

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter will present background of the study, statement of research problem, objective of the study, scope and limitation of the study, and significance of the study. The part of subchapter will explain about this study generally.

1.1 Background of study

Marriage is a holy relationship between a man and woman as a husband and a wife to build one family together. Most people absolutely want to get married with someone who can accompany him or her in sadness and happiness without a lie. They also want their marriage will never be apart forever. All couple of marriage are surely attempting the harmony that always be existed in their family forever, although the realization is hard to do. Somehow, there are temptation and obstacle that can break the marriage. For example, the husband or wife is doing affair. Sometimes he or she prefers to choose someone who is easily to come with to be their couple.

Infidelity in marriage is a kind of conflict that happen between the couple in marriage. That phenomenon occurs in a marriage life. Infidelity is the act of unfaithfulness to a person, union or situation. Marriage of infidelity is a common phenomenon that is almost as equally participated in by wives as well as husbands. According to Drigotas and Barta (2000: 177), infidelity is defined as “a partner’s violation of norms regulating the level of emotional or physical intimacy with people outside the relationship”. It means that a relationship that violates moral values to others that can causes an extramarital affair. The relationship

without honest and respect will not stay longer and it can cause infidelity between the couple. *Lie down with Lion* is a literary work concerning about Jane's Lambert unfaithful act done toward her husband which invite the deadly intrigue as the ending of the affair. Jane is a beautiful and attractive American woman as the main character who do the infidelity act toward her marriage by having an affair with Ellis Thaler.

Novel that was written by Ken Follet win the Edgar Award and became outstanding film starring Kate Nelligan and Donald Surtherland. Ken Follett is one of the world's best-loved novelists. His novel is a in his Century Trilogy become straight to the No.1 position on bestseller lists in the USA, Spain, Italy, Germany and France. It is interesting to read because the story is a phenomenon that occurs in family life without regarding their social status. Besides, it is also expected that this study will evoke the readers attention to know more about infidelity through literary work

In *Lie Down with Lions*, it is told that the main character in this novel conduct infidelity. Infidelity is a phenomenon of the problem that occur in family life in marriages without looking status social in society. This study use infidelity theory and narcissism theory as supporting theory in analyzing this study. Infidelities have often been attributed to personality characteristics by ordinary people. Having affairs have been attributed to narcissism, the need to assuage a fragile male ego, the need to bolster self-esteem, and general psychological malfunctioning (Buunk and Van Driel, 1989: 23). It means that infidelity can happen when the couple assume themselves can conquer male ego, they think that they feel a superior than another. This study find strong and consistent links

between personality and susceptibility to infidelity. One of the causes factor is narcissism.

The narcissism as a supporting theory also is an important area to seek knowledge in, especially if the readers are in a committed relationship. Narcissists are strongly motivated to sustain their own and others' perception of them as superior beings. It is interested in analyzing Jane's infidelity toward her marriage pictured, especially about the cause and the effect of her infidelity act.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

Based on the background of the study above, the research problems of this study are infidelity in family. The problems are formulated into the following questions

1. Why does Jane conduct infidelity?
2. What kind of Jane's infidelity described in the novel?
3. How are the effects of Jane's infidelity depicted on the novel?

1.3 The Objective

The objective in writing this study is to explain extrinsic focus on psychology of literature as portrayed in the novel *Lie Down with Lion* and identify the causes of Jane's infidelity, the kind of Jane's Infidelity, and the effects of Jane's infidelity. By doing this analysis, it can be proved that there are interrelation between those elements.

1.4 The Significances

The study is expected to be able to provide theoretical and practical benefits. Theoretically, the results of the study expected to give contribution to the study of especially infidelity and narcissism theory in this novel *Lie Down With*

Lions. Practically, the results of the study give the reader to understand about infidelity as a literary work to student literature.

1.5 The Scope and Limitation

The study limits the discussion mainly of Jane's character utterances which is focused on her unfaithful act toward marriage particularly the causes and the effects of her infidelity toward the marriage. The scope of the study is psychology of literature, especially personality of infidelity and narcissism theory.