

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter consists of several subchapters, those are background of the study, statement of the problems, objectives of the study, significance of the study, scope and limitation of the study.

1.1 Background of Study

Actually, everyone has several different ways to express his or her feeling and thought. Sometimes, someone can feel happy and another time he or she may feel sad because of his or her feeling itself. When someone gets a problem, he or she can feel uncomfortable with his or her condition that he or she faces. On other words, someone who has a problem can feel anxiety. Angela Ramsay stated in her book that anxiety is a feeling of fear, dread or uneasiness (Ramsay, 2003). It means that anxiety appears when someone is afraid about something that will happen to him or her. In addition, someone will have anxiety because something that he or she faces.

In line with statement above, everyone who gets a problem, anxiety can be experienced by him or her. It is dangerous if someone cannot control or defense him or herself. In another side, by getting anxiety, someone can increase his or her thought to make his or her feeling being more comfortable, or solve his or her problems, because when someone feels anxiety, he or she will think hard of the way of erasing his or her anxiety or going out of his or her anxiety. On the other hands, someone will try to solve his uncomfortable feeling. In addition, someone

will try several ways to leave his or her anxiety. Therefore, this study discusses about anxiety and defense mechanism.

By seeing the previous statement, there are many authors who create the great and amazing literary works about human life. One of them is Cormac McCarthy. He is an author of bestselling novel, entitled *No Country for Old Men*. Beside this novel, he has also created other literary works entitled *Cities of Plain*, *The Crossing*, *All the Pretty Horses*, *The Stonemason*, *The Gardener's Son*, *Blood Meridian*, *Suttree*, *Child of God*, *Outer Dark*, *The Orchard Keeper* and *The Road*. He is a fabulous author, because he gets several awards through his literary career. For examples: he gets Ingram-Merill Award, Foulkner Award, and also Guggenheim Fellowship (<http://www.famousauthor.org/cormac-mccarthy>). He is a good struggler, although he has a job or works, he still has time to write his novel. It shows that he has a good power and spirit to achieve his goals. (<http://www.cormacmccarthy.com>). This novel is published in United States, 2005. This novel is included into bestselling and also this novel is easy enough to be understood and also portrays about anxiety. Therefore, this novel is chosen to be analyzed in this study.

In relation with the statement above, *No Country for Old Men* is a novel that portrays about family life or human life. In this case, the main character, Llewelyn Moss gets a problem of life after he finds much money and he takes it to his home though it is not his right. After that, he is threatened and looked for by an assassin to be murdered. So, it is being a cause of Moss' fear.

Related to the previous statement, this novel tells the readers about Moss' life. When Moss hunts antelope near the Rio Grande, he sees the shot men and they die. After that he finds the money over there. Then, he packs it out and brings it to his home, but after that incident, he feels uncomfortable because of much money that he has found. He worries about his condition. He does several things after he finds much money, for examples he looks for another place and he rents it for several days. He lives in other area, but he cannot solve his uncomfortable feeling about his safety of life and the money. He feels like that, because he is looked for by Chigurh. He is an assassin or a killer who looks for Moss. Chigurh tries some ways to find Moss. Moss is also looked for by Sheriff Bell, he wants to ask much money which is found by Moss. Those are the reasons that make Moss experiences anxiety. In other words, Chigurh is a cause of Moss' anxiety.

This study uses psychoanalysis theory, included anxiety theory by Sigmund Freud. The explanation about psychoanalysis follows: psychoanalysis, a theory of the mind and human psychic development (Castle, 2007). It means that psychoanalysis refers to human mind or thought. So, psychoanalysis and anxiety have close relationship in telling about mind or what is felt by mind itself. In this case, Moss is the main character who gets a problem after finding much money and he feels uncomfortable with that or gets anxiety. Then, he tries to do something to save his life. It refers to the way to defense himself after getting anxiety, as the example: he moves to several places and stays over there. That is being a reason that psychoanalysis theory is acceptable to be used to analyze this novel.

Previously, psychoanalysis theory, especially about anxiety is ever used by several writers who analyze different source of data. The first writer is Antony Harrison (2012) who analyzes some novels of McCarthy, one of them is *No Country for Old Men* novel. Those people use the same theory, to analyze the main characters' anxiety in each novel, except Antony Harrison who analyzes the same source with the different theory. The second one is Mila Ratnasari (2005) who analyzes Widdecombe's *An Act of Treach*. The third one is Ainur Farhan (2013) who analyzes Anna Quidlen's *Every Last One*. The last one is Setroyini Kholidi (2013) who analyzes John Staeinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*. Meanwhile, this study is going to analyze the main character, named Moss. He is the main character who experiences anxiety in Cormac Mccarthy's novel, entitled *No Country for Old Men*.

1.2 Statement of the Problems

Based on the background of the study, this study discusses about the following questions:

- 1) What makes Moss experiences anxiety in the novel *No Country for Old Men*?
- 2) How does Moss overcome his anxiety?

1.3 Objectives of the Study

- 1) To explain the causes of Moss' anxiety.
- 2) To describe Moss' way to overcome his anxiety

1.4 Significance of the Study

This study is expected to be able to give the benefits in two aspects, namely theoretical and also practical:

Theoretically, this study is expected to give more understanding about psychoanalysis, especially about anxiety and defense mechanism in literary works. In addition, this study can help the next writers to analyze the other literary works by using anxiety and also defense mechanism theory.

Practically, the benefit of this study for the society is giving the information how to defense themselves when they are getting anxiety. In addition, they are being able to know the ways to solve their problems.

1.5 Scope and Limitation of The Study

The scope of this study is psychoanalysis of Freud, especially anxiety and defense mechanism. The limitation of this study is Moss' utterances, the narrator's narration and also the other characters' utterances which have the relation to anxiety and defense mechanism, owned by Moss. On other words, this study will show the processes of Moss' anxiety occur and also his ways to defense himself after getting a problem, portrayed in Cormac McCarthy's novel, *No Country for Old Men*.