

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Existentialism is not easily defined, as each philosopher has different formulation to define it as Macquarie states, “existentialism is a type of philosophy difficult to define because it does not have any agreed body of doctrine; it is rather a way of doing philosophy in which life and thought are closely related to each other” (Macquarrie, 1987:22). One of the literary works that shows the reality is novel. *Deception Point* novel is scientific novel written by Dan Brown. It becomes his third novel after *Angel and Demond* novel. It was published by Pocket Book in 2001, and it consists of 557 pages.

Deception Point novel written by Dawn Brown. Daniel "Dan" Brown (born June 22, 1964) is an American author of thriller fiction who is best known for the 2003 bestselling novel *The Da Vinci Code*. Brown's novels are treasure hunts set in a 24-hour period and feature the recurring themes of cryptography, keys, symbols, codes, and conspiracy theories. His books have been translated into 52 languages, and as of 2012, sold over 200 million copies. Three of them, *Angels & Demons* (2000), *The Da Vinci Code* (2003), and *Inferno* (2013), have been/are being adapted into films.

Novel "deception Point" is an interesting story. It's suitable to the research literature. one of them is examined by using the "existentialist theory". theory of human existence. Every human comes to the world with different condition

of life. There are many distinctions in Culture, Economic, Region, and race. Opportunity to live and to exist is given by god. In the reality the existence of life is not affected by the rule of god. In this case a man is forming his own essence. The concern of human existence comes from an insistence that human life should be a full of life, a complete of life and a rich life. The Passion for existence is actually one of man's efforts in building his meaning of life. Someone can find the meaning of life when he thinks that he manages to actualize his idealism. By actualizing his idealism, man can find his identity. In the scope of the society, then his existence will be built. The existence of a man can be seen from two sides. From the outside a man appears to be just another natural creature and from the inside he is an entire universe, the center of infinity. Man is equal, but existentially man has his own world, which differs him from other individual. It is understandable only in the term of individual's existence, his particular experience of life. Thus, to understand a man, somebody cannot merely appreciate him from his physical appearance.

The searching for existence is actually one of man's efforts in building his meaning of life. Someone can find the meaning of life when he thinks that he manages to actualize his idealism. Existentialism stands as a branch of philosophy that studies the path of man's effort to exist in the world. Basically, literature and philosophy are different in forms, but they have close relationship, since both of them concern with human being, his life, and his problems.

Research using existentialist theory is very interesting with a deception point novel as object *Deception Point* tells about Intelligence Analyst Rachel Sexton in her mid-thirties, as single, and works for the NRO (National Reconnaissance Office). Her father, Senator Sedgewick Sexton, is a popular presidential candidate surpassing the incumbent President of the United States Zachary Herney. The President sends her to the Arctic as part of a team of experts to confirm and authenticate findings made by NASA deep within the Milne Ice Shelf. NASA's new Earth Observation System (EOS), a collection of satellites constantly monitoring the globe for signs of large-scale change, has found an extremely dense spot in the Milne Ice Shelf. NASA discovers a very dense meteorite. In it are fossils of bugs very similar to but not the same as species on earth. NASA claims this as proof of extraterrestrial life. This find is something NASA needs desperately, as the agency's success rate on other fronts has put it in a bad light. Senator Sexton uses this as an example of government overspending and failure to further his campaign. Meanwhile, a Delta Force team is observing the discovery, monitoring the NASA staff for an unknown commander. When one of the four civilian scientists observes an irregularity with the pit the meteorite was found in, the Delta Force team 'takes him out' using their miniature spy boot, leaving his body in the pit far below the water where he will not be discovered. When another civilian scientist sees the irregularity, he shares it with his friends Corky and Rachel. They report it to Norah, who confirms that there is sea water in what should be a closed area with only fresh water. The four go outside to scan the ice from a distance. The

scan shows Ming's body and a frozen section of ice where the meteorite was drilled up into the shaft and sea water sealed the gap. Upon discovering this, the four are attacked by the Delta Force team. Norah is killed, shown as an accident. Rachel, Mike and Corky escape and are picked up by the Navy submarine USS Charlotte. The Delta Force team believes them to be dead, leaving them a chance to tell the President's advisor and Rachel's boss at the NRO about their discovery, Ming and Norah's deaths and about the attempt on their lives. Rachel's boss, William Pickering, has them airlifted from the sub to a chopper which escorts them away from the meteorite discovery site. A group of four civilian scientists have already been studying the find and have confirmed NASA's claims. It is only hours before the President and NASA plan to go public with the discovery.

In the novel *Deception Point*, Dan Brown performs Rachel Sexton as the major character. Brown develops the personality of woman. Rachel sexton is the female protagonist. She is intelligence analyst in her mid-thirties, is single, and works for the NRO (National Reconnaissance Office). There is a positive and negative response from this public for this novel. Not only the good comments, but also they are critics of this novel. They think that this novel had a great deal of repetition of certain phrase and word. They think it could have been shorter and just as effective to make the readers not to be boring when reading this novel. There was someone said that this novel has weak characters, because uses very short chapters. Some of them are half page long and while for the most of the book it is rather annoying (Adult, 2004).

The other comments also come from lifeloom.com, it shows that most of the people who did not like the novel argued that it is amateurishly written, but most complain about the logical and mathematical errors.

Based on the rating of this novel in www.Amazon.com, this novel is popular enough. It is proven by the selling of this novel and being the American's 1 best selling, although this is the first Dan Brown literary work. This novel has been translated into more than 25 languages, including Indonesian languages and many people like Dan Brown's *Deception Point* novel. The *Deception Point*, By Dan Brown is an interesting novel. The writer discover three reasons choosing this novel. The first reason is that the *Deception Point* is shocking scientific discovery novel and the novel to make the readers not boring when reading this novel and the readers feel emotion in this novel. The second reason is that the novel is simple. The writer finds that this novel is simple because this novel uses traditional plot. It makes cause effect relation from the begining until in the end of story, so it makes easy for the reader in understanding the story. The third reason is challenging. This novel is challenging because the writer finds there are several aspects and there are still many interesting characters in this novel that challenge to be explored. Conflict of interest between individual and state in Dan Brown's *Deception Point* novel is one aspect that is interesting. If we read this novel, we can see that this novel tells about it. Conflict of interest is inherent to the majority of relationship among individual and of these with companies and institution and, certainly research involving human being is no exception.

These are reflected in sociological studies and existentialist, in one or more specialties, such as social organization, ethnic relation, social stratification, education, etc. Shortly talking *Deception Point* is very interesting to know the conflict of interest between individual and state. The theme of the novel tells about the conflict of interest between individual and state in this novel, the writer applies Existentialist approach. In this study the researcher encourages himself to give a title :

PASSION FOR SAVING COUNTRY IN *DAN BROWN'S DECEPTION POINT* (2001): AN EXISTENTIALIST APPROACH

B. Literature Review

The researcher chooses *Deception Point* novel because it is very interesting to be analyzed. As long as the writer knows, it is the first study, because after doing some research's whether in Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta or Surakarta region, there is one research that has been conducted to study *Deception Point* novel

The Researcher is Shinta Nur Chasanah (2010) Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta, Conflict of Interest Between Individual And State in Dan Brown's *Deception Point* (2001) : A Sociological Approach Based on the title and background, the researcher focuses on analyzing is the conflict of interest between individual and state in Dan Brown's *Deception Point*.

Based on the previous research above, the positioning of this research is to try extending previous studies on Existentialist. In the study the researcher gives

title: Passion for Saving Country in Dan Brown Deception Point (2001) an Existentialist Approach.

C. Problem Statement

Based on the title and background of the study, the writer proposed the problem as follows: “How is Passion for saving country in Dan Brown’s *Deception Point*?” by existentialist perspective

D. Limitation of the Study

To make the research appropriate with the objectives of the study, the researcher will make the limitation to the research. The researcher only focus on the passion for saving life process through the structural element of the novel based on the existentialism perspective.

E. Objective of the Study

Based on the problem statement above, the researcher can propose some objectives of the study below:

1. To analyze the structural elements of the novel.
2. To analyze the novel based on existentialist approach.

F. Benefit of the Study

The reason why someone makes a research is to get the benefit from it. By so doing, the researcher expects some benefits produced from this research. Those are:

1. Theoretical Benefit

The result of this research can be useful for the readers in giving information and knowledge, especially the literary study on *Deception Point* by Dan Brown.

2. Practical Benefit

This research has benefit to give deeper understanding about the content of the play especially from the sociological approach in Dan Brown's *Deception Point* novel.

G. Research Method

This chapter is divided into five subparts, namely; type of the study, object of the study, data and data source, technique of data collection, and technique of data analysis.

1. Type of the Study

In this study, the writer uses a qualitative research. It is library research while data sources are using literary data. It purposes to analyze the novel using sociological approach.

2. Object of the Study

The object of the study is Dan Brown's entitled *Deception Point* that is written in 2001, published by Pocket Book in 2001, New York, contains 557 pages and 133 chapters.

3. Type of the Data and the Data Source

In this study, the type of data is the form of the texts and image which is used in *Deception Point* novel.

The writer uses two sources of data, according to burns (2000: 485) there are two types of data source, namely: primary data source and second data source. Primary data sources are documents written by a witness to the events, whereas secondary data sources are secondhand version and therefore less accurate:

a. Primary Data Source

The primary data source of the study is the novel entitled *Deception Point* written by Dan Brown.

b. Secondary Data Source

The sources of the secondary data are taken from other sources which are related to the primary data that support the analysis. Some books of literary criticism and another data related to this research.

4. Technique of the Data Collection

The method of data collection in this study uses the library research by selecting both primary and secondary data. The researcher will involve some required steps.

- a. Reading *Deception Point* novel.
 - b. Taking write from primary and secondary data source.
 - c. Browsing to the internet to get some information that related to the topic.
 - d. Classifying the data into the categories which relevant from the analysis.
 - e. Drawing conclusion and formulating suggestion.
5. Technique of the Data Analysis

In analyzing the data, the writer uses descriptive analysis. It means that the researcher interprets the text and content to get the needed data. This data are used to analyze the conflict of interest between individual and state in Dan Brown's novel using Existentialist analysis

H. Paper Organization

To make it easy to understand, the researcher arranges the research paper into six chapters. The first chapter is introduction that consists of the background of study, literature review, the problem statement, and the objectives of study, limitation of study, benefit of the study, structural elements of novel, theoretical approach, research method and research paper organization. The second chapter deals with underlying theory covering with the notion of Existentialist, the mayor principle of Existentialist perspective, the structural of the elements of the movie, and theoretical application. The third chapter is structural analysis. In this chapter, the writer explains the

structural element of the novel. The fourth chapter is Existentialist analysis.

The fifth chapter is the conclusion and suggestion.