

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### A. Background of the Study

Literature is a human expression in the form of written or oral works based on thoughts, opinions, experiences, feelings in imaginative forms, reflections of reality, or original data wrapped in aesthetic packaging through language media. Klarer (2004:1) said that in most cases, “literature is referred to as the entirety of written expression, with the restriction that not every written document can be categorized as literature in the more exact sense of the word”. Wellek and Warren (1963: 22) also stated, “The term literature seems best if we limit it to the art of literature, that is, to imaginative literature. Literature is also produced by imagination of the author. Literature is not just a document of facts. It is not just the collection of real events though it may happen in the real life. Literature can create its own world as a product of the unlimited imagination”. From the writer’s mind, literature is a work from human expression in the form of written or oral, fact or imagination. Literature is divided into fiction and non-fiction. Fiction is related to imagination, namely novels, poetry, drama, etc. Non-fiction is based on facts that happened, namely biographies, news, etc.

Novels are the result of thoughts and ideas that contain meaningful and useful stories for readers. Novels can also be taken from the real-life of a person. In this case, the novel can be used as an inspiration for film directors to visualize it in a film. This is called Encarnacion. Encarnacion is a process of elevating a novel literary work into a film so that there are several changes, both tools, words into moving images into visual forms.

The film is one way to express a story. Wellek and Warren (1993) defined “Literature is a creation full of forms, emotions, and expressions that point to imaginative ideas through language as a medium”. By using language, a film can convey feelings such as experiences, ideas, motivations, and self-confidence in clear descriptions. One of the films selected for the research is *The Fault in Our Stars* which expressed the struggles experienced by Hazel and Augustus using *Individual Psychology* by Alfred Alder.

Alfred Adler was born in Vienna on February 9, 1870, He completed his studies in medicine at the University of Vienna in 1895. At first, he specialized in ophthalmology, and then in the psychiatry field. First, he worked with Freud and became a member and eventually became president of the “Viennese Psychoanalytic Society”. But he soon developed his own opinion which deviated from that of Freud, which eventually caused him to resign from his post as president and his membership in the “Viennese Psychoanalytic Society” in 1911 and founded a new school called “Individual Psychology”. Since 1935, Adler has lived in the United States. There he practices as a neurologist and is also a professor in medical psychology at the Long Island College of Medicine. He died in Scotland in 1937, while traveling to give lectures.

Individual Psychology is a concept that describes a person’s optimistic view using the concept of social care. This theory discusses personality from the beginning of human behavior until it is death-like explaining a plausible evolutionary sequence. As in the film *The Fault in Our Stars*, Hazel and Augustus were optimistic about their illness.

The struggle is a person’s effort to achieve their goals. This struggle often occurs in humans on this earth. Because the struggle to get success must be done. If we have the desire to get something, we have to put all our energy and mind to get the goal we want. One example is in “Struggle in *The Fault in Our Stars*”. The main character’s name was Hazel. She carried oxygen cylinders wherever she was. And she was also forced to join a support group so that she still had positive thoughts about the disease she got. Meanwhile, Augustus always used prosthetic legs wherever he was.

In 2014, movies with various genres ranging from sci-fi, animation, adventure fiction, and action were able to attract the audiences’ attention. People preferred watching movies to reading novels because watching movies was one of the most practical favorite refreshing activities. Moreover, with advanced technology, watching movies can be done anywhere and anytime by using a smartphone, laptop, and computer connected to the internet.

One of the movies is “*The Fault in Our Stars*”. This movie was taken from a novel written by John Green and directed by Josh Boone. Shailene Woodley and Ansel Elgort starred in this movie. The duration of this movie was 126 minutes. It was released

on May 16, 2014. “The Fault in Our Stars” is a romance film that was quite successful because it had won 21 times in many awards events. “The Fault in Our Stars” was produced on a budget of around \$12 million while the film grossed \$307.16 million. It was produced by Fox 2000 Pictures, Temple Hill Entertainment, and TSG Entertainment. “The Fault in Our Stars” was rated 7.7 on the IMDb website.

Hazel, who lived in Indianapolis, had terminal thyroid cancer that had spread to her lungs. Believing she was depressed; her mother urged her to attend a weekly cancer patient support group. There Hazel met charming teenage Gus who lost a leg to a bone fracture since then apparently cancer-free. Gus invited Hazel to his house where they combined their hobbies and also agreed to read each other’s favorite books. Hazel recommended “An Imperial Affliction. It was a novel about a girl suffering from cancer. Meanwhile, Gus gave Hazel “Counter Insurgency”. After Gus finished reading the book, he was frustrated with the sudden ending. Hazel explained that the novel’s mysterious author was Peter Van Houten. A few weeks later, Gus told Hazel that he had tracked down Van Houten’s assistant, Lidewij. Gus corresponded to Van Houten via email. He wrote to him to find out more about the novel’s ambiguous ending. Van Houten replied that he was only willing to answer questions from him directly. Hazel asked her mother if she could go to Amsterdam to visit Van Houten, but Frannie refused due to financial and medical problems. Gus suggested she took advantage of the cancer wish. She could receive it from the Make-A-Wish Foundation, but Hazel explained that she had used it to visit Walt Disney World. Then Gus surprised Hazel with a ticket to Amsterdam.

Gus and Hazel arrived in Amsterdam. They were presented with an expensive restaurant order that Van Houten had paid for. During the meal, Gus confessed his love for Hazel. Next, they went to Van Houten’s house, but they are shocked that he was a violent alcoholic. Lidewij arranged their meeting and dinner without Van Houten knowing anything about it. Van Houten explained that if he knew about it, he would do anything to stop Lidewij. Van Houten was infuriated by his assistant’s actions, then he razzed Hazel for seeking a serious answer to a fiction story and belittling her medical condition. He left. Lidewij was confused then invited them to take a walk to make up for their ruined experience. They went to the Anne Frank House, where Hazel struggled to climb many stairs of the house. The next day, Gus told Hazel that his cancer had returned and had spread throughout his body. After they returned to Indianapolis, Gus’

health was worsened. He was taken to the ICU. He realized that he was near to death. Gus invited his blind friend, Isaac, and Hazel to his pre-funeral. They passed on the compliments that they prepared. Hazel explained to him that she wouldn't change their short time together for anything. Gus died eight days later and Hazel was surprised to find Van Houten at the cemetery. Van Houten explained to her that Gus has demanded him to attend Gus' funeral to make up for the spoiled trip. Van Houten explained to Hazel that the novel was based on his daughter's experience, Anna, who died of leukemia at a young age. He gave Hazel a piece of paper asking her to leave. Later, when Hazel was talking to Isaac, she knew that Gus had asked Van Houten to help him write a speech. She also took the paper and read Gus' words about accepting his death and his love for her. She laid in the yard gazing at the stars. She smiled as she remembered Gus.

The reason why the writer chose "The Fault in Our Stars" as research material was because there was a motivation in "The Fault in Our Stars" story about someone's optimism in facing their weaknesses. When Hazel always carried her oxygen cylinder with her and always followed the support group to deal with the disease she was suffering from. This was also found in Augustus who always used prosthetic legs to walk wherever he wanted to go. He also always followed the support group. Thus, the moral value obtained in this film was that whatever weaknesses we received in this life; we must face them with optimism from within ourselves.

From this movie, the author was interested in analyzing the main character using an individual psychological perspective. The writer saw Augustus and Hazel as the main characters who were struggling enthusiastically in their illness. In this research, the writer chose the title "The Life Struggle of Hazel and Augustus In the Fault In Our Stars Movie : An Individual Psychological Approach".

## **B. Research Questions**

The research questions are:

1. How is the life struggle of Hazel and Augustus in "The Fault in Our Stars" movie?
2. How is the characterization of Hazel and Augustus connected to the life struggle in "The Fault in Our Stars" movie?
3. What moral values can be taken from the "The Fault in Our Stars" movie?

### **C. Objectives of the Study**

The object of the study are:

1. To explain how is the life struggle of Hazel and August in “The Fault in Our Stars” movie.
2. To describe how is the characterization of Hazel and August in “The Fault in Our Stars” movie.
3. To reveal the moral values in “The Fault in Our Stars” movie.

### **D. Advantages of Study**

#### 1. Theoretical Significance

The author hoped that this research can provide information, references, and contributions to develop an understanding of individual psychology in the literature, especially the “The Fault in Our Stars” movie.

#### 2. Practical Significance

Based on the theory of individual psychology, this research added insight into the “The Fault in Our Stars” movie. Readers and other students can use this research can as a reference for studying literature, especially in individual psychology. This study can inspire other readers and students by using other topics related to the “The Fault in Our Stars” movie.

### **E. Research Paper Organization**

Organization Several aspects of this study are described in this report. The first is CHAPTER I, which is a Research Background that is an explanation of what the author has written. The purpose of the research question was to formulate the issue that had been raised during the investigation. The purpose of the research objectives was to describe the research aims in this study. Furthermore, the purpose of this research was to determine the benefits that the author received from it. The final section is the Research Paper Organization, which explained the sections stated in CHAPTER I-CHAPTER V.

The Underlying Theory section of Chapter II explained the theory that was applied in this study. The second was the Previous Study, which was the review of previous literature with the same theme that the next researchers can use to compare and determine which study has not been researched previously.

Chapter III explained the type of research, the object chosen by the author to write this research, the types of data and sources of data, and the forms of research, and the data collection method and data analysis technique used by the author.

Findings and discussions were presented in Chapter IV. Finding is a result that the author obtained as a result of the discussion. The author obtained the findings after conducting the research methods, and the findings were explained in a discussion. A discussion is an explanation of the author's conclusions based on the research findings.

The conclusion, Chapter V, discussed in detail how the author determined if the response from the background was included in the problem formulation. It also included the author's critique and ideas for the readers of this research, and the message gained as a result of the research.