

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background

Drama is one genre in the literature that usually dealing with many characters and complicated problem. Drama according to Reaske (1996) is a work of literature or composition which depicts life and human activity by means of presenting various actions of and dialogues between a group of characters. Endraswara (2011) states that drama is one of the literary genres etimologically derived from the Greek '*dran*' which means to do something. Drama is one form of arts and performances. Drama has existed since ancient Greece and Roman and continues to grow until now. In Greek times, the origin of the drama was Kulus Dyonisius. At that time, drama was associated with religious ceremonies, worship the gods. There are three famous Greek figures who are related to drama namely Plato, Aristotle and Sophocles. The first drama script found in Greece was written by Aeschylus and dedicated to the gods. A little different from Greek times, in Roman times drama was used to make money. The show was even more magnificent. Famous figures in Roman times are Plutus, Terence and Lucius Senece. According to Bella (2020) drama is also divided into various types; first, drama is distinguished based on the play, there are tragedies, comedies, comedy tragedies, operas, melodrama, farce, tablo and ballet. Second, drama is distinguished based on the presence or absence of manuscripts, there are modern dramas and traditional dramas. Third, drama is distinguished from the means of the performance, there are stage plays, radio dramas, television dramas, film dramas and puppet plays.

The drama to be discussed this time is the drama based on the means of the performance. This drama is called television dramas. One of the television drama is television series or TV series. A TV series usually consist of several episodes, and one TV series usually can be divided into several seasons or maybe just a season. In United State and Canada, it called seasons, while in United Kingdom it called series. The first-TV series aired in the 1930s. There are a lot of TV series around the world. There are now streaming TV service providers that can be enjoyed from various devices, not just from television, there are Netflix, Iflix, Viu, Amazon Prime, Catchplay and many others. Netflix is an American TV series service provider. Netflix can be enjoyed by streaming online. Netflix was discovered in 1997 by Reed Hastings and Marc Radolph in California. There are many movies, documentaries, and TV shows on Netflix. The programs that air on Netflix also get many awards. Netflix as an

online streaming service provider that can be accessed from all over the world, how to access it is quite easy, only need to pay monthly to subscribe and then all programs can be enjoyed. One of Netflix's TV series that attracted the audience was *Thirteen Reasons Why* based on Jay Asher's novel with the same title. *Thirteen Reasons Why* developed by Brian Yorkey and produced by Joseph Incaprera. Originally released on 31 of March 2017, consists of thirteen episodes in first season.

In the novel 'Thirteen Reasons Why', the author tried to tell his own experience of having a friend who attempted suicide. When his friend tried to kill herself, she was the same age as Hannah Baker at that time. His friend tried to commit suicide because of dealing with many things and felt that no one wanted to talk about these things. She felt no one would understand her situation. Therefore, Jay Asher wrote this novel because he needs to talk about stuffs like worries or even emergence suicide intentions. Although it is difficult, these things can be discussed. The storyline in this series is slightly different from the novel. The difference is at the end of Hannah's story. In the novel Hannah attempted suicide by taking a lot of drugs but was saved because her parents. Furthermore, in the TV series, Hannah cut her veins in the bathroom and died because no one saved her. The main character of this story is Hannah Baker portrays as Jay Asher's friend who attempted suicide.

This series tells about a girl named Hannah Baker who committed suicide. Before she finally cut off her own hands, she recorded her voice into seven tapes and each tape contained two sides of stories about people who had caused Hannah to commit suicide. On Hannah's tapes, she told about the things that she experienced and also whoever did those things to her. The names are Justin Foley, Jessica Davis, Alex Standall, Tyler Down, Courtney Crimsen, Marcus Cole, Zach Dempsey, Ryan Shaver, Sheri Holland, Clay Jensen, Bryce Walker, and Mr. Porter. Every person mentioned earlier was afraid of the truth that would be encountered. They feel disturbed by the presence of the tapes. They feel psychologically disturbed, the most dangerous psychological impact occurred to Alex Standall. This study will discuss the psychological impact that occurred on Alex Standall on the death of Hannah Baker. Alex has shown strange behavior since Hannah's death.

The reason why the researcher interested in this study because this series presents many problems that are more directed to psychological problems. The researcher is very interested in Alex Standall's character and wants to investigate more deeper that character. Furthermore, there is no further analysis of the character of Alex Standall in the *Thirteen Reasons Why*. In the previous studies, many researchers conducted research based on the main character in this story, the characters named Hannah Baker and Clay Jensen. The

previous researchers also used sociological approach. Based on this reasons, the researcher on this study interested in researching character named Alex Standall using the psychological approach because no one has taken the research before. This study conducted *Thirteen Reasons Why* series that have genres of mystery and teen drama. This work raised based on the authors' experience. The story line of this series is uneasy to guess and has quite complex problems for teens in the story. This study discusses The Psychological Impact Of Alex Standall on The Death of Hannah Baker on Netflix's *Thirteen Reasons Why* (2017). In this study, the researcher investigates how the impact of Hannah death on psychology of Alex Standall. The researcher describes the psychological condition of Alex Standall' character on *Thirteen Reasons Why*. In this case, the researcher uses psychology of literature theory.

B. Problem Statement

1. What is the factor that causes Alex Standall do bad thing to Hannah Baker?
2. How was Alex Standall's psychological conditions after he made mistake to Hannah Baker?
3. Why did Alex Standall finally commit suicide?

C. Objectives of the Study

Based on the problem statements above, the objectives of this study aims:

1. To identify factors that causes Alex Standall do bad things to Hannah Baker.
2. To describe Alex Standall's psychological conditions after making mistakes to Hannah Baker.
3. To reveal Alex Standall finally commit suicide.

D. Benefits of the Study

The researcher expects that this study can give benefits:

1. The result of this research can be used as reference for those who want to conduct a research in analysing literature, especially in drama series.
2. The result of this research can be used as reference for those who want to conduct a study in analyse drama series by psychology of literature theory.