, 4.determining technique of data collection, and finally 5. determining technique of data analysis.

2. Object of the Study

The object of the study is a novel entitled "*I Am Number Four*". This is a action novel written by Pittacus Lore. It was first published by Harper Collins, in America in 2010. It consists of 493pages, which is divided in to 34 chapter. The setting is in the United States. The writer is going analyzed it by using individual psychological approach.

3. Type of the Data and the Data Source

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

a. Primary Data

The primary data source is the novel of *I Am Number Four* novel produced by Pittacus Lore.

b. Secondary Data

The writer takes the secondary data from the internet and other book related to Pittacus Lore, his novel *I Am Number Four*, and individual psychological analysis.

4. Technique of the Data Collection

The techniques of data collection are as follows:

a. Reading *I Am Number Four* novel.

b. Identifying the topic of the novel

- c. Browsing internet to some other information about topic.
- d. Taking notes of important parts in both of primary and secondary data.
- e. Analysis means the writer analyses the data based on the theory of related literature.

5. Technique of the Data Analysis

In analyzing the data, the writer uses descriptive approach. The steps taken by the writer in analyzing the data are as follows: the first is analyzing the data based on its structural elements. Focus will be paid on the structural analysis of the novel. The second step is analyzing the data based on individual psychological theory to show how is bravery and resilience in Pittacus Lore's *I Am Number Four* Novel.

H. Research Paper Organization

This paper is divided into five chapters. The first chapter is introduction, the background of the study, previous study, previous study, problem statement, limitation of the study, objective of the study, benefit of study, benefit of the study, research method paper organization. The second chapter is the underlying theory that consist of the notion psychological, structure of personality, structural element of the novel, and theoretical. The third chapter deals with the structural analysis of the novel.

The fourth chapter discusses individual psychological approach and its application in analyzing Pittacus Lore's *I Am Number Four*. The last chapter are conclusion, educational implication and suggestion.