

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

The novel *Nothing to Fear* was written by Karen Rose, firstly published in August 2005 by arrangement with Grand Central Publishing New York, New York, USA. This is a romantic genre novel. This is the second edition with 317 pages. This novel prepares not only romantic but also suspense story because the other major character is psychopath. The psychopath has revenge to her ex friends. The psychopath will do anything she wants.

Karen Rose was born and raised in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, DC. She met her husband, Martin, on a blind date when they were seventeen and after they both graduated from the University of Maryland, (Karen with a degree in Chemical Engineering) they moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. Karen worked as an engineer for a large consumer goods company, earning two patents, but as Karen says, “scenes were roiling in my head and I couldn't concentrate on my job so I started writing them down. I started out writing for fun, and soon found I was hooked”. Now, Karen lives in Florida with her husband and two children, one of whom is deaf, two dogs and a cat. Beside *Nothing to Fear*, her book *I'm watching you* won the 2005 RITA Award for best romantic suspense. Since then, six more books have been RITA finalists. To date, her books have been translated into twenty-one

languages. She has also published *Count to Ten* and a trilogy *Die for Me*, *Scream for Me*, and *Kill for Me*.

The story in this novel begins at house of Vaughn's family in Maryland, when the major antagonist character appeared at the first time and kidnapped Alex, the son of Vaughn's family. The kidnaper killed the Alex's therapist and her candidate husband cruelly. After that she needs place to hide. When the Vaughn family were at home, they found their house in untidy situation and then they found note on pillow, it told that their child had been kidnapped and did not call police or their child died and there was dead body in their backdoor.

Then Mr. Vaughn (Stan) and Mrs Vaughn (Randi) called Ethan Buchanan-ex marine who was their friend, to help them. Ethan wanted to help them with one requirement, they had to agree to invoke Clay, Ethan's friend in this condition. Then Ethan and Clay started to search where Alex was. They found clues that Alex was in Chicago, and then they went to Chicago until they took a rest in a hotel. Suddenly, Ethan heard a sometimes commotion outside, he ran and found that a grandmother had been robbed by someone but luckily there was a woman saving her. His name is Dana, she was in unconscious condition after she was aware that there was a man in front of her, he was Ethan, and then they were falling in love each other at first time.

Several days later, Dana had a new mysterious woman with a boy. Then she helped them and asked them with a lot of question. Dana did not know yet that they were the kidnapper and Alec, the name of kidnapper was

Sue, but she introduced herself as Jane and named that boy as Erik. Sue in Dana's house arranged a plan to kill every people who betrayed her in the past, and she was successful in doing that plan, because she had killed five people who betrayed her and six unguilty peoples who disturbed her plan.

After a few days, Ethan knew that Sue was in Dana's house and Ethan thought that Dana was with Sue, but at last Ethan believed that Dana was clear and with police help, they arranged plan to arrest Sue in Ethan's hotel. In this hotel Randi Vaughn told everything about who Sue was but because there was a mistake, Dana had been caught by Sue and she went to someplace. Sue wanted to made some torture to Dana, suddenly Sue's enemy from the past appeared and Dana could escape, but Sue chased her after killing the enemy, but without Sue's consciousness the place had been sieged by polices and Ethan, but Sue had Dana as hostage. Ethan had no another choice then he killed Sue and Dana was free.

After that they went home and Ethan wanted to invite Dana to his house, but Ethan realized that Dana was a leader of Hanover house and Ethan had responsibility as Alec's godfather. So, he had a difficult choice to be separated with Dana, but Ethan promised, he would give a call to Dana. Even though distance separating them, but their heart will be so close and relate each other and Ethan keeps her promise to call Dana.

The novel gets a lot of reactions, there are bad and good reactions. One of them is reaction from *New York Time* saying that, "high-wire suspense that keeps your riveted to the edge of your seat" Beside that, this novel has got

critic from *Cosmopolitan Magazine*, a pulse-pounding tale that has it all: suspense, action and very hunky private investigator. Although this is good novel, this novel does not get award anything. Beside those responses, this novel gets many awards. Such as, USA today bestseller, finalist 2006 RITA award and finalist 2005 *Romantic Times Reviewers'* choice award, best suspense.

The bad responses come from the reader, Darcy. "This one creeped me out so much, mostly because I hated how Sue preyed on people's goodness. The thought that she hid out in a hidden home for abused women and kids makes me so made, let alone all the damage she did along the way. I couldn't believe how the bodies dropped, it seemed like with each new page there was another one biting the dust. Some of the secrets that came out stunned me, some I agreed with, some just plain hurt people".

Although this novel has good and bad responses from the reader, the researcher is interested in this novel because of many aspects. Firstly researcher chooses this novel because of the antagonist character, named Sue. She was a master plan. She had a lot of a good method and manner to revenge and killed her victims. Although there were many obstacles, she could suit her plan and vanished the obstacles clearly without being detected, except in the last part of story.

Secondly, in this novel the author represented interesting plot. The plot in this novel was unpredictable; the author represented complication at first, and climax in centred of story. Thirdly, the author inserted some

surprises, such as who the antagonist was and who Alec was. So, the readers could be anxious to find out the next chapter.

The last, the messages of the author to reader, the author has a good message that is “do not worry, every problem has its solution, together we can face it”.

From the reasons and description above, the researcher is interested in analyzing the novel by using psychological approach. The issue of this study is psychopath phenomenon which is happening in the novel to compare psychopath in real world . Therefore, the researcher decides to carry out a study entitled: **THE PSYCHOPATH PHENOMENON REFLECTED IN KAREN ROSE’S *NOTHING TO FEAR* NOVEL (2005): A PSYCHOANALYTIC APPROACH.**

B. Literature Review

The researcher has searched in every university in Central Java such as UNS, UMS, UNDIP, UNNES, UGM, UMY and the researcher has browsed the internet, such as in *Google, Proquest, and Disexpress*. There are no literature reviews related to *Nothing to Fear* (2005) a novel by Karen Rose. So that the researcher cannot compare this research with other research because this is the first study of *Nothing to Fear* (2005) a novel by Karen Rose. The researcher uses A Psychoanalytic Approach to analyze the data and using *Nothing to Fear* novel (2005) as object. The researcher uses A Psychoanalytic Approach to analyze the data. The researcher analyzes **THE PSYCHOPATH**

PHENOMENON REFLECTED IN KAREN ROSE'S NOTHING TO FEAR NOVEL (2005): A PSYCHOANALYTIC APPROACH.

C. Problem Statement

Based on the previous background of study, the researcher proposes the problem: "How is the psychopath phenomenon reflected in *Nothing to Fear* (2005) a novel by Karen Rose?".

D. Limitation of the Study

The researcher focuses this research on analyzing the psychopath phenomenon reflected in *Nothing to Fear* (2005) a novel by Karen Rose based on a psychoanalytic approach.

E. Objectives the Study

In carrying this research, the researcher formulates the objectives of the study are as follows:

1. To describe the novel of *Nothing to Fear* (2005) based on structural elements of novel.
2. To analyze Psychopath Phenomenon Reflected in novel of *Nothing to Fear*: (2005) based on A Psychoanalytic Approach.

F. Benefits of the Study

The researcher really hopes that his research on *Nothing to Fear* (2005) has benefits. The benefits of the study will be distinguished into two benefits:

1. Theoretical benefit

The result of this study is expected to be able to give information and contribution to the development of the knowledge, an academic reference by other researchers to conduct further research and particularly the literary studies on *Nothing to Fear* novel (2005).

2. Practical benefit

The study is expected to enrich knowledge and experience of the researcher in studying the novel *Nothing to Fear* which analyze with A Psychoanalytic Approach.

G. Research Method

1. Type of the Study

In this research, the researcher uses qualitative research. It is library research while data sources are using literary data. It aims to analyze novel using a psychoanalytic approach. The steps to conduct this research are (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 (5) determining technique of data analysis.

2. Object of the Study

The object of the study is the psychopath phenomenon reflected in *Nothing to Fear Novel* (2005). It is analyzed by using a psychoanalytic approach.

3. Type of Data and Data Source

a. Type of Data

The data type is Textual data that consist of words, phrases, and sentences in the novel.

b. Data Source

There are two data sources that are needed to do this research, namely: primary data sources and secondary data sources.

1) Primary data sources

The primary data source is *Nothing to Fear* (2005) a novel by Karen Rose.

2) Secondary data sources

The secondary data sources are other sources related to the study, such as: website, dictionary, journal and some books that support the analysis.

4. Technique of data Collection

The method of collecting data is note taking with the following steps:

- a. Reading the novel,
- b. Determining the character that will be analyzed,
- c. Taking notes of important thing both of primary and secondary data source,
- d. Reading some some related books to find out the theory, data and information needed.

- e. Reading the novel again,
- f. Classifying and determining the relevant data,
- g. Browsing the internet to search information that relates with novel, such as novel's subtitles, identity, response of the public, etc.

5. Technique of the Data Analysis

The technique used in analyzing the data is descriptive analysis. It concerns with structural elements of the novel on the psychopath phenomenon reflected at Karen Rose's *Nothing to Fear* Novel (2005).

H. Paper Organization

The research paper organization of "The Psychopath Phenomenon Reflected at Karen Rose's *Nothing to Fear* Novel (2005) is as follows:

Chapter I is Introduction, which consists of background of the study, literature review, problem statement, limitation of the study, objective of the study, theoretical approach, research method, and research paper organization. Chapter II comprises of the underlying theory, which present the notion of psychopath, the structural of personality, structural elements of the novel and theoretical approach. Chapter III deals with the meaning of psychopath and effects of psychopath according in the novel. Chapter IV deals with structural analysis of the novel, which involves the narrative elements, technical elements, and discussion. Chapter V presents the Psychopath analysis. Chapter VI presents conclusion and suggestion.