

## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This chapter is discussing the introduction of this study. This section is divided into five parts, those are background of the study, statement the problem, objectives of the study, significance of the study, scope and limitation. Each part explains important information related to this study.

#### **1.1 Background of the Study**

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 (Klarer 2004 : 1). It means that literature is an image of human being. It can make the readers relieved to enjoy reading the literary works. We know that literary works have a close relationship with the life human being, and the problem of life actually become an initial source of any work of art. Literature reflecting the authors feeling or idea is often recognized as being lived to live.

Reading novel usually teach people how to solve problem and face the life. According to Foster, Based on the length and superiority of novel, it can be explained that is very suitable to choose novel as the source of data. Having the long story and more chance to describe the idea, it will be easy to tell the idea through writing. Somehow, there will be many events that can be seen and identified. It is also started the more actions, and events in the story, there will be more chance to analyze it (1995:5-6). From the previous statement, it can be

concluded that novel gives opportunities to be author to express the idea. Even, one of the function of novel is potraying the human life because there are many events can be seen in te novel so that the reader can take the solution from the story.

*The Dark Days Pact* is a novel that written by Alison Goodman. Alison Goodman is an Australian writer of books for young adults, born in 1966 in Melbourne. Goodman's debut novel *Singing the Dogstar Blues* (published in Australia 1998, subsequently released in several foreign editions) won an Aurealis Award for the best young adult novel. In July 2007, her adult crime thriller *Killing the Rabbit* was published in the United States and was shortlisted for the Davitt Award. *The Dark Days Pact* is chosen as source of data because the novel is very interesting and very suspenseful. *The Dark Days Pact* tells both romance and intrigue.

Striving for success as the topic in this study is decided, because it has some purposes to the reader. This is study is never been analyzed by another writer. Analyzing *the Dark Days Pact* novel with individual psychology theory is reflected with human life reality. This is study expected to give understanding about the knowledge of how to be success person. Every poem, play or story deal with some one aspect of human life for us. It has sometimes been said literature is like a mirror that reflect life for us (Hake,2001:01)

This novel is started with Lady Helen Wrexhall who is grown up as a girl with good education and also have good manner gifted with supernatural speed, strength, and skills to fight evil creatures in human form, called Deceivers only a few

humans will get the gift. Lady Helen also inherited extraordinary power from her father, she was the direct successor of her father as a reclaimer.

Lady Helen lives with her uncle because Lady Helen's parents have died. After a scandalous event at her presentations ball in Landon and Lady Helen an expelled by her uncle. After that, Lady Hellen has taken refuge at the fashionable seaside resort of Brighton. Banished from her family, Lady Helen training as a reclaimer with covert *Dark Days Club*. Under the tutelage of the handsome Lord Carlston the best Reclaimer in the land whose reputation is forever tainted by the disappearance of his wife. She is lessons in the art of slaying demons. Her mission as a fully inducted member is to recover a journal penned by the late Reclaimer Lord Benchley, driven mad by the taint of darkness in his soul reaped after so many reclaiming. Lady Helen can do all those goals and Strive for her precious person becomes a big motivation.

This study analyzes the novel entitled *The Dark Days Pact* by Alison Goodman with the individual psychology by Alfred Adler theory. The writer chooses Individual psychology by Alfred Adler because of it suitable for striving for success by Alfred Adler in this study. This theory is never been used to analyze *The Dark Days Pact* novel. Individual psychology describes how to strive to get the final goal (success). The main character in this novel shows how she struggles to fight deceivers and search for journals and success with saving her precious person at the end of the story. There are two directions to get the final goal, which are personal superiority and success. In contrast success final goal, this final goal more concern for social interest, in this study the writer uses

success direction because Alison Goodman's does not explain about the personal gain of Lady Helen in the novel.

According to Adler in J. Feist & G.J. Feist (2009:70), his own childhood is "marked by physical deficiencies and strong feelings of competitiveness with his older brother." Individual psychology holds that everyone begins life with physical deficiencies, the purpose of physical deficiencies is human in the weakest condition and trying to eliminate weakness and increasing power. Then someone will activate feelings of inferiority, feeling that motivates a person to strive for either superiority or success. At the beginning of the story, Alison Goodman explains the main character (Lady Helen) is feeling inferiority. It can be observed in *The Dark Days Pact*, as an ordinary girl who inherited the power from her parents Lady Helen has to fight against strong demons, and they can take over human bodies and she never kills of people before. She needs to eliminate her weakness and increasing her power. She needs to find a way to fight demons without causing trouble of her precious person (final goal). The final goal to protect her precious person is able to transform her weakness become her power. At the end of the story, she is the success to receive her final goal. By this mean, individual psychology can be linked with literary work, it can be seen that Alfred's theory is the focus on the main character in *The Dark Days Pact* novel.

Discovering Personal legend is reflection of Lady Helen striving for success. In the story, a Lady Helen has a quest to find his own Personal Legend. Lady Helen's personal legend refers to purpose of his journey which represent by

finding journal. The process of discovering personal legend can be analyzed by psychological theory. The aspects of Lady Helen's analyze based on fiction finalism, inferiority feeling and compensation, striving for superiority, Social interest, style of life, and last creative power of self.

### **1.2 Statement of the Problems**

Related to the background of the study, this study discusses striving for the superiority of the main character in Alison Goodman's *The Dark Days Pact* novel:

1. How is the structural elements of Alison Goodman's *The Dark Days Pact*?
2. . How does Lady Helen strive for her success in the novel?

### **1.3 Objectives of the Study**

In line with the statement of the research problem previously. This objective of the study elaborates:

1. To analyze structural elements of Alison Goodman's in *The Dark Days Pact*
2. To analyze Lady Helen's strategy of striving for success based on Individual Psychological Perspective

#### **1.4 Significances of the Study**

In the result of the purpose above, this study also expected to bring the benefit of theoretically and also practically.

1. Theoretically, this study gives a contribution to other studies in analyzing by using the same literary work or the same theory.
2. Practically, the result of the study give the reader the understanding of psychology, literature and individual psychology as a literary work to the student of literature at Trunojoyo University.

#### **1.5 Scope and Limitation**

The scope of this study is psychology, literature and individual Psychology. The study is analyzing the main character's striving to achieve her final goal. The limitation of this study is the character's utterance or author's narration in the novel.