

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

The first chapter discusses about the background, statement of research problems, objectives, significance, and scope and limitation.

1.1 Background of the study

Love, emotional bond, relationship and other issues relate on human behavior and personality, it cannot be separated by psychology. Psychology is a scientific study of mind and behavior. The word “psychology” comes from the Greek words “psyche”, meaning *life*, and “logos,” meaning *explanation* (Stangor, 2011: 10). Thus, in this case psychology means the explanation of life or human behavior. According to Holand (1990: 29) the application of psychology is to explore the literary problem and behavior. Therefore, it can be concluded that psychology and literature relates each other because in producing literary work, the author thinks about the psychology of the characters that are presented in literary work.

According to Wellek & Warren (1963:81), approach to literature that consider the psychological aspect has four terms, namely: (1) the study of the author’s psychology as the type or person, (2) the study of the creative process, (3) the psychological type that is applied to the literature, (4) the impact of literature to the reader. It means that psychological study of literary work is

created based on the author's life. Therefore, psychology gives influence to the author in creating a literary work.

Love between mother and children is one aspect of psychology of literature's aspects. In general, mother always give her affection to her children because mother has very important roles in children's life. Her love and responsibility affects children's behaviour. Motherly love is love between mother and child, it can be proven through the characteristics of motherly love explained in Erich Fromm's *The Art of Loving*.

Queen of Dreams tells about the love of mother to her child. This novel tells about mother that is Mrs.Gupta who has an ability in interpreting a dream. She was born by the ability to share and interpret the dreams to others, to foresee and guide them through their fates, by her ability, she tries to protect her child from dangerous in her life.

This novel is very interesting to be discussed because it describes the real life in several parts, although the language full of imagery but it exactly make the writer becomes more excited to read the novel. This story is good to be guidance of life because in some part have the power of physical detail which is shown by the character of "Mother". So, this novel can be analyzed with Erich Fromm's theory that is motherly love in *The Theory of Love*.

Queen of Dreams published in 2004, written by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni who was born in Calcutta, India. Her novel has been translated into 29 languages including Dutch, Indonesian, Bengali, and Japanese. She was a graduate teaching assistant at U.C. Berkeley. She taught at Foothill College in Los

Altos, California and Diablo Valley College. Today, she lives and teaches in Texas, where she is the McDavid professor of Creative Writing at the nationally ranked University of Houston Creative Writing Program (Davis, 2003).

Because of her literary works, she achieves many awards such as Pushcart Prize for "The Lives of Strangers" in 2003, Distinguished Writer Award from the South Asian Literary Association in 2007, University of California at International House Berkeley Alumna of the Year Award in 2008, Cultural Jewel Award from the Indian Culture Center, Houston in 2009, Light of India Jury's Award for Journalism and Literature in 2011, and Premio Scanno Award for Literature, Italy in 2015" (Davis, 2003).

Queen of Dreams has been analyzed by different theories from different author such as “ *An Analysis of Social and Inner conflict of the major characters in Chitra Divakaruni’s ‘Queen of Dreams’*” (Oktarianasari, 2006) , “ *Magic Realism with Select Novels of Chitra Banerjee*” (Renuga, 2015) , “ *Portrayal of Women as powerful Force in Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni’s novel*” (Monica, 2016) and “ *Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni’s ‘Queen of Dreams: A Typical Tale of Reconciliation of Intricate, Intertwined and Intimate Familie Ties*” (Kumawat, 2015). However, none of them analyzes the novel uses Erich Fromm’s theory. Therefore, in this study, the writer analyzes *Queen of Dreams* with a title ‘ *Motherly Love in Queen of Dreams by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni*’.

1.2 Statement of the Research Problems

This focus will be translated into two research questions as follow:

1. How is the portrayal of motherly love in the novel?
2. How are the effects of motherly love to her child?

1.3 Objectives

According to the research problems, this study explores:

1. The portrayal of motherly love in the novel
2. The effects of motherly love to her child

1.4 Significance of the Study

This study is expected to be able to provide theoretical and practical benefits. Theoretically, the result of the study is expected to enrich reader's knowledge about psychology of literature especially about motherly love. It is expected to become one of the examples of the way to analyze story using theory of love approach practically. This study expected to the society especially mother and children can solve whatever the problem is in their daily life.

1.5 Scope and Limitation

This study discusses the motherly love portrayed by the characters of Mrs.Grupta in *Queen of Dreams* by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni. The scope of this study is motherly love. The limitations of this study are the author's direct explanation and the quotations of the characters in this story relate to the statement of research problems.