

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents six subchapters of introduction, the background of the study, a statement of the research question, the research objectives, the significances of the study also scope and limitation. They are necessary to be explained because they describe this study generally.

1.1 Background of Study

In this era of competition, to be able to win, people are required to be the best. According to some, being the best of the best is difficult, depending on one's mental motivation. Achieving what you want is not easy, everything requires hard work. This is where one's ambition comes into play, setting targets that tomorrow should be much better than today. People who have ambitions in life will always try to set targets in various ways.

Ambition is the motivation to have power. Ambitious people seek the power of themselves or for others. Ambition is a strong longing or desire such as fame, wealth, or success. To achieve the valuable things in life, one must set a very high goal. There is a proverb that says that a person without ambition will fail in their life therefore everyone has ambitions. Ambition doesn't always have a good effect. If ambition is under control, it can turn our personality into good deeds. Your personality is one of your most important assets. It has already helped and will continue to shape your life in the future. Schultz states that Personality refers

to our external and visible characteristics, those aspects of us that other people can see (Schultz, 2005:9).

It is concluded that in terms of the impact we make on others, our personality can then be described. That is, we seem to be what we are. The personality itself is a trait of actions to be recognized casually, such as the way of behaving, speaking, and style. It implies that personalities are the system for composing dynamic organization and defining the individual's action as a particular or special personality that is often connected to human behavior. Personality also refers to psychology. Psychology is the study of human behavior and the mind. The term personality has been defined in many ways and one of them is a psychological concept such as the study that analyzes human behavior based on the personality shown in the literature.

Literature is a work of art that is written and printed and has artistic or intellectual values. The word literature comes from the Latin that has the meaning "writing formed with letters." According to Bonn's literature defined as;

Any written or spoken material, but the term most often refers to creative works, the literature includes poetry, drama, fiction and any kind of non-fiction writing, as well as oral, dramatic, and broadcast compositions, not necessarily preserved in a written format. (Bonn, 2010:93)

It is concluded that literature is a human work, both verbal and non-verbal, which uses language as a medium of instruction and has a dominant aesthetic value. Literature can be classified into fiction or non-fiction and poetry or prose and has large forms, such as novels, plays, poems, and short stories.

One of the general literary works is a novel. A novel is a long fictional narrative written in prose, which developed from the novella and other early forms of narrative (Bonn, 2010:112). The novel contains a complex story with a moral message. As a result, many researchers choose a variety of novels as the subject of their studies.

In response to the statement above, the writer chooses *Necessary People* by Anna Pitoniak as the source of the data because this novel portrays personality based on need. The novel is very interesting because the main character Violet Trapp has great ambition, hardworking to be able to move towards achieving her goals. Besides that *Necessary People's* novel was declared one of the best books by Crime Reads, Town & Country, Refinery29, Oprah Magazine, Bustle, Women's Day, and Marie Claire.

Necessary People's novel tells about a pair of college best mates, one born with everything; the other becomes post-college rivals, bent on success, beginning from nothing.

In the novel, Stella Bradley is affluent, blonde and sexy, reckless, a lonely Manhattanite. Violet Trapp is a hard-working girl with little income and no family support from Florida. Stella flits around the globe after college, and Violet, the 'responsible one', remains in New York, living in the Bradleys' flat, intended for Stella, gets an internship in cable news, is promoted and promoted again. In production, behind the scenes, she excels in cultivating sources, engrossed in the job. But everything changed when Stella came back, though: Violet now has

personality, independent from Stella; the power between them has changed. And then Stella pulls a few strings, family ties, natural beauty, and starts to conquer the new turf of Violet.

Thus, this study analyzes the ambition of Violet Trapp by using the need theory of personality. This source of data is suitable for analysis as this study.

1.2 Research Question

Based on the background of the study above, the writer formulates the research question as follows:

1. What is the ambition described in the novel *Necessary People*?
2. How does the main character achieve her ambition?

1.3 Research Objectives

The research objectives describes the answer to the question in the research question. The research objectives are;

1. To reveal the ambition of the main character in the novel *Necessary People*
2. To find out how the main character achieves her ambition

1.4 Scope and Limitation

This study focuses on the ambition of the main character in *Necessary People* by Anna Pitoniak. The area to be covered in the analysis is the psychological approach as stated previously. This study has some weaknesses. Many theories can be applied to this novel, and there are many characters to be analyzed, but the writer only focuses on analyzing the main character of the novel, Violet Trapp,

using the need theory of personality. The successive study, hopefully, will explore more about the psychological problem.

1.5 Significances of Study

This study is required to give benefits as follows;

1. Theoretical Significance

The result of this study is expected to be able to provide more detailed information about Henry Murray's need theory of personality analysis in literary writing.

2. Practical Significance

Analyzing the use of the need theory of personality in a novel is expected to be useful:

- a. For teachers, the results of the analysis are expected to be able to inform clearly about the need theory of personality analysis;
- b. For students, the results of the analysis are expected to increase their knowledge and understanding of the psychological problems in school learning.
- c. For the next researcher, as reference material for researchers who want to examine the topics that are relevant to this study.