

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Literature is the imaginative work that picture the human life in society which can be enjoyed, understood, and used by the society. The author will write the result of this imagination in a form of literary work. The form of those literary works are drama, poem, short story and also novel. The literary work has their own definition taken from each different literature expert. According to Pradopo (1994: 26) views the literary work as the picture of the world and human life, the main criteria that is putted on the literary work is 'truth', or everything that wants to be pictured by the author. Through that process, the reader of their literary work will be able to catch the characteristic of the author related with the world around him/her.

People who work in literature usually represent their work in such kind of literary works. Like the term of literature it self, where literature is a term used to describe written or spoken material. Broadly speaking, "literature" is used to describe anything from creative writing to more technical or scientific works, but the term is most commonly used to refer to works of the creative imagination, including works of poetry, drama, fiction, and nonfiction. Literature represents a language or a people: culture and tradition. But, literature is more important than just a historical or cultural artifact. Literature introduces us to new worlds of experience.

Through those kinds of literary work such as poems, stories and plays, people apply other kind's literary work such as novel, movie, dance, etc. Ultimately, people may discover meaning in literature by looking at what the author says and how he/she says it. People may interpret the author's message, especially in academic circles, this decoding of the text is often carried out through the use of literary theory, using a mythological, sociological, psychological, historical, or other approach. While in this study, the researcher uses interpersonal psychoanalytic approach of Horney.

In this study, the researcher is interested in analyzing one of literary works, that is the novel. novel, an invented prose narrative of considerable length and a certain complexity that deals imaginatively with human experience, usually through a connected sequence of events involving a group of persons in a specific setting. Within its broad framework, the genre of the novel has encompassed an extensive range of types and styles: picaresque, epistolary, Gothic, romantic, realist, historical to name only some of the more important ones. The various forms that fiction may take are best seen less as a number of separate categories than as a continuum or, more accurately, a cline, with some such brief form as the anecdote at one end of the scale and the longest conceivable novel at the other (Burgess, 2001)

The novel used by the researcher entitled *The Land of Five Towers* an Islamic and education novel by Ahmad Fuadi and Angie Kilbane. *Gramedia Pustaka Utama (GPU)* published *The Land of Five Towers* on November 2, 2011. The theory used by the researcher is interpersonal psychoanalytic

approach by Karen Horney. In this theory, the researcher wants to show about the high neurosis which is able to be solved with the strong wants on the major character.

The theory tells about personal life and how people are able to deal with their problems. The idea of neurosis and psychoanalysis involving inner conflicts is regarded as one of the best theories in this area. Neurosis is how people cope and have control over interpersonal issues that happen day to day, according to Horney. Another theory she addresses is the idea of personality in conjunction with psychoanalysis. Below, her theories are examined in more depth by actually seeing how she disagrees with Freud and what her ideas are for neuroses and psychoanalysis. The neurotic shares their fears with other cultures. In a certain culture the fears are less when there are devices to protect them like rites or customs. Horney thinks a neurotic is driven by these emotional forces that are involved in their lives. She believes they are compulsive drives but become neurotic by a human feeling isolated, helpless, afraid, and hostile. They represent ways of coping with their life despite these problems called "neurotic trends", (Feist & Feist, 2009: 160).

The neurosis appears a lot in every part of chapter in the novel, where *The Land of Five Towers* novel tells about Alif, a boy who has a dream to be an engineer like Habibie. He is at third grade in an Islamic school, named Madrasah that has same grade with Junior High school. However, Alif wishes to continue his study to public high school. He has a best friend named Randai.

Randai has the same passion with Alif. They want to continue his study to public high school in Bukit Tinggi.

Nevertheless, Alif's mother asks Alif to attend a boarding Islamic school in order to become a great religious leader with wide knowledge like his grandfather, Buya Hamka. He felt disappointed because it is opposite with his dream to be an engineer. One day, Alif gets a letter from his uncle Mr. Gindo. He suggested Alif to continue his study to Madani modern Pesantren, West Java. Madani Pesantren (MP) is Islamic boarding school. In Pesantren they do not only study about universal knowledge but also they learn Islamic studies. Then, Alif decided to go to Pesantren like his mother wishes. On his way, his father accompanied him. Then, they traveled about 3 days with fear (Fuadi, 2011)

Alif stayed at al Barq room with Ustad Salman as a teacher of that room. He gets new friends; they are Dulmajid, Raja, Atang, Said and Baso. In the first meeting, ustad Salman said a motivating word "*Man Jadda Wajada*". Then, they follow to say that word until one hour. That word is simple but it has powerful meaning. The meaning is "He who gives his all will surely succeed". *Man Jadda Wajada* is called magical Arabic chant. Alif remains that word because it can motivate him to do everything.

Ustad Salman gives advice to Alif that he should read Tempo magazine to improve his writing skill. Nevertheless, Tempo magazine is a good magazine. It reports some important news of the world. Alif is interested with Tempo

magazine because the magazine is packed in readable language. After that, Alif thinks to change his dream from an engineer to become a journalist.

In several occasion, Alif reports some good news from people who come to Madani Pesantren (MP). They want to know about the learning process in Madani Pesantren (MP). With the magical Arabic chant “*Man Jadda Wajada*”, he never underestimates about the power of dream. Alif studies hard and always prays to God to reach his dream. Finally, after graduated from Madani Pesantren Alif becomes international journalist of Tempo magazine. Unbelievable, his dream comes true. The graduates of Pesantren do not only become an Ustad, but also they can get the job as they want. (Fuadi, 2011)

There are some issues, why the researcher chooses the *The Land of Five Towers* novel as an object. First, the novel is taken from the real journey of the writer it self. Ahmad Fuadi studied at Pondok Modern Gontor, Islamic school. There, he was arranging a dream to be a journalist. The story, the name of Fuadi changed with Alif, where he also wants to be be journalist through the Islamic education.

The second, based on the theory used by the researcher, she wants to analyze the content of the novel related with the neurotic solution used by Alif to faced his obstacle to get his high education.

The Land of Five Towers is one of the novel that was published after other novel that focused on the striving to get a high education of human from the village. The previuos novel is *laskar pelangi*, *Denias*, and *laskar pemimpi*. The

content within *The Land of Five Towers* novel is almost similar with the previous novel.

Based on the explanation above, the researcher is interested to analyze *The Land of Five Towers* (2011) novel by using interpersonal psychoanalytic approach of Horney. Based on the background above, the researcher proposes to conduct a research entitled “Neurotic Solution of Alif on Finding His Bright Future of Education in *The Land of Five Towers* by Ahmad Fuadi (2011): An Interpersonal Psychoanalytic Approach”

B. Literature Reviews

After the researcher has looked for several literature reviews in Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta and in University in Central Java at least, she only found one research which was done by Elly Fatmawati entitled “Effort Being A Journalist In Ahmad Fuadi’s *The Land Of Five Towers* Novel (2011): An Individual Psychological Approach”. Her research is qualitative study. The results of the study show; The structural element of the *The Land of Five Towers* novel shows Alif, Dulmajid, Raja, Atang, Said, and Baso as the major characters and Amak, Fikri Syafnir, Ustad Salman, Kiai Rais and Rajab Sujai as the minor characters. The setting of *The Land of Five Towers* novel has background in Maninjau, Bukittinggi, and West Sumatra, and in Ponorogo, east Java. Washington DC, United States of America at 2003. The theme of this novel is “The human strong wants and pray is the major spirit to reach the dream”. He must conquer all of the obstacle of life. First the obstacle

coming from his family, related with his parents wants to send him to go to religious school after graduation. The second, he must conquer the obstacle of life after he arrives in Madani Pesantren. Alif must know everything about his new friend, about the situation and the rules within the Pesantren and also all of the assessment from the Pesantren, such as the punishment from the senior, the assessment as a school work, and also the final exam as a final phase in Pesantren. The third, After Alif graduates from Pesantren, he must conquer the obstacle of life related with the foreign people in western, London and Washington.

The different with this research is based on the theory, where the researcher will use interpersonal psychoanalytic approach of Horney.

C. Problem Statement

Problem statement of the study will be: "How is Neurotic Solution of Alif on Finding His Bright Future of Education in *The Land of Five Towers* by Ahmad Fuadi (2011) related to interpersonal psychoanalytic?"

D. Limitation of the study

In this research paper, the researcher focuses on describing on Finding His Bright Future of Education in *The Land of Five Towers* novel using interpersonal psychoanalytic.

E. Objective of the Study

Based on problem statement above the objective of the study will be:

1. To analyze *The Land of Five Towers* Novel written by Ahmad Fuadi based on the structural element of the novel.
2. To describe effort finding His Bright Future of Education in *The Land of Five Towers* by Ahmad Fuadi related to interpersonal psychoanalytic.

F. Benefit of the Study

The benefit expected from this study will be:

1. Theoretical Benefit

a. Lectures

The researcher hopes this result can be useful as references applied in teaching learning process of literary study by using *The Land of Five Towers* novel for student in the university.

b. Teachers

The researcher hopes this result can be useful for additional information and suggestion applied by the teacher in the teaching learning process of literary study on *The Land of Five Towers* novel.

c. Students

The researcher hopes the result of this study can be used as references and additional knowledge to improve student's abilities in literary study especially using *The Land of Five Towers* novel.

2. Practical Benefit

a. Readers

The result of this research can be useful to enrich the reader's knowledge in literary study on *The Land of Five Towers novel*.

b. Other Researcher

The result of this research can be used to add the reference for the other researchers in conducting further research related to this research from other points of view.

G. Research Method

1. Type of the Study

In this research, the researcher applies qualitative research. Descriptive qualitative is a type of research, which results the descriptive data in the form of written or oral words from the observed object. The data sources are library and literary data. Its purpose is to analyze using interpersonal psychoanalytic Approach. The steps to conduct the research are as the following: 1). Determining the type of the study, 2). Determining the object of the study, 3). Determining data and data sources, 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 *The Land of Five Towers* written by Ahmad Fuadi and was first published in 2011 by Gramedia Pustaka Utama (GPU).

3. Types of the Data and the Data Source

There are two types of data, namely primary and secondary data. The primary data source is the novel of *Ahmad Fuadi* published by Gramedia Pustaka Utama (GPU). The data are taken from the dialogue, character's description, plot and all of the statements related to the problems. The secondary data sources are books or any information related to the practice of effort being a journalist that supported the interpersonal psychoanalytic analysis.

4. Technique of the Data Collecting

The technique of data collection in this study takes the following steps to the data analysis, they are:

- a. Reading the novel *The Land of Five Towers* and other referens related with interpersonal psychoanalytyc many times.
- b. Identifying the problem and to find the data.
- c. Collecting some supporting data from other references related to the topic. Therefore, the problems appearing will be able to be answered completely.
- d. Drawing the conclusion of the analysis that has already done in the former chapter.

5. Technique of the Data Analysis

In this research paper the technique that will be used to analyze the data is qualitative analysis technique that is the method when analyze the status of human's group, object, and one set of condition in one think or one event at the present (Nazir, 1983: 63). The researcher will describe the structural elements of the drama with interpersonal psychoanalytic of literature. The collected data will be interpreted and analyzed in detail through interpersonal psychoanalytic of literature in this case by showing the neurotic solution of Alif and the influence if it in *The Land of Five Towers* novel: Interpersonal Psychoanalytic Perspective. Then drawing conclusion based on the analysis.

H. Research Paper Organization

The research paper organization of this study divided in to five chapters. They are Chapter I will be Introduction, Background of Study, Literature Review, Problem Statement, Limitation of the Study, Problem Statement, objective of the Study, Benefit of the Study, Research Method, and Research Paper Organization. Chapter II will be Underlying Theory, which present notion of interpersonal psychoanalytic, Structural Element of the novel, and Theoretical Application. Chapter III will be Structural Elements of Character and Characterization, Plot, Setting, Point of View, Style, Theme, and Discussion. Chapter IV will be neurotic solution Analysis of *The Land of Five*

Towers novel in interpersonal psychoanalytic perspective. Chapter V will be conclusion and Suggestion.