

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Cancer is one of the diseases that make people feel desperate. Psychologically people will feel lonely where they feel like they have short life and the time of their dead are timed. In medic, cancer is in which cells start to grow out of control. The cancer cells keep on growing and making new cells. They crowd out normal cells. This causes problems in the part of the body where the cancer started (American Cancer Society, 2010: 1). In cancer the cells in human bodies all have certain jobs to do. Normal cells divide in an orderly way. They die when they are worn out or damaged, and then they are replaced with new cells. Usually people with cancer feel that there is no future for them. With a short life they just want to fill their life with waiting and doing nothing. But not all people with cancer do that, several people sometimes make their own activity to fight the cancer supposed they get better or even cure from it.

It is like the novel where the researcher wants to analyze. The novel tells about someone who fights the cancer disease, she struggles to survive from it. The novel is *The Fault in Our Stars* the sixth novel by author John Green, published in January 2012. The story is narrated by a sixteen-year-old cancer patient Hazel Grace Lancaster, who is forced by her parents to attend a support group in the "Literal Heart of Jesus" where she subsequently meets and falls in love with seventeen-year-old Augustus Waters, an ex-basketball player, as well as an amputee. Friendship is one of the primary types of relationships the novel tackles. Hazel struggles with her friendships as a cancer survivor. Before getting sick, Hazel attended school and had typical teenage friendships. While she was undergoing cancer treatments, Hazel's parents pulled her out of school and Hazel earned her GED. Hazel still maintains a friendship with Kaitlyn, one of her friends from high school. their

friendship has changed, however, because of what Hazel has gone through with her illness. Ever since Hazel got sick, she has had a hard time making friends. Her mother is always urging her to go out and make new friends, but Hazel is resistant to the idea because she knows she is dying.

The novel where the researcher wants to analyze tells about the struggle of human to survive from cancer, so, based on that problem, the researcher used one of the psychology theories called individual psychology of Adler. Individual psychology is one of psychology theory that analyze the human life related to their struggle, inferiority, fictional finalism, creative self, and style of life. The term psychology itself has several meanings. While Gordon Allport in Hjelte and Ziegler (1992: 5) states that psychology almost the same as psychology personality as that which an individual really is, an internal “something” that determines the nature of person interaction with the world, while psychology, emphasizes the development of a stable sense of self through mutually empathic contacts with other humans. They look either at the psychological motivations of the characters or of the authors themselves, although the former is generally considered a more respectable approach. One of the psychological motivation on human is the human struggle to conquer the inferior. The basic dynamic force between all human activities striving from a feeling of inferiority to one of superiority. It refers to an effort to improve that is realistic, in contrast to a neurotic perfectionism (Cloninger, 2004: 102). People feel inferior and helpless because their survival depends on others and they have no power to struggle in their life, so, the final decision for them is perfection striving or perfection struggle.

From the background above, the researcher is interested in analyzing the novel because first, the novel is taken from the real event of human related to certain condition in facing difficult life (hard sick), how they try to survive by making a new relationship with others.

The second is that this novel is the sixth novel of John Green that is popular in America.

The third, The title of the novel is inspired by Act 1, Scene 2 of Shakespeare's play Julius Caesar, in which the nobleman Cassius says to Brutus: "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, But in ourselves, that we are underlings." It means that the spirit is not coming from what we are but who we are. So, the researcher tries to make an analysis related with individual psychological and the novel in one literature research entitled "STRUGGLE OF HAZEL'S AGAINST CANCER IN NOVEL *THE FAULT IN OUR STARS* (2014) BY JOHN GREEN : AN INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH".

B. Problem Statement

The problem of this research will be:

1. How is the struggle of Hazel's against cancer in the novel of *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green viewed from Individual Psychological Approach?
2. How is the creative power of Hazel's as the impact of her cancer in the novel of *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green viewed from Individual Psychological Approach?

C. Limitation of the Study

To carry out the study, the researcher will limit the study on the major character Hazel in the novel of *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green and focuses on the sixth element of individual psychological theory of Adler.

D. Objectives of the Study

Based on the above problem statement, the objectives of the study will be:

1. To describe the struggle of Hazel's against cancer in the novel of *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green viewed from Individual Psychological Approach.
2. To describe the creative power of Hazel's as the impact of her cancer in the novel of *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green viewed from Individual Psychological Approach.

E. Benefit of the Study

The benefits of this study are as follows:

1. Theoretically

- a. To give information and knowledge of literature to the reader, especially on one of literary works novel by John Green *The Fault in Our Stars*.
- b. To give knowledge about one of literature critics of psychology named individual psychology.

2. Practically

To get better understanding of the novel in how to analyze the struggle of the major character, supposed to get the real solution of the way to overcome the anxiety of human with cancer through struggle.