

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents sub chapters, namely background of the study, statements of research question, objective of the study, significances of the study, and scope and limitation.

1.1 Background of the Study

Novel is a work of fiction written in many pages and paragraphs. Most of novels reveal the character and tell the story of the complex by displaying various characters in different situations to create a fictional world of the novel that is closer to reality. According to Culler (1997, p. 92), novel can be explained as powerful device for the internalization of social norms. Narrative provides mode of social criticism. It means that novel is suitable source of data because it will be easy to tell the idea through writing and there will be many events that can be seen and identified. It can be concluded that reader can take some lesson of life from the novel because novel is a representation of real life and there are many events can be seen from novel.

In a novel, the characters certainly show character, nature and a role in the story. Each character that appears in the story could cause a lot of things such as friendship, conflicts and competition. Every matter such as friendship, conflicts and competition will show toward character's behavior. Behavior is an outward or actions and reactions like talking, facial expressions and movement. According to Loftus

(1988, p. 3), a science which systematically observing facts about behavior and a body of information that can be applied to help solve a variety of human problems is psychology. Psychology can be defined as the study of behavior and mental process. The theory of psychology can be applied not only in the real world but also can explain behavior and mental process that are experienced by fictional character.

Theory of memory is one of the branches of psychology theory. According to Smith (2001, p. 274-275), Memory refers to the processes that allow us to record and later retrieve experiences and information. There are three processing system that has influenced memory : encodes, stores, and retrieves information. Encoding refers to getting information into system by translating it into neural code. Storage involves retaining information over time. Finally, there must be a way to pull information out of storage when people want to use it, a process called retrieval. It means that people can save information in their brain and can retrieve information when they need it.

Sometimes, there are some memories that unconsciously forgotten due to it is unpleasant memory, just like what happen to the main character in the story from the novel. Nadine unconsciously forgets what happens with herself when she was child. Her childhood miserable memory lost from her memory. She feels difficult to access it anymore. She tries to remind what had happened to her during her childhood but she cannot remember anything.

The source of data in this study is a novel entitled "*Always Watching*" by Chevy Steven by applying theory of memory. The novel is chosen because this novel

is written by a great author namely Chevy Stevens by applying theory of memory. She is Canadian author of thriller novels. One of her books, *Still Missing* was a *New York Times Bestseller*. Chevy won *International Thriller writers award for Best First Novel*. As well as her previous book, *Always Watching* also get award from iBook for 2013 as “*Apple’s Best of The Year*” (Chevy Stevens, 2016). This novel gets good rating from readers in *goodreads* (Author Show, 2016). It also gets best sale in *Paperback* and lot of readers recommend this novel to other readers (Always Watching Chevy Stevens, 2016) .

Furthermore, this novel delightly exposes interesting issues to be analyzed in terms of story that tells about the life of the main character, namely Nadine. Nadine’s childhood ever spent in a community on behalf of the community concerned about the environment. The community believes in meditation and something as a healer in a variety of diseases and problems but it turns out in the community led by a pedophile and murderer. Nadine is one of his victims but she lost a few pieces of memory at the time she was in abused by the leader. The process of loss memory that occurs in Nadine is a process where a memory come into the short term memory but not stored correctly. Therefore, the memory of it is difficult to find. At the moment when she is adult, she experienced a process of rehearsal (repetition) which result she can remember what happened in her childhood. In addition, the authors also recount this novel with a very slick that readers are very enthusiastic without wanting to switch from seating to read this novel.

Most of people might never be aware of importance of a memory. Whereas in human life, memory gives important role like in process of remembering. Particularly in teaching learning process. It seems that there would be no learning process without memory. If people are able to benefit from their experiences, they must be able to remember them. If you weren't be able to remember anything tomorrow that you read in this chapter today, there would be no point in reading it. Remembering what you learn is as important as learn it in the first place (Lahey, 2002, p. 173). This may only be considered trivial in human life but matter of fact memory is very important to help human life.

Hence, this novel is great and worthy to be examined due to readers are able take lessons from the story of Nadine to make them more careful to take care of their children who might be lost their memory when occur an abuse of children. The appropriate theory being used is the theory of memory developed by Richard Atkinson and Richard Shiffrin in 1968 and subsequently modified, it proposes that memory has three major components: sensory memory, short term or "working" memory and long term memory (Smith, 2001, p. 276). This theory analyzes the main character of the novel but it is similar to the process of reviewing a memory that occurs in real life, for basically literature is a reflection of life.

As the explanation above, the topic of memory is interesting to be analyzed. Beneath it all, there have been several studies that use the theory of psychology. The first previous study found in IOSR Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences by Daiarisa Rumnong in 2015. She writes a jornal entitled *The Struggle of Memory*

Against Forgetting: An analysis of Persepolis. This study analyses the Graphic Memoirs or autobiographic comics which emerged in 1960. Secondly, an English Departement student of University of Trunojoyo Madura namely Muizzu Nurhadi (2014) whose thesis entitled “*Trauma of War in Collin’s Mockingjay*”. He analyzed the *Mockingjay* novel using theory of trauma of war. The last is Nia Permata Sari (2015), an English Departement student of University of Trunojoyo Madura, whose thesis entitled “*Amanda’s Traumatic Memory in Christina Schwarz’s Drowning Ruth*”. She analyzed traumatic memory of the main character by using Psychology and Literature, especially Trauma and Memory of Lawrence Langer (1991). The previous studies above have similarity with this present in using pshychology theory and concern in memory, but it has different in concentration. The previous studies are mostly concerning on traumatism and method to againts forgetting. Therefore, this study is genuine since it comprehensively concerns on shifting of short term memory into long term memory.

1.2 Statement of research Question

How is the shifting memory from short term memory to long term memory in *Always Watching*?

1.3 Objective of the Study

To elaborate the shifting memory from short term memory to long term memory in *Always Watching*.

1.4 Significance of the study

Theoretically, this study is expected to give more information about theory of memory. Besides, this study is expected to give the contribution for the upcoming study. Practically, this study is expected to give the contribution for the society in order to know what theory of memory is and it can help readers in getting better knowledge about how memory deals in their life.

1.5 Scope and limitation of the study

To avoid the vagueness, it is necessary to make a clear limitation into a narrow scope. Then, the analysis can be clearly interpreted and understood. The scope of this study is theory of memory by Richard Atkinson and Richard Shiffrin. This study is limited on the character's narration and utterances which portrays conflict and domination of theory of memory in the novel entitled *Always Watching*. The character who will be the object is Nadine.