

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter the researcher elaborates background of the study, problem statement, limitation of the study, objectives of the study, benefit of the study and research paper organization.

A. Background of the Study

A Literary study is the knowledge about the study of literature. As we know, that literary study that has been written based on imagination such as poetry, drama, novel and can also be from non-fiction. Non-fiction is the genre that we encounter the most. Many people think that literary study and literature are the same. The fact, both of them have a relationship. According to (Wellek & Warren 1949) that literature and literary study are different meanings. They said “The two are distinct activities between literature and literary study: literature one is creative, art and the other, while the literary study is a part of knowledge or of learning.” (p.3). Based on this, literature have some meaning that it is an art. It is can described that literary study is a set of methods for examining the diversity in the past experiences used unusual language. As such, the literary study can be used as primary evidence to investigate the history, world war, individual psyche, economy, religion, race, etc. Because the literary study involves many other various theories, this knowledge including science that it can be said interdisciplinary of any field of study.

Literature is a part of written works. Literature is usually can identified by imagery. This imagery is usually contained in literary work especially on poems or prose. But not only in poem or prose, but in the novel also usually contained imagery. When writing this works, writers usually prefer putting imagery in their poems. The main reason is that writers want to visualize how they feel. Sometimes this imagery can be

made the reader confused to find out this meaning. This literature can be classified based on language, history, nationality, etc. According to (Wellek & Warren 1949) argue that literature “seems best if we limit it to the art of literature. That is imaginative literature”. Literature has a function that is literature as a media to free us, both of the author and from the reader based on their emotional pressure that they have (Wellek and Warren (1977) in (<https://literarystudies.wordpress.com/>)). This is not only meant to free themselves from pressure, but also to express what the author feels to produce the work.

In literature, we can see the types of literature, the following are: novel, poem, prose, non-fiction, drama, etc. Novel is a part in the literature. A Novel that has around 40.000 words and more complex than a short story. Usually, the novel tells about imaginative but sometimes it can tell about other things. The word ‘novel’ from the Italian word ‘novella’ that means “new”. Novel it can be defined that is a long narrative of fiction from an imaginative story. The novel usually is often the most popular part in literature. Novel also has a main elements to become a good novel such as characters, dialogues, setting, plot, climax, conflict and resolution from the novel.

The author of *Remember Me?* novel is Sophie Kinsella. Sophie Kinsella is a best seller author’s from London. Sophie Kinsella was born on December 12, 1969. Sophie Kinsella was written several novels as it always a best seller. Her book were bestseller in UK on September 2000 is the Shopaholic series. She also written another novels which have all been bestsellers in the UK, USA and other countries around the world. Sophie Kinsella was graduated from her college, Oxford. Before she became a writer, she is a financial journalist. Sophie Kinsella lives in London with her husband, Henry Wickan and her children. After that they’re married on 1991. Her husband is a business affair.

Synopsis of *Remember Me?* novel, which starts from the main character of this novel is Lexi Smart. Lexi smart having an annoying night. She came to the club at the end of 2004, with her friends. But at the time

Lexi's boyfriend didn't come to the club's event. Lexi does not enjoy the situation when she hears her friends talk about their salary. Her friends get a year-end salary while Lexi doesn't get it. Because Lexi's work time is less than a week to be even a year, she doesn't get a year-end salary. Her friends celebrate that end-year salary wants to use on vacation. When midnight, heavy rain, Lexi want to go to back home but she didn't find a taxi to take her home. She was in a hurry because she remembers tomorrow she had to go to this father's funeral. But many taxis refuse to be ridden by her. When a taxi stopped, she gets a taxi. But suddenly someone grabbed the taxi. Then because she didn't get the taxi that was taken someone, she tried to catch up while shouting the taxi. But when she chases a taxi, she slipped on wet paving and hit her head hard. As soon as possible she was taken to the nearest hospital. Then Lexi woke up, she felt sick and was shocked when she arrived in a room. The room is a hospital. She is confused with herself, what happened to her. It turns out that the accident she experienced was a severe thing. Apparently, she had amnesia. She wakes up after a car accident having forgotten the last three years of her life. She woke up in 2007, while she last came to a club in 2004. When she woke up, she was only remembering the last being in a club, and the next day she had to go to his father's funeral, she didn't even remember who her husband. Her face and body had been changed. She has neat teeth and a beautiful appearance. She didn't expect herself to be a director in her department. She also didn't expect that her husband was very rich, handsome, and kind-hearted. Her husband named Eric. He has a big house with modern technology. Lexi was very lucky had to husband like Eric. But Lexi was unable to remember the incident 3 years ago in detail because she had amnesia. She only remembers her friend, her mother, and her sister. She remembers the friend, named Fi. Fi is a good person. Fi always helped Lexi in her department. Every day she trying to find herself. As she learns more about her new self, try to realize herself. Furthermore in Lexi's life that was a person admitted as a boyfriend. The person is Jon. He tell that Eric is not her husband. Lexi confused who is "Jon". Because

Jon said that he was a secret love of Lexi and he would become her husband. Jon is Eric's colleague. Jon is an architect that smart, handsome, and kind-hearted. But in this, Lexi doesn't remember anything including Jon. Jon also always helping Lexi to the problems solved in her department. Not only in her department, but Jon as well solved the problem of Lexi's father.

This research will raise the issue of amnesia in a psychoanalytic approach. The first reason the researcher used a psychoanalytic approach that it can see from the phenomena of life, rooted in the psychology of humans about how the amnesia condition from a psychoanalytic approach. The second reason because in this novel it was told about amnesia, the researcher also described the type of amnesia that occur from this novel and amnesia condition by psychoanalytic approach. So, the title in this research is "AMNESIA IN *REMEMBER ME?* NOVEL BY SOPHIE KINSELLA (2008): A PSYCHOANALYTIC APPROACH".

B. Problem Statement

The problem statements in this study areas follows:

1. What is the type of amnesia experienced by Lexi Smart in the novel?
2. How is the amnesia condition reflected in the novel *Remember Me?* viewed from Psychoanalytic Approach?

C. Limitation of the Study

The limitation of the study only focus on the one of the main character, Lexi Smart. To collect data from the novel *Remember Me?* the author uses several stages of collecting data consisting, as follows:

- 1) Conversation between characters.
- 2) The story in a novel.

D. Objectives of the Study

The objectives of this study areas follows :

1. To find out the type amnesia experienced by Lexi Smart in *Remember Me?* novel.
2. To find out the Amnesia condition in *Remember Me?* novel by Psychoanalytic Approach.

E. Benefit of the Study

The result of this study are expected to be used theoretically and practically:

1. Theoretically :

The result of this study are expected to broaden knowledge and insight, especially knowledge of amnesia and psychoanalytic and are expected to be a source of reading or reference for other readers.

2. Practically :

a. For readers

This research is expected to provide some information on knowledge about amnesia and psychoanalytic.

b. For college students

Hopefully, this research can be a reference and material for other research college students.