

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains five subchapters such as the background of the study, statements of the research problem, objectives of the study, significances of the study, and scope and limitation.

1.1 Background of the study

First and foremost, there are a lot of issues about domination in the worlds not only in Indonesia but also in other countries. Domination denote the notion when upper class attempts to dominate the lower class. Domination occurs for different races, religions, customs and etc. Besides, there are a lot of issues of domination which caused by several points mentioned. For instance, Rohingya is dominated by Myanmar, the domination happens because they are in different religions, Rohingya as the Islamic minority there. Meanwhile, Gaza is dominated by Israel. Israel wants to dominate the country of Palestine. Both of the issues of domination are caused by lack of respect and tolerance. Besides, domination prevails everyday's life issues such as wife and husband, parents and children, boss and employees.

Commonly, domination prevails from the dominant which attempts to dominate the subdominant. It is because the dominant does a repression for the subdominant to show the power. Force and power are the typical traits of the

leader. The leader is able to do anything they want, a leader should be genuinely and prosperous for the entire inhabitant. Leadership has a high position in the country which makes them be able to do anything. The role of leadership influences people to obey and believe their command.

Pittacus Lore's *I am Number Four* describes two planets like Mogadorians and Lorien planet. Mogadorians is one of the planets which have a mission to conquer the universe. They cannot take care of their planet and ruin rivers and oceans with garbage. Meanwhile, Lorien is a planet which one hundred times older than earth but wider than Mogadorians, they have the natural resources like diamonds, gems, and agricultural land. Mogadorians has been killed the nine aliens which are living on the Earth. Three of them died, and John Smith is the number four, John Smith as the main character and Henri as the supporting character. Mogadorians could not kill them if they do not order of their numbers. It is the reason why they often move and replace his name in the new city to protect from the threat of Mogadorians.

Furthermore, Mostly all the novel conveys about domination of Mogadorians for Lorien planet. Mogadorians have the power to do repression and violence for people which are living on the Lorien planet. It has the relationship with the new issues of domination which happens in a real life. It is interesting to be analyzed using hegemony theory by Louis Althusser due to Mogadorians desired to dominate the entire Lorien planet. Hegemony is the theory which could help the writer to explain about the domination of Mogadorians in *I am Number Four*. Therefore, the writer chooses this theory to analyze novel.

There are three reasons why the writer is interested to analyzing the sources of data. The first reason, the novel won some awards. *I am Number Four* got New York Times Best Seller and stayed on the Times Best Seller list for seven months. As the further achievement, the novel was adapted into the movie in 2011 with the same title *I am Number Four* by D. J Caruso and the movie got the worldwide gross of \$145,982,798.

The second reason, the story of the novel is unique, particularly in the setting of the place and characters. The story shows the setting of place such as Arizona, Colorado, Florida, and Paradise, Ohio. The setting of place also supports by the main character that lives in several places and changed the identity, the first name is Daniel Jones and the second name is John Smith. They get to avoid from Mogadorians and save his life.

The last reason is because Pittacus Lore as the novelist of *I am Number Four* and also the favorite novelist. Pittacus Lore as the American writer, all of his works are into Times Best Seller and genre science fiction. Other hand, most all of Pittacus Lore's novels reveals the meaning of life without eliminating the values. Regarding the novel, *I am Number Four* by Pittacus Lore John Smith as the main character survives to save their planet. It was found that Pittacus Lore never loses the moral value.

1.2 Research Questions

Based on the background study, the research questions will be formulated into the following questions:

1. How is the domination of Mogadorians portrayed in the novel?
2. What are the effects of the domination in the novel?

1.3 Objectives of the study

Based on the research problems of the study, it is proposed to elaborate:

1. The domination of Mogadorians portrayed in the novel
2. The effects of the domination in the novel

1.4 Significance of the study

The significance of this study gives the theoretical and practical significances:

For theoretically, this study shows the information and knowledge about the analysis of the domination in *I am Number Four* by Pittacus Lore which strengthens hegemony theory by Louis Althusser. Practically, the reader believes for the idiom states that give someone a hand, it is expected that the result of the study gives some references in English Study Program as their major who want to take the similar discussion.

1.5 Scope and limitation

As the scope of the study, this study uses hegemony theory by Louis Althusser. Furthermore, the study is limited to the domination of Mogadorians, the effects of domination. This study uses data of the characters utterances and narrator's explanations which show the domination of Mogadorian in *I am Number Four*.