

## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **A. Background of the study**

Cancer or uncontrolled cell multiplication is considered the cause of death is widespread in the world today. There are different types of cancers based on the tissues involved. Cancer can only be defined as a condition in which the cell loses its ability to control its proliferation. Cell transformation for cancer will be gradual and occur as a result of a series of mutations. Research studies on cancer prove that the root causes of cancer are mutations or abnormal and sudden changes in the genetic material - deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA). This does not mean that a single mutation can cause cancer, but the accumulation of mutations in the major part of the genome will cause this condition.

In developed countries, 25% of deaths are due to cancer. Based on statistical data, it has been estimated that 289,000 people in the UK suffer from cancer each year. The average age of patients diagnosed with cancer in the 67s in 2001-2004 and the average age of mortality was 73 years. One in three people is diagnosed with cancer in the UK, and the main types of cancer are lung cancer, breast cancer, colon cancer and prostate cancer.

In this research will be offended a cancer's patient in a fiction. In essence a literary work is a real life replica. Although the form of fiction, such as short stories, novels, and plays, the issues being presented by the author can't be separated from real life experience. Only in its delivery, the author is often packaged with different styles and moral requirements for human life.

The novel is the result of the author's imagination with a strong passion and a reflection of human life for novel written by thoughts, fantasies and feelings. Novel has a relationship and can't be separated from human life. According to researchers in a literary work of fiction,

there had to be a fundamental idea that became the foundation builders. Because of this fundamental idea, an author can develop homemade literature. Humans being the object of letters because the human is the description of behavior that can be seen in terms of life. Psychological and mental case is interesting objects to be explored.

*The Fault In Our Stars* is the sixth novel of John Green was launched in 2012. The book with the number 24 of this chapter tells the story of the life of Hazel Grace Lancaster, patients with stage IV thyroid cancer and tumors in his lungs that follows a group of encouragement for cancer forced her mother to socialize once stated that Hazel depression. In the group that she met with Augustus Waters, a 17 years man who has a 'half' legs because of a knee to his right leg amputated because of bone cancer, or osteosarcoma ever suffered.

Cancer is a term for diseases in which abnormal cells divide without control and can invade nearby tissues. Cancer cells can also spread to other parts of the body through the blood and lymph systems. Cancer is not an easy disease to be cured, but it does not mean there is no change to recover. The earlier cancer is detected, then the chances for recovery even greater. Most cancer patients will often experience extreme pain and that is why we the people around him have to give impulse or passion alive so they can continue to fight.

Cancer is not always lead to death. It depends on the size of the patient's desire to survive and support of the family. Motivation must come from the spirit of life itself. In addition to the surrounding environment if it supports the cancer patients would also think the environment around him wanted to fight so that his sprit will arise.

*The Fault in Our Stars* forces us to face up to the pain of romance, of love, of the inability to find adequate answers or satisfying endings. This is the romantic journey the story and its compelling characters take us on. This is why it is so passionately loved—not so much for the beauty of love as for the pain we need to feel about love and letting go and endings.

As we know the novel is part of literary. Literary work is imaginative or creative writing and novel is one kind of it. In a novel there are many elements which build the unity of the whole story. One of the elements is a character. It is a central point of a novel because the various characters are the ones who represent and enliven the story from the beginning until the end. Characters in literary work are a reflection of human being which is created by author's imagination. That is why a character must have something similar to the people in life-likeness.

Psychological analysis is about analyzing a person's behavior by their psychological point of view. The topic of this study is interesting to be analyzed because it analyzed something beyond the story itself which was related to the author's imagination of the relevance of lifelikeness. Literary work has the same significance in meaning as understanding human's existence with this mental and inner-self problem. Since literature is the exposition of human mental life, it can be said that literary works has relationship to psychology. According to Adler (in Ryckman, 1985: 95), individual psychology is a science that attempts to understand the experience and behavior of each personality should be to serve as fruitful guide for therapist and ultimately for everyone, in affecting change toward more psychologically health behavior.

There are some reasons why the researcher is interested in analyzing this novel. Firstly, the novel is a depiction of the realities of life with all kind problems. Secondly, the novel has moral message to implementation in real life. Thirdly, the novel persuaded us to reach our dream comes true although many problems have some risk.

Individual psychology developed by Alfred Adler, as a comparative system in understanding the individual and in relation to the social environment. It is match with the issue of *The Fault in Our Stars* novel. Based on the data above, the researcher focus on the study to

describe *The Fault in Our Stars* novel (2012) based on structural element of the novel by using individual psychological approach to dig up about ambitiousness of thought entitled **“STRUGGLE AGAINST CANCER REFLECTED IN JOHN GREEN’S *THE FAULT IN OUR STARS* (2012) : AN INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH.”**

## **B. Problem Statement**

Based on the previous background of study, the researcher formulates the research questions are as follows :

1. How describe *The Fault in Our Stars* novel based on structural elements of novel?
2. What are indicators of struggle against cancer of in the novel *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green?

## **C. Objectives**

Conducting the reseach, the researcher formulates the objectives of the study, as follows:

1. To describe The Fault in Our Stars novel based on structural elements of novel.
2. To analyze an individual psychological to dig up about a struggle of Hazel’s against cancer of in the novel *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green

## **D. Limitation of the Study**

The researcher focuses this research in analyzing element structural and struggle of Hazel’s against cancer in John Green’s *The Fault in Our Stars* novel (2012) on Individual Psychological Approach.

## **E. Benefits of the Study**

This research consist in order to have benefits as follows:

### **1. Theoritical Benefits**

The result of this study is expected to be able to give information and contribution of knowledge to the academic reference. It can be also as a reference for other researchers who want to conduct further research

and particularly the literary studies on this *The Fault in Our Stars* novel by John Green.

## **2. Pratical Benefits**

The study is expected to enrich knowledge and experience for the writer in many things and for other students of Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta or for other universities where have the same interest in literary study on the literature from an Individual Psychological Approach.

## **F. Paper Organization**

This research paper organization is given in order to make the reader understand the context of the paper. The paper is organized as five chapter which described such as the first is chapter I which describes introduction which consists of the background of the study, problem statement, objective of the study, limitation of the study, benefit of the study, and paper organization. Then the second is chapter II which consists of previous study and underlying theory. Next, the third is chapter III which deals with type of the study, object of study, type of data and data source, technique of data collection and technique of data analysis. The fourth is chapter IV which describes structural elements analysis and individual psychological analysis of John Green's novel *The Fault in Our Stars*. And the last chapter V is conclusion, suggestion and implication.