

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of The Study

In daily life, people influence each other to get something profitable. As the social creatures, people have the potential to build relationship with the others. In a relationship, there must be good impression and some are bad impression. The close relationship leads a love relationship. Harlow (1958) states that love is related an object which concerned by its joy. Love in a psychological context is not only a way to find happiness, but it can discover identity too. Love relationship automatically can not be separated from human's life. It proves that love has a close relation with individual's life. Hence, love relationship can be a topic for author to create a literary work. The love relationship between the main characters are frequently become the interesting topic used in literature. In this case, the writer discussed about psychology in literature.

Analyzing literature is unlimited not only in its choice of subject, but also in its approach to that material. The triangular theory of love is the kind of psychology in literature which finds the love relationship that the main characters built in the literary work. Sternberg (1986) stated that building love relationship needs intimacy, passion, and commitment. By this statement, it is understood that love relationship can build when there are feelings of attachment, romantic

attraction, and a willingness in the short-range to maintain a relationship and long-range plans to keep the relationship. Sometimes, it found in literature because there are many authors add love relationship between the main characters which lead the story to make the literary work interesting to read.

Based on the explanation above, the writer discussed the love relationship between the characters in the novel *The Young Elites* by Marie Lu. The novel was published in 2014 and become the bestseller list in The New York Times. On other hand, this novel is categorized as Buzz Feed Best YA Book of 2014 and nominated in Amazon Best Teen & Young Adult Book of 2014. In addition, the novel became a reference to all students who learn how to build love relationship strongly with their couple. For example, the main characters in this novel protect each other and show their intimacy.

The Young Elites by Marie Lu is the novel which extensively discuss about the love relationship. It is the first novel by Marie Lu since she began to write this novel in 2014. The main character is a girl, named Adelina Amouteru. She is a *malfetto*, a half human and monster, who will be killed by the inquisitors. Fortunately, the leader of the community of *malfetto*, named Enzo Valenciano suddenly rescues her and brings her to his hidden castle. Because of his kindness, Adelina fall in love with him in the first sight. Raffaele Besette, the pramuria of the hidden castle, treats her while she is injured. Enzo and Raffaele build the association of *malfetto* which named The Young Elites. As a return, Adelina joins *The Young Elites* and rely on her ability to fight against the inquisitors who want to kill *malfetto*. When Enzo teaches Adelina to increase her ability, he realizes that

Adelina reminds him to his ex-girlfriend who was death by accident. He automatically treats Adelina like his ex-girlfriend. Beside, Raffaele secretly fall in love with Enzo. *The Young Elites* by Marie Lu does not only tell about love relationship but also about family, friendship, and struggle. This novel is interesting to read because it has many important lessons.

Related to the previous paragraph, Marie Lu survived at all, that the main characters build the love relationship, share their intimacy, and help each other to fight for justice. Thus, what the characters faced in the novel *The Young Elites* as a type of love. In Sternberg's view (1986), there are eight type of love which consists of non love, liking or friendship, infatuated love, empty love, romantic love, companionate love, fatuous love, and consummate love.

Moreover, the writer is interested in analyzing the main characters of *The Young Elites* because of the intimacy and their teamwork to fight for justice. Enzo and Raffaele teach Adelina to increase her ability and suggest her to make it real. Therefore, this study is inspired in examining the intimacy between the main characters that happen in this novel as the data. It also intended to express more about how they are able to keep their relationship even though at the end of story, one of them kills a partner accidentally.

The study analyzed novel *The Young Elites* by Marie Lu through triangular theory of love. In the previous study, there is nobody who analyzes this novel. But, the theory is often used in thesis. This recent study focus on the love

relationship between the main characters, with the title is “Sternberg’s Triangular of Love in Marie Lu’s *The Young Elites*”.

Meanwhile, this study used the triangular theory of love as device to analyze this novel because this theory is more suitable than the others. From that theory, this study found the type of love which reflected by Adelina, Enzo, and Raffaele and the effects of their love to their relationship. Furthermore, this study focused on the type of love between the main characters and its effect.

1.2 Research Question

The research questions are formulated to get the clear description of love relationship among the main characters. The problems of this study are formulated into the questions below:

1. What are the types of love presented by Adelina, Enzo, and Raffaele?
2. What are the effects of their love to their relationship?

1.3 Objectives Of The Study

Based on the previous research questions, the study is intended to discuss:

1. The types of love presented by Adelina, Enzo, and Raffaele.
2. The effects of their love to their relationship.

1.4 Significance Of The Study

This study has two objectives, named theoretical objectives and practical objectives:

1. Theoretically, the result of this study is expected to be a valuable contribution to the study of psychology of literature in the literary work.
2. Practically, the result of this study is able to suggest people for being selected to choose someone as their boyfriend or girlfriend and build the strong relationship.

1.5 Scope and Limitation Of The Study

This study focused on analyzing the type of love and its effect toward the relationship in *The Young Elites*. Consequently, the scope of this study is using Sternberg's triangular theory of love among Adelina, Enzo, and Raffaele. Moreover, this study is limited on narration and utterances, in which related to the love relationship among Adelina, Enzo, and Raffaele to answer the formulated research questions.