

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

The murder case is one of the things that often happens in our environment. Many things underlie a person to do it, like want to job, money, and woman problem. As happened in our country, a serial murder committed by Ryan, who attract public attention. Ryan is one of the psychopaths who kill for control treasure his victim. He kills his victims with a very sadistic, mutilated the victim's body into seven parts in two large suitcases and small. Previously he had washed the body. Another example is Katherine Knight. She is an Australia Psychopath. This story is very tragic and creepy because, Katherine kills her husband. Not only that her cruelty, before she killed her husband, had Katherine killed a dog by slitting it in the neck. Her husband, John Charles, got puncture wound to as many as 37 times before hulled and his skin hanged in the kitchen by Katherine. A psychopath woman was cut off the head of Charles and boiled his head. The body and gluteus of Charles is cooked like beef and served as dinner for their children.

Luis Alfredo Garavito Cubillos, is a crazy psychopath. He is from Colombia. He is known as rapist and homosexual. From 1992 until 1999, he killed around 200 people. And the last is Robert Picton. He is a chain killer from England. He killed 20 people in Downtown Eastside and he did the action from 1992 until 1999.

Psychopath is personality disorders that be mark with lying behavior, exploitation to others, carelessness, pride, and anti-social. Someone who have characteristics of psychopath usually lacking in social emotions (love, empathy, and remorse). That means they don't care with the others, feel

remorse or feel guilty. As the result, they live in a way deceive, intimidating, or manipulating the others. Someone who have characteristics a psychopath maybe like a normal, but actually they are very dangerous person. Besides that, they also can hide in their mask so they can deceive the other easily.

According to Dr. Hervey Cleckley in the book “The Mask of Sanity “(1947, in Hare, 1993) describe psychopath as one who, likeable, on charming, intelligent, alert, impressive, confidence- inspiring, a great success with the ladies and also irresponsible, self-destructive. According Prof. Hare in “Without Conscience “(199: 11) describes psychopaths “psychopaths are social predators who charm, manipulate, and ruthlessly plow their way through life, leaving a broad trail of broken hearts, shattered expectations and empty wallets. Completely lacking in conscience and in feelings for other, they selfishly take what they want and do as they please, violating social norms and expectations without the slightest sense of guilt or regret.”

Psychopath is not only become the attention of psychology, psychotherapist, and police, but also authors, one of the authors which is interested to psychopath is Gillian Flynn. One of the books that give imagery of psychopath is *Gone Girl* novel. This book was released in June 2012. *Gone Girl* is one of the most popular thrillers in America. Gillian Flynn as the writer of this novel was born 1971 in Kansas City, Missouri. She is journalism and joins in *Entertainment Weekly* magazine.

The first book that she wrote was *Sharp Object*. This book win multiple, first as Edward Award Finalist and winner of two Britain’s Dagger Awards. Flynn’s second novel, the 2009 New York Times bestseller is *Dark Places* Won as New Yorker Reviewers’ Favorite, Weekend Today Top Summer Read, Publishers Weekly Best Book of 2009, and Chicago Tribune Favorite Fiction choice. And the last is *Gone Girl*, which released in June 2012.

The *Gone Girl* novel is sadistic but romantic. This novel has very highly complicated problem. This novel has three parts, first Boy Loses Girl, second Boy Meets Girl, and the last Boy Gets Girl Back. Every part has different problem. The first part tells about how a boy meets who the girl, why girl scared with the boy, lie of the boy, and boy loses girl. Second part tells that boy meets the girl, who is the real of girl, and what are the girl think. The last part tells that girl back to the boy, how the process to back and why girl back to the boy.

This story tells about Nick and Amy. They lived in small town Missouri, North cage, first to take care Nick's mother and because Nick get downsizing from his company. Finally, Nick opens the bar using wife's money with his sister, Margo. In the fifth wedding anniversary, Amy was gone. All of the people accused Nick as the primary suspect above the incident. Because of some reason, Nick used his wife's money for personal pleasure, to open a bar with his sister, Margo, and he has affair with his student, Andie. So Nick calls the police to looking for Amy and proves that he is not wrong. Police frisk Nick's house to investigation, but the investigation also aims Nick as a suspect. Police find many cardboards in woodshed that sexual violence.

Amy hiding in motel countryside, she is acquainted with Greta, a neighbor in the motel. The introduction with Greta make terrible to Amy, she robbed by Greta and his husband because of money crisis. Amy runs out of money. Finally, Amy asks the ex- boyfriend, Desi, to hiding with reason she chase by Nick. She lived in Desi's house, she feels comfortable and luxurious. As time goes Amy feel bridled, in that Desi becomes possessive. She murders him, and makes fish story that Desi had kidnapped and raped her. Nick knows that she is a killer, but he doesn't proof of her crimes and deceits, he keeping the charade forever.

There are three reasons why the writer is interested in studying this novel. The first, *Gone Girl* is a bestseller novel in 2012 so the writer interesting to study this novel. Second, is about the problem in this novel.

Problem in this novel so complicated and interested. Usually we can guess a problem in the novel, but this novel hardly to guess. And the last and the important reason is this novel go up with a two perspective. First Nick perspective and Amy perspective. In the beginning of the novel, we directly to hate a Nick, but if deeper understand this novel, we can conclude that it was wrong.

From the explanation above, the researcher is really interested in analyzing of Psychopath in *Gone Girl* Novel. The study will be analyzed by using Psychoanalytic Perspective. So, the researcher entitles this research THE PSYCHOPATH PHENOMENON REFLECTED IN GILLIAN FLYNN'S *GONE GIRL* NOVEL (2012): A PSYCHOANALYTIC APPROACH.

B. Problem Statement

Based on the title and background of study, the writer purposes the problem of "How the psychopath phenomenon is reflected in *Gone Girl* (2012) a novel by Gillian Flynn?"

From the Problem Statement above, the writer formulates a Research Questions as follows:

1. What are the characteristic of psychopath?
2. How are psychopaths classified?
3. What are the causes of being a psychopath?
4. Why did Gillian Flynn discuss psychopath as a phenomenon?

C. Objectives of the Study

In carrying in the research, the writer formulates the objectives of the study are as follows:

1. To describe the characteristic of Psychopath Phenomenon Reflected in *Gone Girl* novel (2012) based on a Psychoanalytic Approach.
2. To analyze the types of Psychopath Phenomenon Reflected in *Gone Girl* novel (2012) based on a Psychoanalytic Approach.
3. To analyze the cause of being Psychopath in *Gone Girl* novel (2012) based on a Psychoanalytic Approach.

4. To understand why Gillian Flynn discussed psychopath in *Gone Girl* novel as a phenomenon.

D. Limitation of the Study

The writer focuses on the research by analyzing The Psychopath in *Gone Girl* (2012) a novel by Gillian Flynn on a Psychoanalytic Approach.

E. Benefit of the Study

The result of this research is expected to give some benefits as follows:

1. Theoretical Benefit

This research will be beneficial for a new information and contribution of knowledge to the academic references. It can be also as a reference for other researchers who want to conduct further research and particularly the literary studies on *Gone Girl* novel.

2. Practical Benefit

It gives deeper understanding and experience to the writer in studying *Gone Girl* novel which analyze with A Psychoanalytic Approach.

F. Paper Organization

The organization of the paper consists of five chapters are as follows:

Chapter I is introduction consisting of background of the study, previous study, limitation of the study, problem statement, objective of the study, benefit of the study research method, and paper organization.

Chapter II is underlying theory that contains the notion of Psychoanalytic theory and structure of personality, notion of psychopath, characteristic of psychopath, types of psychopath, previous study and theoretical application.

Chapter III deals research method that contains type of the study, object of the study, type of the data and the data source, technique of data collection, and technique of data analysis.

Chapter IV represented about the analyzing of data. It presents about psychoanalytic in the novel.

Chapter V is the last chapter of this research paper is conclusion and suggestion.