

## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This chapter represents some points of the study. The first is background of the study, which explains the reason *Where Rainbows End (Love, Rosie)* and the theory of friendship are chosen. The second is statement of research problem which is formulated by giving information about the discussion of the study. The third is objective of the study which answers the problem formulation stated in this study. Significance of the study is the fourth point. It gives explanation about some benefits of this study. The last is scope and limitation of the study, which aimed to focus and limit this study.

#### **1.1. Background of the Study**

As social creatures, people cannot be separated with their society because they cannot live alone. People have to interact and communicate with others to have good relation in their life. They can share their problems, experiences, or share some interesting things in their life. Besides family member and neighbor, a friend is one of ways to interact to make a good relation.

Weiten says that the loyalty is the heart and soul of friendship (2000:226). It is supported by the statement of Solomon in *Beyond Friendship* who says that friendship was loyal, caring, trusting and wishing the other well (2002:56). By this statement, it can be understood that friendship must be loyal one to another because a real friend just like a second family who gives us much love in our life.

Related to the important of friendship, many authors create literary works which depict out about friendship interestingly. One of them is Cecelia Ahern, an Irish's writer that most of her works famous into the other countries. She began to writes literary works since 2002. Her first work is *P.S I Love You*. Because of the first book which get award as bestseller book, Ahern writes her next novel entitled *Where Rainbows End* in 2005. This novel is not only read by Irish, but also read by England and American. After that *Where Rainbows End* is well known as *Love, Rosie*, because the novel is transformed into a film entitled *Love, Rosie*, therefore it is well known as *Love, Rosie*.

*Where Rainbows End (Love, Rosie)*, tells about friendship between man and woman namely Alex and Rosie. They became friends from their childhood. After that they went to the same school, so that they became close friend. As time goes by, they grew up to be teenagers and warm friendship was built by them well. As their activities are always done together by Alex and Rosie, they fallen in love each other, but Rosie and Alex has not ever expressed the love. They prefer being friend to be a couple. Therefore, they keep the warmth of their friendship and let the love does not become a priority in their relation.

As Rosie and Alex want to graduate from their school, Alex decided to continue his study to Harvard University while Rosie was still in her house. It means that Alex leaves Rosie to study. Unfortunately, at the time Rosie is left by Alex, she gets pregnant with her friend, named Brian. A case which is not as different as Rosie's condition is undergone by Alex. He lives with his couple named Bethany. As the time goes by, Katie was born by Rosie. She lives with her

husband namely Greg. On the other hand, both Rosie and Alex do not really love their own couple. This case happens because Rosie feels that Alex is the one who can understand her well, and so does Alex.

Based on the previous paragraph, it is interesting to discuss about the friendship and some factors which support a good friendship to be built. Therefore, the writer chooses *Love, Rosie* by Cecelia Ahern as the source of data. This novel does not only contain story about friendship but also love, and family. It makes this novel has many important messages, such as the way to keep a good friendship, the attitude in relationship, and so on.

This study uses theory of friendship to analyze this novel, because this theory is more suitable than others. Moreover, from the theory, this study finds the kind of friendship between Alex and Rosie, and the factors that influence their friendship. Therefore, the suitable title for this study is *The Friendship between Rosie and Alex in Cecelia Ahern's Where Rainbows End (Love, Rosie)*.

There are some students of university using this theory to analyze the literary works. They are: Lulus Megawati (2012), Tiarna Marpaung (2003), Agatha Wikan Adhisti (2010). The differences between this study and their study are the data. As the explanation above, this study finds the kind of friendship and the factors that influence the friendship is occurred.

## **1.2. Statement of the Research Problem**

Related to background of the study, it discusses about friendship between Rosie and Alex. This study is formulated as the following questions:

1. What is the kind of friendship between Rosie and Alex?

2. What are the factors that influence their friendship?

### **1.3. The Objective of the Study**

In line with the statement of research problem which is written down previously, the objectives of the study intended to discuss:

1. Kind of friendship between Rosie and Alex
2. The factors that influence their friendship.

### **1.4. Significance of the Study**

This study is expected to provide some benefits. The first is theoretically to enrich literary studies, particularly in using psychological theory in analyzing literary work. The second is practically to give contribution to the reader and deep understanding about the way to make friendship and maintaining the friendship. Then, it is hoped this study will inspire further study especially to English Literature student who concerns in analyzing literary works or and interests in analyzing other literary works.

### **1.5. Scope and Limitation of the Study**

Actually, there are many aspects that can be analyzed from the novel such as the point of view through feminism, and theory of love. However, in academic writing, there should be a limitation of the study. Therefore, the writer has to limit the study and clearer scope of the study. In this study, the writer focuses on the theory of friendship that will be used to analyze the friendship between the main character, Rosie and her friendship, Alex. Then this study is limited on narration and utterances, in which related to the friendship of Rosie and Alex to answer the formulated research problems.