

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents some subchapters, namely background of the study, statement of research problems, objectives of the study, significances of the study and scope and limitation of the study. They are necessary to be explained because they describe this study generally.

1.1 Background of the Study

A lot of phenomena that happen in this world whether it's a big phenomenon or little phenomenon that is minor but has a meaning and a great impact on human life. One of that is a phenomenon in love and to be loved. When a human loves another human, that they really understand what it is love and how to realize that love. In reality, not all people can understand what love and how to show it. There is still the evidence of domestic violence to a couple or child and of course it can affect the personality which receives that violence.

Love is the sincere feelings on God, parents, couple and friends. Love cannot be forced by anyone because the human himself is the creators of their love and on whom they shared love. Many people also describe love as a passion in the soul because human needs to love by others as defined by Oscar Wilde's in a book *Creating Love: A Guide to Finding and Attracting Love*. He said, "Love is the desire to be desired by someone else "(Stevent, 1960:6). Love is a desire that appears in the human's soul. They certainly need love and a desire to be loved by other human because they are born by the love. Like the love of a mother to the child even though there contains honesty and sincerity, but still there is a mother's desire to achieve something with her love. There the desire in her soul to love the child more and more. For example is a desire to give the child happiness or a desire to make the children as she wants. Nothing able to matches love of mother. She will sacrifice for the happiness of her child despite the sacrifice of dangerous and detrimental to her.

Love is also widely applied in literature, especially novels. Literature is an expression of the feelings of the authors. There contains a wide range of feelings, psychology, information or imagination of the author. One of the literary works, the most popular is a love story because the love story between the couple or between mother and child is usually based on true story by the writers or the people around the author such as a God. This statement is supported by Robert Sternberg's quotes in his book, *Love is a Story*, "stories about love have existed throughout the ages, and the basic theme and plots of these stories have changed little" (Sternberg, 1998:5). The author had a way to make a love story becomes more interesting and dramatic. He increased the extreme occasion and sadness in it. The authors also take a lot of real stories of a person into a novel to make it more exciting and its makes the reader understand about love and improve their relationship.

Hence, it is not easy to understand the love, how to show love and love in terms can affect the life to the beloved. In addition to the sincerity of mother, a mother should know how to show her love for children because there is great impact on children's lives of it. Give too much love could have an adverse impact on the children's personality, causing children to be spoiled and lacking respect for their parents. However, the little love will adversely affect the child they will feel a lack of affection and seeking another love outside their home. So that needed something to analyze what is love and what the impact of that love especially, the mother's role and the impact for her children.

John Green is a writer from the United States, one of his works is the novel *The Fault in Our Stars*. This novel tells about love between two teenager that Hazel Grace the girl who suffered from thyroid cancer in the diagnosis of the disease since she was thirteen and Augustus waters with bones cancer that have lost one of his legs, but he is humorous and romantic. In this novel shows the mother love, because by this mother love can make Hazel strength and spirit to pass her difficult life. The mother's role must be executed in a state

where hazel feel sad because abandoned by her love. Mother is the encouragement so hazel can forget about this quickly.

Many researchers already analyzing this novel on the romantic love, so the writer choose the mother love to be analyze that novel. Which is love from a mother who patiently cared the fight for her daughter's right and suffering from cancer. As has been told in the beginning, that the mother forced Hazel to entry supporting groups and meets Augustus there. If her mother did not force her and obey Hazel to remain home, she may not experience an inspiring love story.

So that, the writer chooses the novel entitled "*The Fault in our Stars*" in this study because this novel show the mother love and how the mother depicted her love for Hazel to suffering her cancer. Mother who tried to make her child happy and make Hazel like any other normal child also the impact to Hazel's personality. So that the mother love that appears in John Green's *The Fault In Our Stars* is suitable if be analyzed through Erich Fromm the psychology of love theory to know how the mother love appear, how the love is given in this novel and are this novel can give impact to Hazel's personality. So, the writer hope the result of this study can give an explanation about love and how to give better love.

Fromm argued in his book *the art of Loving* that mother love has two aspects they are care and responsibility and the other aspect is the attitude (Fromm, 1957:38). The mother love in this novel is contains of care giving and her responsibility to treat her child. Mother has a responsibility for children's life, their needs, and their happiness. The second is attitude to gives her child the feeling that's good to be alive and it is to be happy human before die. Besides that two aspects also there a mother wish, that mother hopes to her child to become as she wants.

Love can give strength to a cancer sufferer's and love can also be an effect on their life, because of love they can understand the meaning of life in happiness and sadness.

Mother is the most important human to give the support for her child. Even they felt sadness or failed.

Moreover, this novel gets in the first position in the list of The New York Times Best Seller in January 2012. The title is inspired by the famous line of dialogue from Shakespeare's play Julius Caesar (Act 1, Scene 2). Nobleman Cassius said to Brutus, "Brutus, the fault is not in our stars, but in ourselves, that we are subordinate (Green, 2012:111). Therefore, it is interesting that the topic in this study will be focused on *Mother Love and the impact to Hazel's personality in John Green's the fault in our stars*.

1.2 Statement of Research Problems

Based on the background of the study, this study is going to discuss about *Mother Love and the impact to Hazel's personality in John Green's the fault in our stars*.

Then, the problems of it are founded as following questions, they are:

1. How does the mother love appear in John Green's *The Fault in our Stars*?
2. How do the impacts of the mother love to Hazel's personality in John Green's *The Fault in Our Stars*?

1.3 Objectives of the Study

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

1. To describe how mother love appeared in John Green's *The Fault in Our Star* using psychology of love.
2. To describe the impacts of the mother love to Hazel's personality that is portrayed in John Green's *The Fault in Our Stars*.

1.4 Significances of the Study

The significances of the study are:

1. Theoretically, this study will give better understanding of psychology of love that owned by Erich Fromm especially on mother love.

2. Practically, this study will guide us to understand what it is love and keep good relation to love each other as a human being, also urges mother to well appreciate her love to their child.

1.5 Scope and Limitation

In this subchapter, the writer emphasizes the scope of the study in using psychology of love, which explained by Erich Fromm. Especially, the mother loves based on two aspects of mother's love; care and responsibility and the attitude. The data is limited on the utterances, mother action and narration about the mother love to give the care responsibility and attitude and mother wish to her daughter also the impact in novel *The Fault in our Stars* that can answer the research question well.