

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

A. Background of Study

Xeroderma pigmentosum (XP) was first discovered in 1874 by Hebra and Saroma. Xeroderma pigmentosum is an autosomal recessive disorder, due to the mutation of several genes which were involved in the repairing, cutting of thymine dimers, thymine-cytosine dimers, or cytosine dimers in DNA. Patients with this rare disease will experience photosensitivity (sensitive to light), pigment disorders, and can easily develop of the skin cancer. Xeroderma Pigmentosum (XP) patients generally die at a young age due to the skin cancer. This disease is generally seen in children age 1-2 years. However, it classified as a rare disease (the frequency in the US and Europe is about 1 case per 250,000 populations. The frequency of this disease in Japan is about 1 case per 40,000 population), Xeroderma Pigmentosum is found in almost all human races on earth.

In *Midnight Sun* movie, Scott Speer, as the director of this movie also explains that Xeroderma Pigmentosum disease which is a thing or disease that occurs throughout the world community, especially in the United States. Scott Speers wants to provide an overview about Xeroderma Pigmentosum treatment to the public.

One of the greatest directors is Scott Speer who was born in San Diego, California. Scott Speer is a director and producer *Midnight Sun* movie (2018) and others. One of the greatest of Scott Speer's movies is *Midnight Sun* movie. *Midnight Sun* is a movie in 2018 American romantic drama directed by Scott Speer and written by Eric Kirsten, based on the 2006 Japanese film which is the title *A Song to the Sun*.

Midnight Sun movie tells about the story of a teenager who suffers from a rare disease called Xeroderma Pigmentosum (XP), namely the extreme sensitivity to ultraviolet radiation from sunlight which will result

in death. Because of that, she never left her house along the day since she was little. And she always spends her days indoors.

The *Midnight Sun* movie begins with a young girl who lived in a house with her father. Katie Price has Xeroderma Pigmentosum which is a rare disease that forces her not to be exposed to the sun because the sun can cause severe damage to her skin. Next, she saw a young boy named Charlie skating on his skateboard. Morgan became Katie's best friend. Fast forward to adolescence Katie graduated from high school, but after that she was already at home. Katie begged her father to let her go to the local train station and play the guitar as soon as the sunset. At night, Katie can go out and do things like a normal person. When she plays the guitar at the train station, Charlie sees and shocked by her song.

Charlie and Katie went to Seattle where they saw a concert and walked around the city. Charlie made Katie play a song on the dock, and a crowd gathered to watch her. They took the train back home and swam in the night water. Katie checked her watch and realized that it was damaged by water and the sun was almost rising. She was scared and started running home. Charlie finally drove quickly. But that's when she was exposed to the sun. Morgan and Katie's father arrived home at the same time, and Morgan told Charlie who was confused that Katie had Xeroderma Pigmentosum (XP). Katie went to the doctor and was told that her brain was contracting due to sun exposure. She refused to take Charlie's phone call. Charlie was invited home by Katie's father. Katie told Charlie that she watched him out the window for years. On their other date, Charlie took Katie to the recording studio where he hired a musician to help him record a song that she wrote entitled "Charlie's Song." She noted it, even though she was getting sick and weak. Charlie uploaded songs on YouTube. As soon as Charlie said that he would clean the ship one last time before the owner returned and Katie begged her father to let her sail around the harbor with Charlie. Obviously, at this point, she was dying, and this was

her dying wish. They went to sailing, and we saw flashbacks of their romance.

The next scene is Morgan, Charlie, and her father. Charlie then started going to Berkeley for college and swimming while listening to the song "Charlie" playing on the radio. We remember that we had two million YouTube views. Charlie sent a message to Katie's father who played the song for his entire office. Charlie stopped compiling the song that was played and read the last letter of Katie wrote in his journal that she left for him.

Midnight Sun movie has positive and negative responses from viewers. Various responses from this movie were taken from www.youtube.com at the channel of Berdansi.

The positive response from Mohar Singh as the audience states that the Movie makes him crying and just want to state that this movie is the best one who has watched till now. Another response from Isaac Ndungu said that why people can't create a movie like this. The most emotional movie that I can give a million stars best movie ever the one who wrote this movie. I salute you and other responses also describe the emotional atmosphere that occurs in life. Each character in the *Midnight Sun* gives a unique impression that makes the audience immersed in watching this movie. The negative response from Seleshi Mekonnen and other audiences of the duration is too short and the plot of this film is predictable.

In *Midnight Sun* film shows the affection of those around. The point of view of this film is also very interesting. The style of this movie makes interested to the audience and enjoys it from the beginning to the end of the story so that the audiences don't feel bored when watching this movie. The chemistry which is created by Thorne and Schwarzenegger as the two main characters is very captivating. The expressions of those who play two people in love can thrill feelings. Apart from their love affair, the audience's feelings will also be touched by the relationship between Katie and her father, Jack (Rob Riggle). With all the polemics, both of them

show a warm and sweet deep closeness. This story also tells about the same events as real-life or life phenomena of how humans thought.

Another appeal in this movie is the original soundtrack. Several songs were even sung directly by Thorne, such as "Walk with Me", "Burn So Bright", "Reaching", "Let the Light In", and "Sweetest Feeling". These songs have an important role to play in arousing the emotions of each scene. *Midnight Sun* featured many romantic scenes, especially kiss scenes. Originally, this film had a rating of 13 years and after. However, in Indonesia, only those 17 years or older are allowed to watch this film.

To relate the topic, this study uses a sociological perspective. Sociological learning about society. The main character has a relationship with the situation of the American people who suffer from Xeroderma Pigmentosum. Xeroderma Pigmentosum is an unknown disease, it can only be prevented as described in the *Midnight Sun* Movie. Where the movie tells the disease of Xeroderma Pigmentosum, which she wants to live like as normal people. The movie gives learnt to the audiences about the Xeroderma Pigmentosum.

Therefore, the reason why the researcher chooses the *Midnight Sun* Movie and do the analysis. Based on the illustration above, the researcher is interested in analysing *Midnight Sun* movie by using a sociological perspective. The reason for using a sociological perspective because living with diseases is not easy and often occurs around in society. That is the reason why the researcher wants to analyse this research entitled "*Living with Xeroderma Pigmentosum in Midnight Sun Movie: Sociological Perspective*"

B. Research Question

The research question of the study as follows:

1. What are the characteristics of Xeroderma Pigmentosum described in *Midnight Sun* movie?

2. How is Xeroderma Pigmentosum depicted in literary work of *Midnight Sun* Movie?
3. Why did Scott Speer address Xeroderma Pigmentosum in *Midnight Sun* movie?

C. Objectives of study

1. To identify the characteristics of Xeroderma Pigmentosum in *Midnight Sun* movie
2. To describe how Xeroderma Pigmentosum is depicted in the *Midnight Sun* Movie (2018) based on Sociological Perspective.
3. To reveal the reason why Scott Speer is address Xeroderma Pigmentosum in *Midnight Sun* Movie?

D. Benefits of The Study

The study is expected to provide benefits as follows:

1. Theoretical benefit

To study the problem and knowledge in a literary study especially in *Midnight Sun* movie directed by Scott Speer.

2. Practical benefit

This study will provide some influence to the next researchers. This research will add insight into the problems that occur in the movie and how to study the movie. Especially in sociological theory. For the next researcher, it is hoped to give knowledge and can be used as a reference of the writer and another student of Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta or other universities who have interest with literary study on *Midnight Sun* movie in Sociological Perspective.