

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1. Background of the Study

Trauma is extraordinary stressful event which attack security sense. Its cause feels defenseless in a dangerous environment. Traumatic tend to attack safety. It causes of betrayal, verbal abuse, or any serious loss. Those are mostly common causes of trauma. Trauma such a horrible event which makes victim unsafe from her environment. It'll felt always to be threaten and hard to move on from the situation.

In this research, the researcher discussed Ma's trauma where the one of the novel's character has suffered creepy moment on her past. The event was so hard for her because she was lived in a room as a private hooker for a man called Nick. Her trauma caused of violence, rape, and sex abuse. In the moment when she was suffered that horrible moment, she was in struggling to be able to escape from the place. Feel insecure in daily life in one of symptom of trauma. In this event, Ma was almost felt insecure in performing her daily life because the kidnapper called Nick always came as threat for her. In beside that, living in a room with her son for almost seven years remains psychological pressure that might be difficult to erase in sort time. The time is not that short because it was seven years lived inside the misery.

It can't be denied and mostly people will try their best to avoid or even ignore everything that will remind them about their worst moment. So it tends to be lonely and avoid crowd as what Ma actually doing when she was freed. She tend to avoid the crowd around her and the anxiety mostly came to her mind so she felt insecure in almost every time because the horrible moment that has been happened on her life was kind of haunted her in most of the time. Being alone is one of the ways to reduce the anxiety. But sometimes it couldn't help a lot when suddenly the memory of her past takes over her mind for a while. And this anxiety that come in most of the time will create trauma to the sufferer especially for Ma.

The environment where Ma lives is quite narrow that made Ma itself hard to find the way out because she was imprisoned in a room. This situation also make new pressure to Ma because in a small room where she couldn't see the outside will actually create new trauma to the narrow room. Indirectly will remind her into her past where she lived just in a room. That's the point here, that environment or place will also affect to the causes of trauma itself. It means occur in anywhere and no exception.

Jack made a change when he came to the world. He's growing up just like the other kids but the difference is Jack didn't know any outside world, because he's living inside a room with her mother since he born. The only connection between Jack and outside world is just a television. Television delivery information from outside world to Jack and Ma.

In other hand, Old Nick gives necessities to them. It's sexual crime, where Old Nick rapes Ma until Ma gives birth. After a week celebrated Jack's 5th birthday, Ma just realized that Old Nick has been unemployed since 6 months ago. She thought that Old Nick will kill them both before Old Nick let them free. Because there's no more income for Old Nick and give any necessities to Ma and Jack. From that moment, Ma started thinking that they should escape from the room. The struggle on the way they tried to escape was completely hard. Jack has to be pretended to be die so Old Nick will bring him to the outside.

And when Jack be able to escape while Old Nick drive his vehicle, he need to tell anybody around him that he need help immediately. Jack was successful in doing it. By the help of Cops, Ma finally is able to gather with Jack. Jack and Ma were brought to hospital to get better treatment and the information from them will help cops to look after and arrest Old Nick. The hospital is their temporary home, they received medical treatment. In facing their new life at the hospital, Ma suffers mental disorder, because of her past and her new life that completely have changed. The things that occur on the real life become an inspirations for author and its possibly become more imaginative than reality. Those inspiration will apply to create a literary work wich have variety and interesting story. This's how literaray actually work. The point is a replica of reality which be able to turn into a work and can be enjoyed by everyone.

Some of reasons why the researcher choose this novel to be analyzed are, first, this novel has different setting or almost in many events were happened in a room. 7 years Ma was lived in a room with Jack. It's something unique imagination where there's bad guy who want to have his own hooker and the way he treat Ma is quite different. Second, The treatment of kidnapper is unbelievable. Old Nick still give them necessities to continue their life but imprison them in a room. The struggle of their life to be able to escape from the room, especially for Jack who has pretend to be sick and dead which is not that easy to do for a kid.

And the last that, their effort to ignore or forget the past in their new life after sucesced in escaping from room. The media, pressure from the outside world, Jack's new world that neccessary to adapt with new environment. It's hard to do for Ma, because in previous event, the only thing that be able to connect and have outside world's knowledge is only a television. The researcher porposes to conduct a research entitled "**MA'S TRAUMA; A PHSYCHOANALYTIC STUDY IN EMMA DONOGHUE'S NOVEL ROOM (2010)**".

B. Problem Statement

Based on the background above the problem of this research was Ma's trauma and the problem was broken down into research question as follows:

1. How is the structural elements of *Room* novel described?
2. How is Ma's trauma reflected in the *Room* novel?

C. Objectives of the Study

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

1. To describe Room novel based on structural elements of novel.
2. To analyze Ma's trauma based on the psychoanalytic approach.

D. Limitation of the Study

To limit the study, the researcher focuses on Ma character at Emma Donoghue *Room* novel (2010) on a Psychanalytic approach.

E. Benefits of the Study

The researcher was differentiated into two benefits:

1. Theoretical Benefits

The result of this study is expected to be able to give information, explanation, and contribution of knowledge to the acadamic reference. It can be also a reference for other researchers who want to conduct further research and particularly the literary studies on this *Room* novel.

2. Partical Benefits

This study is expected to enrich knowledge and experience for the researcher in many things and for other students of Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta or for other universities who have the same interest in literary study on the literature from a psychoanalytic Approach.

F. Paper Organization

Paper organization is as follows: Chapter I is introduction, which consists of the background of the study, literary review, problem statement, limitation of the study, objective of the study, benefit of the study, theoretical approach, research method, and research paper organization. Chapter II is underlying theory that consists of psychoanalytic perspective and structural element. Chapter III deals with the structural analysis and discussion of the novel. Chapter IV is psychoanalytic analysis of the novel. Chapter V is conclusion and suggestion.