

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter consists of some points, those are background of the study, the statement of the problem, the objectives of the study, the significances of the study, scope and limitation of the study.

1.1 Background of the Study

Novel usually tells us everything about human life. In spite of this, the story from novel is not always true, it is a reflection of human and their surroundings. Every novel has some intrinsic elements such as theme, plot, setting, characters, point of view, etc. The story of novel is mostly about something occurred in the real life even though some novels are fiction or some of them are written from the true story of the author itself. According to Kennedy (1983:180) “Novel is a picture of real life and manners and of the time in which it was written”. It means that novel can be defined as a visible image of human life.

One of the best seller novels written by Danielle steel entitled “*Journey*” portrayed the patriarchy of male domination of women. This novel published in 2000 and it is one of the most popular novels by Danielle Steel. She is an American author known by her romance novel, and mostly about women life in the society, and she tends to raise a variety of issues. Some of them tell about, love story (*The Ranch*), family (*Daddy*), discrimination (*Big Girl*), child abuse (*Mallice*) and she tends to raise the issues of some history, like the revolution of Russia (*Zoya*), the discrimination of black people in United States (*Full Circle*) and she raises the important issues especially about women in the public and domestic, as in this novel, she raises cases of male’s domination through verbal

abuse and sexual violence towards the female character, she tells them clearly in this novel.

This novel *Journey* portrayed the life of Maddy who gets domination from her husband. Jack is not only becomes her husband but also he is the head of television networks where she works. Jack thinks that he is the control holder because he is the one who makes Maddy's life better than before. So, Jack is the one who can takes decisions include Maddy's life and she does not have to do anything without his agreement. He uses his position as superior to dominate her. His attitude towards Maddy from the verbal abuse and sexual violence make her realize that it is the way to control her. He takes many decisions of Maddy's life include he forbids her to have children after they married.

Nowadays, most women are able to get rights like men, such as get a good education, get a job, and try to be equal as men. In fact, it cannot be denied that in some regions is considered to be women inferior. A little example in a family, father or husband becomes a head of family and all member of family like wife and children have to follow the rule of father or on the other word, male is dominant in family. Engels (1940) believed that women's subordination began with the development of private property. The private property means that when men or father dominate family, then they retain their power, so women had to be domesticated and confined and their sexuality regulated and controlled. Moreover, Sylvia Walby (1990:20) states that it is a system of social structures and practices, in which men dominate, oppress and exploit women. Patriarchy system considers that women are weak and not equal with men. They do not have a full freedom of their right and they have to follow the rules of men. According to Tyson

(2006:85) “Patriarchy encourages traditional gender roles which cast men as rational, strong, protective and decisive. Women are emotional (irrational), weak, nurturing, and submissive.”

Based on the explanation above, Patriarchy is chosen to be the theory in this study to analyze this novel because Jack Hunter as the main character is portrayed of patriarchy where men dominate women. He portrayed of Patriarchy which is shown by his attitude towards Maddy, he takes over all the decisions and takes control of her, and he forbids her to have children by binding the uterus, keeps her away from her friends and takes her freedom of her right. The writer also wants to show that domination is not always happens to oppress women physically but also through verbal abuse and sexual violence which are portrayed in this story. For example verbal abuse such as controlling, insulting, demeaning, isolation, humiliation and threatening someone by words, sexual violence such as make a sexual relation to cause pain and injury in the body. Male's domination toward the female character is the major issues in Danielle Steel's *Journey*. Moreover, this theory is acceptable and suitable to use in analyzing this novel. The Domination of The Male Character towards the Female Character in Danielle Steel's *Journey* is chosen as the title of this study.

1.2 The Statement of Research Problem

Related to the background study above, the research questions of this study are:

1. How is the patriarchy system portrayed in Danielle Steel's *Journey*?
2. How does the effect of patriarchy arise to the female character in Danielle Steel's *Journey*?

1.3 Objective of The Study

Related to the research problem, the objectives of the study are:

1. To show the patriarchy system portrayed in Danielle Steel's *Journey*.
2. To show the effect of patriarchy arised to the female character in Danielle Steel's *Journey*.

1.4 Significance of The Study

Theoretically, this study is expected to give more understanding about Patriarchy theory. Then the readers are able to understand about the power of men in patriarchy system that men become the biggest power and taken control of women whether in public or domestic area.

Practically, this study is expected to be used as a reference to the next researchers especially the student of English Study Program of Trunojoyo Madura University and this study expected to give motivate to women to be careful in looking for men to be a partner.

1.5 Scope and Limitation

The scope of this study is patriarchy portrayed by the male character. Jack Hunter towards Maddy in this novel, and this study uses patriarchy theory. The theory is used to analyze about the male domination through the verbal abuse and sexual violence portrayed by male's character towards Maddy as a female character in the story. The limitation of this study is the utterance of the characters and the author's narration which related to the male domination that portrayed in this novel, *Journey* by Danielle Steel.