

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### A. Background of the Study

Depression is a situation based on psychological field. Conflict, death or loss, illness and get a real pain may be the mostly of causes depression. In underlying, someone who got depression should have another motivation or something to rise up in the life. For example, someone who knows the truth about his life and he knows for a long time after other person know it. For him, it is really hurt and making depression in his life for a whole time. The effect from depression is can make someone unbelievable to other people because of his fake's trust. Sometimes, depression can happen because the special causes such as: when he/her got rare illness. For example, hermaphrodite it usually happens in the animals especially mammalian animals, but it can effect to human. For different if in animals it happens with their reproduction organ but in human it only happen the psychologically such as: face, voice, and another thing without his/her reproduction organ. According Rodger and Grober (2007:29), Hermaphrodite is the condition that involves discrepancies between external genitalia and internal reproductive organs also referred Disorders of sexual development (DSDs). There's a few information about hermaphrodite for a human and the hermaphroditus became minorities. The impairment in turn pervades over all areas developments (Huffingtonpost, 2012)

Biologic and psychological case is interesting object to explore in the world. This theme is use by the author of literary work to build their story. The one of conflict which based psychological and biologic is author Jeffrey Eugenides in his novel *Middlesex*. It was published on 2002 and this novel storied about hermaphrodite. on 2002 and this novel storied about hermaphrodite

(<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/health/news/6060027/Caster-Semenya-gender-row-what-is-a-hermaphrodite.html>) This novel stories about someone who get hermaphrodite, someone who knows Cal's life as girl in children, but

when she is teen, she is feel different than common woman. She can't experienced menstruation, her boobs is flat, her voices is more heavily, and soft hair appear in top of her mouth, then she begin interested with her girl-friend than her boy-friend. It happens because the sins from her previously. Begin from her grandpa and grandma, Desdemona and Lefty, they are actually is a sister and her siblings. They lived in Greek before invasion by Turkish and become orphan. Before they're mom died, she give a last will to her daughter to search a wife for his young brother. But, Lefty wasn't married with other person except his sister, Desdemona. The mostly, Desdemona deny it, but because her have a promises with her mother who passed away, so she agree with it then. They migration to American and lived with their cousin, Sourmelina. She also know that her brother and sister do incest marriage, but she kept this secret. A whole time, Desdemona and Sourmelina get a birth. Desdemona worried about the effect of incest, but her children, Milton and Zoe is normal. The problem begins after Milton interested with Sourmelina daughters, Tessie. After that, Milton marriage his cousin, Tessie and then they're became a parents from Calliope Helen Stephanie or called Cal. (Eugenides, 30-41)

In this novel *Middlesex*, I was used a queer approach. Hermaphrodite or common called unisex is the condition when a animal or human has a two sexual reproduction. Hermaphrodite According Michael A. Herman "There are two sexes in *C. elegans*, hermaphrodite and male. While there are many sex-specific differences between males and hermaphrodites that affect most tissues, the basic body plan and many of its structures are identical. But, in this literature According Rodger and Grober (2007:29), Hermaphrodite is the condition that involves discrepancies between external genitalia and internal reproductive organs also referred Disorders of sexual development (DSDs).. However, most structures required for mating or reproduction is sexually dimorphic and is generated by sex-specific cell lineages (Rodger, 2007:29)

The author from *Middlesex* is Jeffrey Eugenides, he is born in Detroit, USA. His father has Greek descents, then his mother is English and Irish ancestry. He attend Grose Pointe's private on University Liggett School and

took his undergraduate degree at Brown University, after that graduate in 1983 after take a year off to travel across Europe also to volunteer with Mother Teresa in India. In his decision to study in Brown, Eugenides later said “I choose Brown largely in order to study with John Hawks He later earned the M.A in creative Writing from Stanford University”. Eugenides knew he wishes to be a writer from a fairly age. Eugenides was raise in Detroit, Michigan, and cites the influences of the city and his highschool experiences on his writing. He has said that he has a “perverse love” of his born place. He is also troubled by the decline of Detroit in 1986, he collect the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science Nicholl Fellowship for his story “Full of the Holy Spirit”, “Here Comes Winston”. When in New York, he made friend with a much of similarly struggling writers, including Jonathan Franzen. In 2002, he wrote a novel, *Middlesex* after that he won the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, in addition to be finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award, the International Dublin Literary Award. Following the life and self-discovery of Calliope Helen Stephanides, or later Calan intersex person raised a girl, but hormonally a boy. *Middlesex* also broadly deals with the Greek-American immigrant experience in the United States, the rise and fall of Detroit, and explores the experience of an intersex. From 1999 to 2004, Eugenides lived in Berlin, Germany, where he moves after take of awarded a grant from the German Academic Exchange Service to write in Berlin for a year. Eugenides had lived in Princeton, New Jersey, since the fall of 2007, when Eugenides joined the faculty of Princeton University’s Program in Creative Writing. Eugenides recently, with his wife and child, in Princeton, New Jersey, where he is Professor Creative Writing in the Peter B. (<http://www.gradesaver.com/author/jeffrey-eugenides>)

The reason I was research about this novel is because I want to know about related LGBT and Hermaphrodite, Then I want to know the characteristic about hermaphrodite’s person. The other reason, shape of written that write by author is very detailed, may have a some wrong meaning based in this story, but the unique characteristic such as the deepest meaning of this novel and etc, avoided it all. Based on the background above, the

researcher proposes to conduct a research method “Hermaphrodite reflected in Jennifer Eugenides’s *Middlesex* (2002): Queer Approach”

## **B. Literary Review**

The research was done by Fadhillah Khusnul Khotimah in 2016 with entitled *Transgenderis A Queer Theoretical Study in Okky Mandasari’s Bound Novel 2014*. This research is preferred to analysis about transgenderism phenomenon of the character in *Bound* novel with using queer theory.

Based on the result of that research, the writer aimed to focused on the hermaphrodite’s development based on *Middlesex* novel who developed focusing in the characteristic and also compare between Hermaphrodite with Transgender

## **C. Problem Statement**

Based on the previous background of the study, the writers aims at analyzing the problem “Hermaphrodite reflected in Jennifer Eugenides’s *Middlesex* (2002): Queer approach”. The Focus in this research paper is into:

1. What is the characteristic/ psychology of someone who get hermaphrodite?
2. What are the structural elements of this novel?

## **D. Objective of the Study**

The objectives in this research are:

1. To identify the characteristic/ psychology of someone who get hermaphrodite
2. To analyze the hermaphrodite of Helen Calliope “ Cal” Stephanides reflected in Jennifer Eugenides’s *Middlesex*(2002) based on its structural elements

## **E. Limitation of the Study**

The limitation of the study is behavior and phenomenon of Hermaphrodite in Helen Calliope “Cal” Stephanides Eugeniedes’s *Middlesex*.

## **F. Benefit of the Study**

In carrying this research, the writer intends to present some benefit to the readers.

### **1. Theoretical Benefit**

The writer hopes based of this research, get the result the detailed about hermaphrodite,

### **2. Practical Benefit**

For the future researcher, maybe this research can be as literate or source reference if they want to make the research about the same topic

## **G. Research Method**

### **1. Type of the Research**

The type of this Research is descriptive qualitative method. Descriptive qualitative method is a research method which employs the method of collecting data, describing, classifying and analyzing the data and then making conclusion.

### **2. Object of the study**

The object of the study is *Middlesex* novel written by Jeffret Eugenides and published by RandomHouse in 2002. This Research analyzed by using a queer approach.

### **3. Type of The Data and Source of The Data**

#### **a. Type of Data**

The types of data of this research is the textual data that consist of words, phrases, sentences, narration and dialogue of novel.

b. Source of Data

The source of the data of this research is:

1) Primary Data

The primary data source is the novel *Middlesex* written by Jeffrey Eugenides.

2) Secondary Data

The secondary data are taken from books, websites, and other literary and other references that support this analysis.

#### 4. Technique of Data Collection

The writer takes some steps for the techniques of data collection, those are:

- a. Reading the novel repeatedly .
- b. Determining the character that will be analyzed.
- c. Taking notes of the influence information in textual from both primary and secondary data.
- d. Arranging the data into several groups based on its theoretical categories..
- e. Selecting particular part considered important and relevant for analysis.
- f. Drawing conclusion and formulate its suggestion.

#### 5. Technique Data Analysis

The writer uses a queer approach and applies it by using the descriptive analysis. The steps taken by the writer in analyzing the data are as follows: Firstly, analyzing the data based on its structural elements. Focus will be paid on the structural analysis of the novel. Secondly, analyzing the data based on queer approach. Focus will be paid on the meaning of Hermaphrodite.

## **H. Research Paper Organization**

To make this paper easy to be followed by the readers, the writer gives some orders for the paper organization. The first is chapter I, introduction. It consists of background of the study, previous study, problem statement, limitation of the study, objectives of the study, benefit of the study, research method, techniques of collecting data, technique of analyzing data, and research paper organization. The second is chapter II, underlying theory, that deals with, the notion of queer approach, the notion of sex and gender, the life of hermaphrodite and obstacle , the notion of hermaphrodite, and structural elements of the novel. The third is chapter III, it deals with the structural analysis of the novel. The fourth is chapter IV, it discusses about concept of Caliope-self. The last chapter is Chapter V, presents conclusion and suggestion.