

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents some subchapters, those are background of the study, statement of the 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

People were born with unique personality. The uniqueness itself as characteristic of the behaviour such as the way of act, speak and style in order to be known easily. According to Ryckman's personality defined as;

Personality is the dynamic and organized set of characteristic possessed by person that uniquely influences his or her cognitions, motivation and behaviors in various situation. (Ryckman, 2008:4)

It means that personalities is the system to compose the dynamic organization and established the behavior of person as specific or unique. Personality always related to human behavior. As people know that human is one of the creature of God that have organ, nerve and system of psyche such as mind, emotion, motivation, ambition, desire, or creativity. From the statement above, it can be concluded that human are the combination of physic and psyche.

Personality is always related to psychology as well. Psychology is a study of behavior and mind of human. In this study, the writer observes human behavior based on the personality that showed in literature. So, psychology and literature mean to understad all aspects in psyche reflects on literary work. There are many

approaches of psychology that can be analyzed in literary work because each character on it always has different personality and behaviour. Such as Freud's psychoanalytic, Adler's psychology individual, Jung's analytical psychology, Erickson's psychoanalytic ego psychology, Horney's psychoanalytic social, etc.

This study uses individual psychology theory by Alfred Adler to analyze novel *The Red Queen* by Philippa Gregory. This theory explains about a concept or science of human behavior especially the struggle to get superiority (throne). Throne is "royal power and dignity" (webster dictionary.com). Every people in the world want to get throne to have power in their life. They will struggle or strive as hard as they can for power. People usually relate power to the superiority. Feeling of weakness or inferiority motivated people to struggle for superiority.

The statement above is supported by Feist's argument (2008:71) that individual psychology holds that everyone begins life with physical deficiencies that activate feeling of inferiority. Inferiority feeling motivated person to strive for either superiority or success. People who feel inferior in their life will struggle to get their goal or superiority. It is the compensation from their feeling of inferiority.

In response to the statement above, this study chooses *The Red Queen* by Philippa Gregory as the source of the data, because this novel portrays individual psychology. The novel is very interesting to analyze because the main character Margaret Beaufort (the king's mother) has a unique personality, struggle to get superiority through her son. She struggles to take her son to the throne and make the House of Lancaster be true ruler of England. This novel is historical fiction

which told the battles of the cousins' war between the house of Lancaster and York in the middle of century to get throne. Gregory is a bestselling author of historical fiction novels and *The Red Queen* novel is one of her best seller novel in New York Times.

The Red Queen novel tells about the struggle of lady Margaret Beaufort to get superiority (throne) through her son (king Henry V11). This story took place in the medieval England in spring 1453, at the cousin at war (the war of roses) between the house of York and Lancaster .

In the novel, Lady Margaret described as a religious woman who spent her night in pray. When she was twelve, her mother arranged her marriage to Edmund Tudor. As a girl in a royal family, lady Margareth could not choose their own life. She could never even choose her own husband and her allegiance. She must serve her house, family and her husband. A girl is not valuable to be educated but boy more valuable to be educated. Girls need only be able to read and write to sew and to keep her housedhold.

She is the heiress of Lancaster, she believes that her house, the House of Lancaster is the true ruler of England. She wants her son to be a Lancaster heir to get the throne and be the king of England. When her son becomes the king of England, it will make Margaret has higher prestige or power. As the king's mother of England she will be superior in the society. Therefore, she struggles and thinks many ways to make her so be the king of England and to be superiority.

Thus, this study analyze the struggle of Margareth Beaufort for throne to get superiority by using individual psychology theory. This study is chosen because it is suitable to be analyzed as the source of data.

1.2. Statement of the research problems

In relation with the background of the study, this study is going to discuss about the personality of lady Margareth Beaufort in struggle for throne to get superiority the novel *The Red Queen* by Philippa Gregory. The question formulated as follow:

1. What did social environment affect the struggle of Margaret Beaufort on the throne in the Philippa Gregory's *The Red Queen*?
2. How does Margaret Beaufort struggle for throne to her son reflected in Philippa Gregory's *The Red Queen* based on individual psychology aspect?
3. What are the effect of Margaret Beauforth struggle to her personality?

1.3. Objectives of the study

The objective of the study describes the answers of questions in the statement of the research problems. The objectives of the study are;

1. To analyze that affect Margaret Beaufort to struggle on the throne in the Philippa Gregory's *The Red Queen*.
2. To analyze the way Margaret Beaufort struggle for throne to her son reflected in Philippa Gregory's *The Red Queen* based on individual psychology aspect.
3. To analyze the effect of Margaret Beauforth struggle to her personality

1.4. Significance of the study

Theoretically, the writer hopes that this study gives the significances information about Alfred Adler's individual psychology. However, hopefully the readers understand about the application of individual psychology theory especially about individual behavior of struggle for throne to get superiority in literary work. Practically, this study expounds about human behavior especially about striving for superiority.

1.5. Scope and limitation

In this sub chapter, the scope of this study use individual psychology theory in literary work Philippa Gregory's *The Red Queen*. Meanwhile this study only focuses on the struggle for throne to get superiority. This study is limited to the main character lady Margaret Beaufort, utterances of the author narration in Philippa Gregory's *The Red Queen*.