

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of The Study

According to Paul Findley (2008), bravery is a character to defend and struggle something which is reputed as the right thing for facing all forms of danger and difficulty. Not only men who has bravery in theirself but also women. Nowadays there are still so many women are not brave enough to express their opinion and what they think right to do. Even we know that now women's emancipation is encouraged, but we still often find Women who get oppression from man. Women has enormous influence in life. Women has the same rights as human beings. Women has the same freedom with man to express and do what they want to do, what they think right to do. God has indeed created different between women and men to complement each other. Each has their own rights, obligations, and roles. Perhaps in some cases women and men can exchange roles but that does not necessarily serve as a footing that men and women can replace each other.

Novel *The Pelican Brief* was written by John Grisham in 1994. *The Pelican Brief* was published and became a huge success book. Almost all off his books were adopted become a movie, five of them are already *The Client*, *The Pelican Brief*, *The Firm*, *A Time to Kill*, and *The Chamber*. In 1990 he stoped being a lawyer and resigned from his seat in the state of Legislature to be a writer. He lives in Charlottesville, Virginia with his wife named Renee, and his two children Ty and Shea. Moreover for writing a book, John also became a coach in his Little League small team. He also has a small farm in Oxford, Mississippi.

John Grisham as the author of the novel wants to motivate the readers through "*The Pelican Brief*" Novel. The reader, man or Women has to be brave in showing the truth especially if it relates to state division. We can not be just quite if we know something wrong happens in our envirointment. We can see that nowadays most of people tend to be ignorant on what happens in the society. They prefer to take care of something which is just important for

themselves. Whereas, to advance this country we have to participate in every little thing that we can do. For example not to throwing the rubbish randomly, no cheating at school, not to do plagiarism and many more. As the national we have to take care seriously and joining in control what happens in our society especially on something that relates to state division. If we know something wrong happens we have to quickly make a report to the police or someone who has power on the things. Such as Darby Shaw a law student in Tulane University, the main character in novel "*The Pelican Brief*". The author want to make the readers realize that there are not only just someone who has graduated or has high position which can uncovering case.

The Pelican Brief is 1994's novel which tells about the Women bravery who can uncovering a criminal case and it can make us realize that in everything which happens in our society we have to take care of it. The novel tells about a twenty four years old girl which is still studying in Tulane university in New Orleans City, but she can identify the people who did the criminal case that is about assassination. The story starts with the deaths of the two supreme justice sadistic named Rosernberg and Jensen. The situation and the news of the death was shocking the whole society in America. The murderer was slip of and gone with no trail. The assassination was organized very well, there were no fingerprint, no witnesses, and no screwups so that was little hard to know who is the doer. Until the female collage student named Darby Shaw make a research and looking for the bundle of the Justice Rosernberg and Jensen then she know the case which is still unfinished. Darby Shaw expect that the death case is not caused by the politics but the greed. She make a research about the cause of the death and who are the people who did that.

The assassination of the two supreme court justices was done by the conglomerate grease named Victor Mattiece. The conglomerate try to do the drilling grease in Lousiana, it is located in America which has swamp there. Whereas that swamp area is the main mullet for the Pelican bird which is almost extinct. In her research, Darby Shaw found a file of appeals in court for the right to use the area, filed on behalf of Victor Mattiece. The two supreme justice who

were murdered included environmentalists even just to the general view. He hoped to change the legal case concerning swampy areas, the pelican bird's pelvic swamps became profitable by killing the two justices. The assassination of the two supreme justices will be the President's order to appoint a new supreme justice, which certainly more manageable for the benefit of Victor Mattiece. Derby made the research of that legal case and came to be known as "*The Pelican Brief*".

The professor Thomas Callahan which is Darby's lecturer in her university and also her lover brought the research to the agent FBI named Gavin Verheek. Gavin is Thomas's close friend. Then after Thomas brought the research to Gavin in two days he was died by the bomb at the car when he was with Darby, but Darby was safe and she was alive. Then she was scared to be the next target that will be killed by the murderer, so she escaped and hid to the place that she felt safe. In her escape she did some disguises and went to anywhere to move the place but she was still almost killed. Then finally she called Gray Grantham the reporter from a newspaper The Washington Post. The reporter believed Darby and committed to help her in proving the truth of *The Pelican Brief* research. Together they uncovered a sneaky cover-up, made by the most prestigious men in the country.

Finally they both could get an evidence in a video recording by a lawyer which called "Garcia". The video contained the evidence of the lawyer that Victor Mattiece has been governed someone to kill the two supreme court justices. With that evidence both Darby and Grantham bring it to the Washington Post. Then after the news was up Mattiece was arrested by the FBI. At the end Darby and Grantham lived in a small island for a month.

The Pelican Brief has a lot of influence in life. This book makes you think about which one you can trust and which one is not, and also shows some ingenious characters especially in troubleshooting. The purpose of John Grisham when writing this novel is to cause tension, fear, happiness, and pleasure into the hearts of those who read his novel. The topics in this novel are the government

conspiracy, without thinking about the topic, the reader will not understand his novel.

There are two reasons why the researcher is interested in analyzing this novel. Firstly, the topic of the novel is interesting. The story is about tracking the murder of two justices who were murdered sadistically, without found evidence at the scene and it was very professional. There are so many character in the story. It may make the reader confused at first but well understand at last if we pay attention to the plot.

The second, this study can be beneficial for the students with the good moral values contained in this research that as the notional especially in our country Indonesia which has so many politic problems if we can solve or we have a thought that may can help to solve the problems we have to be brave especially for the Women who is known as a weak human and has no rights on doing something. In this emancipation era we have nothing to be scared.

The researcher decides to use the existentialism analysis to analyze this novel, because the approach is suitable with the topic which will be discussed. The novel shows the Women's bravery of the main characters in the novel, Darby Shaw. For that reason, the researcher conducted this research entitled **Women's Bravery Reflected In John Grisham' *The Pelican Brief* (1994): An Existentialist Perspective.**

1.2 Research Question

1. How is the Women's bravery reflected in *The Pelican Brief* novel?
2. What kinds of bravery reflected in John Grisham' *The Pelican Brief*?
3. Why is the Women's bravery specifically addressed by the author in *The Pelican Brief*?

1.3 The Objective of The Study

1. To describe how Women's bravery reflected in *The Pelican Brief*.
2. To identify the kind of bravery reflected in John Grisham *The Pelican Brief*.
3. To reveal the underlying reasons why Women's bravery is specifically addressed by the author in *The Pelican Brief*.

1.4 Benefits of The Study

1. Theoretical Benefit

This study aims to give a contribution to the large body of knowledge, particularly in existentialism analysis in literary work.

2. Practical Benefit

The result of the study is expected to broaden the researcher's knowledge in literary work practical in understanding of the novel related to the aspect of existentialism analysis. This study is also expected to contribute to the development of the large body of knowledge, particularly literary studies on John Grisham' *The Pelican Brief*. And it also can be used as a reference for the other researcher who want to conduct research about Women's bravery.

1.5 Limitation of The Study

To make the research is appropriate to the objective of the study, the researcher will make a limitation to the research. The researcher only focuses on analysing the Women's bravery which is reflected in John Grisham' *The Pelican Brief* (1994) by using existentialist perspective.

1.6 Research Paper Organization

Research paper organization has aim to make the research is easier to be read and understood by the readers. The research is divided into 5 parts. Chapter one is introduction. It consists of Background of Study, Research Questions, Research Objective, Benefit of Study, Limitation of Study and Research Paper Organization. Chapter two is Literature Review. It consists of Previous Study and Underlying Theory. Chapter three is Research Method. It consists of Type of Study, Time and Place, Type of Data and Data Source, Method and Technique of Collecting Data, and Technique of Analyzing Data. Chapter four is Finding and Discussion. It deals with the kinds of bravery, explanation how Women' bravery reflected in the novel, and the last is revelation why the author raises Women' bravery in the novel. Chapter five is Conclusion. And it consists of Conclusion of the research and Suggestion for the reader about the novel.