

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Courage stands as part of human nature, where every human has their own courage in their own ways. It means that, people as a human has their own capacity and level of courage. Courage it self includes the state or quality of mind or spirit that enables a person to face difficulty, danger, pain or vicissitudes with self-possession without fear. According to the thesaurus dictionary courage is defined as the mental or moral strength of venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty (Paul, 2012: 1).

The simple samples of courage such as; being courageous can be from surviving through cancer, a child rescuing his dog from a busy street, and also towards people that are judging others by what they do, wear or say. Courage is also doing some brave deed without thinking about what the consequences could be. So, it can be concluded that courage is a spirit that appears against the fear and anxiety and of course it is not always easy because it takes heart to do a courageous act.

In this paper, the researcher wants to describe the courage that appears in the novel viewed from individual psychological approach. The novel that will be used by the researcher is *Worth Any Price* by Lisa Kleypas. The novel was released in February, 2003 and it is one of historical novels which consists of 388 pages. This historical romance will provide much pleasure to fans of the sub-genre due to the charming lead protagonists. The story line is at its strongest when this duo takes center stage. The villain is so sociopathic, he does not seem like a character. Nevertheless Lisa Kleypas purveys a story that caters to the tastes of the early Victorian readers.

The story opens with Nick Gentry who is first introduced in Lady Sophia's lover, arriving at an upscale brothel. Nick is unable to tolerate the touch of anyone, let alone a woman, and at the age of 24, he's desperate to

work through his problems long enough to have sex. With the help of the Madame, he finds a way to get past of some of his issues, and he becomes an accomplished lover in the process.

Flash forward three years later. Nick was once one of London's most notorious thief-takers and underworld figures, but a deal with his brother-in-law, Sir Ross Cannon, kept him from the hangman's noose, and instead he's become one of Bow Streets most daring runners. With a reputation for capturing the most dangerous criminals and solving the hardest cases, he's sought out for private commissions – which is why is he's lolling around in the country when he'd rather be in London chasing criminals. Lord Radnor wants Nick to find his runaway fiancée, Charlotte “Lottie” Howard. Nick has traced her to a country estate where she's working as a lady's companion. He follows her there, posing as Viscount Sydney.

Lottie has lived a peaceful life for the past two years, despite always looking over her shoulder. Betrothed to a man old enough to be her father was bad enough, but Lord Radnor was obsessive and controlling. He sent her away to a boarding school where he dictated what she'd be taught, what she'd eat, how she dressed, and even how she should think. Lottie couldn't face the prison that would be her marriage to Radnor, so she ran. She's careful not to let anyone get too close, but Lord Sydney intrigues and overwhelms her. In a brief time she finds herself attracted to him.

Nick is shocked to find himself attracted to Lottie as well. He thought he could give her back to Radnor, but the more he gets to know her, the less willing he is to let her go. Unfortunately her employer finds out who Nick is and blows his cover. Lottie is understandably upset, but proposes a compromise: if Nick will protect her, she'll be his mistress. That's not enough; Nick wants it all. He'll be her protector if she becomes his wife. Lottie soon finds herself tangled up in a marriage to a man she could grow to love, if only he'd let her.

It begins with a beautiful romance between two very intriguing characters. Lottie never once comes across as helpless. Marrying Nick solved

many of her problems and made her life easier, but the reader knows she could've survived on her own. Even towards the end, where the opportunity arises for a moment, Lottie shows common sense; instead of rushing off alone to face the villain, she takes someone with her. Most important, Lottie doesn't let her emotions run away with her. Many heroines would've used the fact that the hero lied in the beginning as an excuse to pout and hold it against him for the duration of the book, but not Lottie. She accepts what happened, gives Nick what for and then moves on.

There are some reasons why the researcher is interested in analyzing this novel. Firstly, *Worth Any Price* novel is interesting to be read and make people curious about the stories. Secondly, *Worth Any Price* was a New York Times Bestseller novel in 2003. Thirdly, this book shows us about the reality of the life in western where sex and crime was real and sometimes far from law.

Relating to all the description above, the researcher uses individual psychological approach to find out the courage of the major character in the novel. In Individual psychology, Adler shows that courage is one of human's striving against inferior, so within the striving, human involved a lot of courage. So, based on the reason above, the researcher analyzes the *Worth Any Price* novel by using an individual psychological approach in this researcher entitled "The Courage of Nick Reflected in Novel *Worth Any Price*: an Individual Psychological Analysis".

B. Problem Statement

Based on the background above, the researcher aims at analyzing the problem :

1. How is the Courage of Nick reflected in *Worth Any Price* Novel viewed from individual psychological approach?
2. What is the reason of Nick's courage appearance in *Worth Any Price* Novel viewed from individual psychological approach?

C. Objectives of the Study

The objectives of the study are mentioned as follows:

1. To analyze courage of Nick reflected in *Worth Any Price* Novel viewed from individual psychological approach.
2. To find out the reason of Nick's courage appearance in *Worth Any Price* Novel viewed from individual psychological approach.

D. Limitation of the Study

The researcher focuses this research in analyzing the courage of the major character Nick in the *Worth Any Price* Novel based on Psychological Approach.

E. Benefit of the Study

The study is expected to give benefits as follows:

1. Theoretical Benefit

The researcher wishes that this study can imports a new contribution and information to larger body of knowledge, especially the literary study on novel and individual psychological approach.

2. Practical Benefit

This study is wished to give deeper understanding and enrich both knowledge and experience especially for the researcher, generally for other students of Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta and also can be used as reference by other university students who are interested in literary study on *Worth Any Price* Novel based on individual psychological approach.

F. Paper Organization

The organization of this study is explained in order the reader can understand the content of the paper easier. The organizations are as follows:

Chapter I is introduction, which contains background of the study, literary review, problem statement, objectives of the study, limitation of the

study, the benefit of the study, research method, and paper organizations. Chapter II is Underlying theory; it describes the notion of individual psychological, basic principle of individual psychology and theoretical application. Chapter III is research methodology; consists of type of research, object of the study, type of the data and data source, technique of the data collection, technique of the data analysis. Chapter IV is individual psychological analysis and discussion. Chapter V is the last chapter of this research paper that consist of conclusion and suggestion.