

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### A. Background of The Study

Literature is 'creative' or 'imaginative' writing. Literature is a kind of writing which, in the words of the Russian critic Roman Jakobson, represents an 'organized violence committed on ordinary speech' (Eagleton, 1996).

Literature is an expression about the author's feeling and emotion. There are genres of literature such as poetry, drama, fiction and non-fiction. The function of genres have different role from one another. The fiction is about short story and novel. A novel is a work of prose fiction, usually an extended narrative that tells a story or uses incidents to dramatize human experience and individual characters (Grambs, 1925:93) in (Matatula, 2014). Novel is representations of human life such as a courage, victory, triumph and other. In novel *Winners* by Danielle Steel, it represents about courage, victory and triumph.

The main character is presented courage as the energizing to get safety needs. Lily Thomas as competitive skier must get a horrific chairlift accident which leaves her paralyzed from the waist down. Lily's life changes and she has to accept the fact that she is going to be in a wheelchair for the rest of her life. In other side, Lily's father is extremely protective of his daughter especially after her accident. Bill Thomas refuses talents of his daughter to the Ivy League. He blames Lily's neurosurgeon, Jessie Matthews, for missing hope that his daughter can't walk again. Jessie understands about Bill's feeling but in other side, she is forced to face new parenting challenges of her own when her husband is killed in a car crash the same night as Lily's accident. Her husband is leaving Jessie alone to care for four her children.

Bill Thomas has a power and money to get Lily the best of treatments. He is doing anything to make her daughter get well soon. He admits Lily to Craig, a place where she can cope with the wheelchair. Although Jessie and Bill start out as adversaries, they become partners in Lily's treatments. Then, Bill and her partners (Jessie, Carole and Joe) have plans for a state-of-the-art rehab facility for

kids; they are successful to build the Lily Pad. Lily is struggling with loneliness and the desire to feel important, needed and relevant. Lily gets silver medal in Paralympics. It is one of the greatest moments of her life after the chairlift accident.

Danielle Steel is at her best in this powerful story of a father and daughter triumphing together over unthinkable tragedy, creating new lives for themselves and providing hope for others along the way. Danielle Steel shows the main characters can bring people together and changes lives forever. She discovers friendship, loyalty and new dreams in this novel. The main characters in this novel shows courage, victory and triumph with each tragedy and make hope for others people in their life. Their efforts represent *Winners* itself and *Winners* is about more than surviving, it is about courage, victory and triumph. When all appears to be lost, the battle has just begun.

The researcher chooses the novel *Winners* by Danielle Steel because there are many reasons. The first reason is to find out the equality and the meaning of courage, victory and triumph. Every novel has different meaning and message from the author. A novel can be analyzed in several points of view. It can be analyzed from the moral, social and religious point of view. Novel can reflect the social or private life in the main character drawn by the author. There are many perceptions when we read the novel. The second is to take the moral message from the novel that reflects courage, victory and triumph in *Winners* by Danielle Steel. After reading the novel which tells about real life, we can take the conclusion and the moral message about the story. We can reject the content of the novel or we receive the content that reflects the good think of real life. There are many arguments about the novel such as from the cover, title, the author, languages, the content and other. The last reason is to elaborate the good character from the novel and apply it in real life.

Based on the background above the researcher proposes to conduct a research entitled “A COURAGE, VICTORY, AND TRIUMPH REFLECTED IN DANIELLE STEEL’S WINNERS (2013) NOVEL: A HUMANISTIC PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH”.

## **B. Problem Statement**

The problems that the writer would like to analyze are:

1. How is Lily's personality based on a humanistic psychological approach?
2. What are courage, victory and triumph according to the novel?
3. How does the author show courage, victory and triumph?

## **C. Objectives of The Study**

Conducting the research, the writer formulates the objectives of the study, as follows:

1. To analyze Lily's personality based on humanistic psychological approach.
2. To analyze courage, victory and triumph according to the *Winners* (2013) novel by Danielle Steel's.
3. To reveal courage, victory, and triumph in one of major character which is reflected in Danielle Steel's *Winners* (2013) Novel in a humanistic psychological perspective.

## **D. Benefit of The Study**

The researcher expects the research has benefits for human life. The benefits of the study will be differentiated into two benefits:

1. Theoretical benefits

The result of this study is expected to be able to give information and knowledge to the academic reference. It can be also as a reference for other researchers who want to conduct further research in literary studies especially on this *Winners* novel.

2. Practical benefits

The study is expected to enrich knowledge and experience for the writer in literature studies and for other students.

## **E. Paper Organization**

The paper consists of five chapters and each of them is sub divided into sub sequent divisions. Chapter one is the introduction that consists of background of the study, problem of the study, objective of the study, benefit of the study, and paper organization. Chapter two is the literature review: underlying theory

and previous study. Chapter three is research method consisting of kind and design of research, object of the study, type of data and data source, technique of data collection, technique of data analysis. Chapterfour describes the humanistic psychological analysis. Finally, the last chapter integrates the overalldiscussion and brings it to the conclusion of the study and elaborates conclusion and suggestion.