

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, the writer serves the explanation of introduction which consisted of background of study, statement of research problems, objectives, significance, and scope and limitation.

1.1 Background of Study

Novel is kinds of literary work which is very popular in the world. The word novel derives from Italian word *novella*, which means *a new story* or *a new thing*. Novel divided into many genres or categories, such as science fiction, mysterious, fantasy, horror, historical, and romance.

According to Lisa Fletcher “Romance fiction is a fictional mode which depends on the force and familiarity of the speech act ‘*i love you*’” (2008, p. 1). Romantic fiction is focus on the relationship and romantic love between two people. The end of the story is about how protagonists’ love and relationship endure for the rest of their lives. Novel is a mirror of life because it shows anything which occurs in the real world. The author describes it based on their imaginations or individual experiences such as social reality or social problem.

According to Simmel in his book *The Sociology of Georg Simmel*, Sociology is man in all aspects of his life and action is determined by the fact that he is a social being (Simmel, 1950. p.1). Sociology is a science whose object is to interpret the meaning of social action and thereby give a causal explanation of the

way in which the action proceeds and the effect which it produces (Weber, 1991. p. 7). Related to these statements, sociology shows us that as a social being, we need to interact to others. Then, we interpret the others' action and take the effect of the action. Sociology can be used to analyze a story in the novel because the author describes human life and social problem in their work.

Just One Day by Gayle Forman published on January 2013. It has a romance genre which contains love story. It is an interesting novel because it describes about Allyson's behavioral changing as a main character in the novel. She is an adolescence in eighteen years old who affected by her interaction. Furthermore, it shows us that anything can happen in just one day, such Allyson's behavioral changing. Allyson's behavioral changing happens after she interacts to Willem. Previously, she never does anything on her own will. She does anything what everyone told her. However, it is not Allyson's real character, but mother's doctrine. By contrast, she becomes a courage person to do anything on her own will after her meeting to Willem. For example, she prefers to choose her wishes rather than mother's, she easily interacts to others, and breaks mother's injunction. All of which makes Allyson feel better than before. It is clear that Allyson's behavioral changing is affected by her interaction.

Interpersonal conflict is an effect of Allyson's behavioral changing. It is because she and her mother want to reach a different object in their life. Her life is in her Mother's domination. It is because mother always wants Allyson to surrender herself to her Mother's domination. For example, she forces Allyson to take a pre-med class. In contrary, Allyson wants to be honest with herself, such

she betrays mother's expectation. She prefers to take Shakespeare class rather than pre-med class. It is because it reminds her of Willem. She meets him for the first time when she watches Shakespeare's performance in Stratford-upon-Avon, England. She loves him so much and anything she does based on her feeling or emotion. In case, mother's behavioral changing is the resolution of this conflict.

1.2 Statement of Research Problems

Related to the background, the focus of this study will be translated into the following question, they are:

1. How does social interaction depicted by Allyson in the novel?
2. What is the effect of Allyson's interaction in the novel?

1.3 Objectives

Related to the statement of research problems previously, this study intended to find out:

1. To explain how Forman depicted Allyson's interaction in the novel
2. To find out the effect of Allyson's interaction in the novel

1.4 Significance

Hopefully this study can give contribution to:

1. Enrich the reader knowledge about social interaction theory especially in Gayle Forman's *Just One Day*.

2. Give a brand new knowledge to other students of Literature in English
Study Program University of Trunojoyo Madura.
3. Help the writer to understand about the suggestion in an interaction which
is reflected in real life.

1.5 Scope and Limitation

Social interaction theory by Georg Simmel is the scope of this study to analyze Allyson's behavioral changing. It consisted of basic condition of social interaction, factor of social interaction process, and interpersonal conflict among Allyson and mother as the effect of Allyson's behavioral changing. Furthermore, main character's utterances are the limitation of this study.