

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter is divided into five subchapters, they are background of study, statement of problems, objectives, significances and scope and limitation.

1.1 Background of study

Someone often faces loneliness, such as when his or her parents pass away. Automatically, he or she will be alone in his life if he or she does not have family. He will face the world by himself. Usually, he will be looking for someone else to accompany him or to be his friend. He finds a friend, so he does not want to let his friend far away with him, for example: It happens for the people in the society that they are far away of someone and the situation of the society which different culture. The people do not care with the person in the society, because they are self-independent or individual in the society. In other hand, someone will be alone and unhappy if he does not have a friend. Of course he will be alone, because in the society the people are independent. Thus, someone will get isolation and of course someone will be unhappy or unpleasant because the people do not care him. Actually, in real life, human needs others faces the world. Someone needs people to communicate and contact each other. Someone will do something to be able to communicate or interact with people in order to someone will not be alone in the society.

According to Rook (1984:209), loneliness is an enduring condition of an emotional state that arises when a person feels estranged from, is misunderstood

or rejected by, lacks appropriate social partners for a desired activity. It means that loneliness is experienced by someone when he gets isolation from his society. It can be problem that makes someone lacks of communication or interaction with the other people from the society. Probably, the condition of someone who does not have parents, they pass away. In addition, theme of loneliness is one of the famous drama that is written by Edward Albee is chosen by the writer.

The drama entitled *The Zoo Story* elaborates the male main character, Jerry who experiences loneliness. Jerry gets loneliness when he loses his parents and aunt. Jerry lives himself after his parents and aunt pass away. His parents are the people of low class. Jerry stays in a place like a boarding house because his parents do not have a good place to stay. Moreover, Jerry gets isolation in the society. The people do not want to communicate with him. Thus, this drama is chosen because there are many factors of the main character in the drama which supports loneliness, such as, Edward Albee elaborates how loneliness happens in the drama. The character who is going to be analyzed is Jerry as the main character in Edward Albee's *The Zoo Story*. Besides, the writer is interested in analyzing this drama, because this drama is very famous, it wins the Village Voice Obie Award for best play and ran for a total of 582 performances. It tells about the condition of loneliness itself to someone such as when he gets loneliness and the effect of loneliness to him (Brix and Burns, 2011:2).

In *The Zoo Story*, it is told that the main character gets experience of loneliness in his life. Based on the statement, the focus of this study is Jerry. He undergoes the social isolation from his loneliness. He is lack of relation and

contact with other people. The people do not care with Jerry in the society and they do not want to know whatever will be done by Jerry. In addition, in *The Zoo Story*, there is an expression about the people in the society like an animal that is reflecting to the people are in the society, the statement above is explained that the people like an animal means that the people is difficult to communicate or interact each other. Moreover, Jerry gets depression while he meets Peter in the Central Park. It makes both of them are making conflict there. They get conflict who make Jerry is dead.

The Zoo story is analyzed according to Psychology and loneliness theory. Psychology theory is derived from the Greek word means study of the mind or soul (Davidoff, 1987:16). It refers to mental of human. When someone gets problem in his life, such as he gets loneliness. The person will get problem of his mind. According to Weiss, loneliness defines as a response to the absence of a particular type of relationship or attachment (1973:17). It is like someone who lost his friend or may be his parents that always together with him in his life. Therefore, this drama can be taken as an example to show the loneliness of Jerry as the expression of author's idea reflected in the psychology of the main character. Thus, the writer is using psychology and loneliness theory because this theory has relation with the title of this study and also it will contribute the explanation of loneliness itself in this study.

Hence, the types of loneliness will be analyzed to identify Jerry's loneliness. In addition, the causes and effects of his loneliness will also be

elaborated to obtain why he gets loneliness and how his loneliness influences his life.

1.2 Statement of the problems

In this research, the researcher found out just two problems, namely:

1. What are the types of loneliness that Jerry suffers in *The Zoo Story's* Drama?
2. How do the effects of loneliness to Jerry?

1.3 Objectives

This analysis is intended to answer the problems of this research.

1. To elaborate the types of loneliness that Jerry suffers in *The Zoo Story's* Drama.
2. To elaborate the effects of loneliness to Jerry.

1.4 Significances

Theoretically, the result of this study can strengthen and enrich the theory of Loneliness. Meanwhile practically, it has the significance for the readers to understand what loneliness is. In addition, this analysis could as a reference for further study in analyzing drama.

1.5 Scope and Limitation of the Study

This study focuses on the one character through the theory of loneliness. The limitation of this study is on the narrator's explanation and the character's utterances which describe the character in *The Zoo Story*.