

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

A little review of the title of the research that raised the issue of feminism. Many women are victims of violence, especially victims of male violence, because basically women are not strong enough and this situation exists in real life. This imbalance continues because there are still many people who claim that women are obedient and weak. So many men make women the object of violence in order to achieve the desires of men. The man in question is the head of the family, which is believed that a family must obey the rules of the family head. In a family, a man has power over his wife and children. So if there is violent behavior in it, it can be said that he is abusing power. Actually, not only men play the role of head of the family but there are also many bad men out there who often act arbitrarily to fulfill what he wants such as acts of abuse and rape. This action is carried out by one or more men against women who are not even known because they want to vent their biological needs or acts of violence perpetrated by male preman who rob women because they think that women will not be able to fight it and even more sadly, many who experience robbery lose all the property that they brought at that time and then raped and killed by the perpetrators in order to eliminate trace of crime. Feminism is something related to the release of women from injustice. This phenomenon is known by the wider community that there is gender inequality. Where power is dominated by men. The aim of feminism is gender balance or interaction. Broadly speaking, feminism is a women's movement in rejecting everything imagined, subordinated, and demeaned by dominant culture in politics, economics, and social life in general as well (Ratna, 2012, p. 184).

In *Safe Haven* novel, researchers will analyze feminism in the focus of acts of violence experienced by the character named Erin. The study of female violence is nothing but to trace the existence of violations that are illustrated in literature, especially the *Safe Haven* novel. The important thing to be learned in this study is about human behavior. The researcher used this novel because he was interested in the story experienced by one of the characters, Erin (Katie) who was the wife of a detective named Kevin. In this study the researcher will examine one of the human behaviors, namely violence. Violent behavior in the form of physical and non-physical violence (psychological).

Violence is divided into 4, namely, physical violence, non-physical (psychological), sexual violence, and economic violence. First, physical violence is any form of action that causes scars, feels physical pain, or can even cause death. Second, non-physical violence (psychic), namely actions in the form of oral or acts that cause victims to experience trauma, fear, pressure, loss of self-confidence, feeling weak, and can even cause victims to feel inferior and withdraw from the environment or depression. Then the third is sexual violence. Sexual violence is an act of violence in the form of forced sexual relations or harassment that is forcing victims. Then the last is economic violence where victims are limited in their space to work to produce property. As a wife of course wants a harmonious family and a happy life with love from her husband. But Erin did not get that, Kevin said it was very arrogant, even he could be angry just because of a trivial problem. Erin who began not strong with her husband's treatment which caused problems to widen and make this novel more complicated. With the background of the violence experienced by Erin, researchers used the theory of feminism. Erin's treatment is an example of domestic violence which causes her to experience physical and psychological injuries. But Erin's persistence in going from her husband to get happiness finally came true. In Indonesia there is one famous female figure, R.A. Kartini as the female emancipation figure. Emancipation of women who are equal to feminism is a number of businesses which are to obtain equality.

Talking about who wrote safe-haven novels, Nicholas Sparks people. Nicholas Charles Sparks has the full name Nicholas Charles Sparks. He was born in Omaha, Nebraska, on December 31, 1965. The first reason he wrote was because of the injury he got after breaking the 4x800 meter relay race record. It's true that Nicholas Sparks was a runner who received a full scholarship from the University of Notre Dame. 12 of his books that won the best-selling level made him the number 1 writer in New York. his name was raised after *Message in the Bottle* was filmed with lead star Kevin Costner in 1999. *A Walk to Remember* was filmed with the main star Mandy Moore. Now, Sparks lives in New Bern, North Carolina, with a wife and four children.

When a young woman named Katie appeared in Southport, a small town in northern California, her arrival raised questions about her past. Katie beautiful seemed to close herself, although some events finally brought her closer to Alex, the widower of a shop owner who had two children, and to Jo, a single woman who was his neighbor. But when I started falling in love, his dark past continued to haunt him. The past that made him escape to southport. With persistent support, he gradually realized he had to choose between a safe life that was only temporary, or a life that was more risky but happy, and at that moment, love became the only safe haven.

Literature is an expression of the author which expressed through writing that can be in the form of sadness, enthusiasm, experience, ideas, or happiness, sometimes literature can exist in a person in order to give a view of life to the reader. Literature have some kind as follows : novel and short stories. The definition of a novel is a long essay of prose and tells the story of real life and the imagination of the author. In the novel there is also a prominent character in each character. Usually novels are a series of life stories that change, meaning that each story in the novel there is a change in the life story of certain characters, both the main characters and helpers. Hence the novel is often used as a film or vice versa, because the story is long and can be called a novel is a story from a part of one's life. Like for example, from someone graduating from school then applying for a job until finally the person is successful and has a life partner. Or like the novel

that the researcher will examine, which tells of the life story of a woman who experienced violence from her husband and decided to leave her husband and find a new, better man. In the novel there are also two novel building elements, namely intrinsic and extrinsic elements. These two elements determine the quality of a novel. The first is the intrinsic element, the intrinsic element is contained in the novel itself, like the theme. The theme is an outline description of the story ideas that the writer will make. then there is characterization which is the character of the characters contained in the novel.

Characterization itself there are 3 kinds, namely, antagonists who are evil characters or figures who always make conflicts. Besides the antagonist there is also a protagonist, this protagonist usually becomes the main spotlight in the novel that always gets into trouble and has a good attitude opposite the antagonist. The last is a tritagonist who is known as a mediator in the novel, this character is always the mediator between the antagonist and protagonist.

In the intrinsic element there are also grooves / plots that are grooves that will shape the course of the story. There are 2 types of grooves, namely forward grooves that tell from the beginning to the end of the story in sequence, and the backward flow that is telling events randomly and usually used for fantasy storylines. Then there are settings in the intrinsic element. This setting contains time which can be explained in detail or only an outline. there is also a place to explain the location of each event. The third is a social culture that explains the character association, and the environmental conditions that have a considerable impact on characterization. After setting, that is, there is a viewpoint. long angle consists of 3 types, namely the first person as the main character, the first person as a side character, and the third person as the observer. Of course this intrinsic element does not end with only the 5 elements mentioned above but there are still 2 more elements which are intrinsic, namely the style of language, and the mandate. This style of language greatly determines reading interest because of the style of language chosen by the author can truly represent feelings and turn on the story. Finally what is contained in the intrinsic elements of the novel is a message which is an impression message that can be drawn from a novel. The mandate is

arguably the main purpose of the story to be conveyed by the author which can be in the form of solicitation, motivation, criticism and others.

Novel extrinsic elements. This element is a building element of the novel from the outside. this element usually consists of the biography of the author, the background of the author. The second is the behind-the-scenes story which means that the story raised is from the author's experience or imagination. The last one that is usually found in extrinsic elements is the value contained in society. Each story in the novel must contain value, whether economic, social, cultural, political or other values that might involve local customs (the environment in which the story was written)

From several aspects mentioned above, researcher wanted to explore and analyze the Reflective in Safe Haven Perseverance by Nicholas Sparks (2010) based on the Perspective Feminist, and the title is **PERSEVERANCE REFLECTED IN SAFE HAVEN BY NICHOLAS SPARKS (2010): A FEMINIST APPROACH**

In the last paragraph the researcher wants to explain about the public response of the Safe Haven novel. The first thing to be conveyed the readers' response to the novel.

B. Problem Statement

The problem statements in this study, as follows:

1. What efforts were made by Erin to be free from her husband's torture on Perseverance Reflected In Safe Haven By Nicholas Sparks (2010): A Feminist Approach?
2. What impact did Erin feel on the violence committed by her husband on the research of Perseverance Reflected In Safe Haven By Nicholas Sparks (2010): A Feminist Approach?

C. Limitation of the Study

The researcher focuses on analyzing women characters and it focuses on perseverance by applying feminist approach.

D. Objectives of the study

The objectives of this study, as follows:

1. To know how perseverance Erin to get a bliss on the Perseverance Reflected In Safe Haven By Nicholas Sparks (2010): A Feminist Approach.
2. As a benchmark of her fear which made that problem be a reason of her escape on the research of Perseverance Reflected In Safe Haven By Nicholas Sparks (2010): A Feminist Approach.

E. Benefit of the study

From this study it can concluded that the reader can find out the problems in Safe Haven novels, which are wrapped neatly and tense. From this study researchers also want to voice that the problem of violence against women is decreasing. Especially in cases of domestic violence, such as issues raised by researchers. In theory, the results of this study are expected to help further researchers use for comparison with previous studies. This research is also expected to provide broader knowledge and insight into feminism related to domestic violence.