

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1. Background of the Study

Human as one of the perfect creature that have the specialties when they use their brain to think, use their heart to feel and combine those two to make good decisions. So, human sometimes represent a lot of emotional characters related to the decision that they want to make. The emotion can be everything, such as hate, love, care, anxious, happy, jealous, etc. From one of those emotion, anxious is one of the emotion that really need to be handled. Anxious or anxiety is the symptoms of neurotic disorder, and in psychology this is one of human mental disorder related to functional disorder of gnosic, emotional, somatic and behavior al reactions. When human feel their anxiety, it wil alerting signal, it warns of impending danger and enables human as a person to take measures to deal with a threat.

But, human also have their own ways to solve their problem related to the neurosis and Horney named it as human's neurotic solution. When people gets their neurosis it will affect to their social relationship, individuals have a constant fear of social situations for fear of embarrassment. Hancock (2008: 2) say that, "Symptoms of anxiety may be experienced when an individual is exposed to social situations, these can include physical symptoms such as blushing, fear and diarrhoe ". So, the solution is how they have to deal with social.

People with neurotic will search for safety using more than one of mecanism and there is mismatch between the four mecanisms such as securing affection and love, being submissive, attaining power, and withdrawing, could be an additional problems. The four self-protective mechanisms by Horney proposed have a single goal that is to defend against basic anxiety. They motivate the person to seek security and reassurance rather than happiness or pleasure. They are a defense against pain, not a pursuit of well-being. Another characteristic of these self-protective mechanisms is their power and intensity.

These mechanisms may reduce anxiety, but the cost to the individual is usually an impoverished personality (Schultz, 2005: 158). So that is why the neurotic solution stands as self protective mechanism for human to decrease their anxiety

Based on the above explanation about neurotic solution, the researcher wants to use it as the approach to analyze the phenomenon within the *The Playboy of the Western World* written by Irish Playwright. *The Playboy of the Western World* is a three-act play written by Irish playwright John Millington Synge and first performed at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on 26 January 1907. *The Playboy of the Western World* doesn't sit easily within either of these traditional theatrical genres. It means that, firstly, the play performed in theatrical act. The play includes comedy and tragedy. The first performance, played by Synge himself as Christy Mahon. In 1963 *The Playboy of the Western World* was made in a film version, this film is manufactured in Ireland and adapted also directed by Brian Desmond Hurst, starred Siobhán McKenna as Pegeen and the English actor Gary Raymond as Christy. Until 2007 *The Playboy of the Western World* Synge asked African company Arambe commissioned Bisi Adigun and Roddy Doyle to write a modern adaptation set in a suburb of Dublin. The play was directed by Jimmy Fay and was performed at the Abbey Theatre, starring by Giles Terera as Christy and Eileen Walsh as Pegeen.

The play tells about Christy Mahon who has killed his father. After he killed his father, the villagers embraced him very much. Then he tried to run away from it supposed to escape from the problems. He tried to cover his crime by running away from it, tried to be close with other strangers, and tried to hide from the villagers. In the middle of his hide, he always blames himself. Everything happened because of him that is so stupid facing this life with his stupidity, until the public blame him too. Christy Mahon as he wanders into a small Irish village, declaring that he has just murdered his father. The villagers initially embrace Christy, determining that his courageous act has made him "the playboy of the western world." Their vision of him, however, soon

changes as the plot develops. Christy Mahon, a lad from Kerry, is taken into a pub in Mayo, where he tells and retells, and each time adorn more complicated, the tale of killing his father. The publican's daughter, Pegeen Mike, quickly becomes interested to Christy, and there is the promise of love. When Mahon's father suddenly appears, Christy is discredited and the same people who earlier courage him suddenly turn against and punish him. In one of the richer ironies, Christy departs in the company of his father, leaving Pegeen to wed Shawn Keogh, a timid boy in thrall to the Church. Christy is another nomadic hero, one who first takes to the road without a father or a place in the world; later, he is a man who still has no home but has arrived at a firm sense of identity. He finally chooses for a life free of Church and society and look for a natural freedom. Christy clarifies the tyranny, and although yearning for Pegeen's love, he agreed for isolation as an alternative to appropriate.

The researcher is interested to analyze the script by using interpersonal psychoanalytic because, first the script has been played in so many country in a form of theatrical act and also played in a film version. The second the *The Playboy of the Western World* also has been played by English Student of Muhammadiyah University, the third, there are a lot of phenomenon related to self hatred and discrimination, the last is that this script never been analyzed before in UMS. The researcher wants to analyze the script in one research entitled "Neurotic Solution Of Christopher Mahon in Covering His Crime in The Playboy of the Western World Drama By J.M Synge (1907): An Interpersonal Psychoanalytic Approach"

2. Problem Statement

The researcher has formed two research question, as follows :

- 2.1 What kind of neurotic solution of Christopher Mahon in covering his crime reflected in *The Playboy of the Western World* drama by J.M Synge (1907) viewed from an interpersonal psychoanalytic approach?

2.2 What is the most dominant of solution appears in Christopher Mahon in covering his crime in *The Playboy of the Western World* drama by J.M Synge (1907) viewed from an interpersonal psychoanalytic approach ?

3. Objectives of the Study

The objectives of the research are:

- 3.1 To find out the kind of neurotic solution of Christopher Mahon in covering his crime in *The Playboy of the Western World* drama by J.M Synge (1907) viewed from an interpersonal psychoanalytic approach.
- 3.2 To find out the most dominant of solution appears in Christopher Mahon in covering his crime in *The Playboy of the Western World* drama by J.M Synge (1907) viewed from an interpersonal psychoanalytic approach.

4. Limitation of the Study

The researcher focuses this research analyzing neurotic solution of Christopher Mahon in covering his crime in *The Playboy of the Western World* drama by J.M Synge (1907) viewed from an interpersonal psychoanalytic approach.

5. Benefits of the Study

The researcher wants this research has benefits. The benefits of this study as follows:

5.1 Theoretical Benefit

The result of this study is supposed to be able to give information and contribution to the perfections of the knowledge. It is also an academic reference for other researchers to conduct further research and particularly the literary studies especially the script and the theory of interpersonal psychoanalytic.

5.2 Practical Benefit

The study is supposed to enriching the knowledge of the researcher and other students of Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta or other

University students who have interest in literary study on the script from an interpersonal psychoanalytic.

6. Paper of Organization

The research paper of “Neurotic Solution of Christopher Mahon in Covering His Crime in the *Playboy of the Western World* Drama by J.M. Synge (1907): An Interpersonal Psychoanalytic Approach” are divided in five chapters. The detail of the paper organization are: Chapter one is Introduction. It consists of Background of the Study, Problem Statement, Objectives of the Study, Benefit of the Study, and Paper Organization. Chapter two is Literature Review. It consists of Previous Study, Underlying Theory, and Theoretical Application. Chapter three is Research Method. It consists of Type of the Study, Object of the Study, Type of the Data and Data Sources, Technique of Data Collection, and Technique of Data Analysis. Chapter four is Research Analysis and Discussion. Chapter five is Conclusion, Pedagogical Implication, and Suggestion.