

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter is discussing about the introduction of this study. The first chapter is divided into five parts, namely background of the study, statements of research problem, objectives of the study, significances of the study, and scope and limitation.

1.1. Background of the Study

One of the chronic disturbances on human is mental disorder. Narcissistic personality disorder is one of mental disorders. According to American Psychiatric Association (1994:629), the description of narcissistic personality disorder is grandiosity, need for admiration, and lack of empathy. The one who experiences narcissistic personality disorder is called as narcissist. They are very proud to himself or herself and they are very sensitive with critic and comment. Kowalski (2011:619) gives an example that the one with narcissistic personality disorder has trouble in society. The narcissist show little empathy to others and be hypersensitive to criticism, to feel entitled to special privileges, and to become enraged when others do not respond to them in ways they find satisfying or appropriate to their status (Kowalski, 2011:718).

The novel entitled *Blue-Eyed Devil* by Lisa Kleypas describes someone having narcissistic personality disorder. This is the interesting issue in the story. The novel has been selected as the source of this study. The author namely

Lisa Kleypas is known as Miss Massachusetts. Lisa was named Miss Massachusetts in the 1985 Miss America competition (<http://www.lisakleypas.com/aboutlisa.asp>).

The reason why the novel is selected, because it is nominee of romantic times award and bestselling historical romance novel. Novel *Blue-Eyed Devil* which was published in 2008 is one of Travis series. There are three novels in this series; they are *Sugar Daddy*, *Blue-Eyed Devil*, and *The Devil in Winter* (<http://www.lisakleypas.com/>). The novel clearly describes the characters having narcissistic personality disorder. The author of this novel elaborates the characters that experience narcissistic personality disorder well.

The study analyzes novel *Blue-Eyed Devil* by Lisa Kleypas through narcissism theory in Heinz Kohut, precisely Narcissistic Personality Disorder term. The theory is often used in research, review, thesis, or article in academic writing, such as the paper of Charles Hanly entitled “Narcissism, hypochondria and the problem of alternative theories (2011)” and the paper of Lisa M. Cataldo entitled “Religious Experience and the Transformation of Narcissism: Kohutian Theory and the Life of St. Francis of Assisi (2007)”. The writer applies this term on this study because it is suitable with the characters’ narcissistic personality disorder in the novel. Based on Kohut’s theory, the description of the character with narcissistic personality disorder in *Blue-Eyed Devil* will be clear. The writer analyzes the novel to find out the characters that have narcissistic personality disorder, with the title “The Characters’ Narcissistic Personality Disorder in Lisa Kleypas’ *Blue-Eyed Devil*”.

1.2. Statements of Research Problem

Related to the background of the study, the writer analyzes several characters having narcissistic personality disorder in novel *Blue-Eyed Devil* by Lisa Kleypas. Then, the statements of research problems are:

1. What are the characteristics of the characters having narcissistic personality disorder through the novel?
2. What are the symptoms of narcissistic personality disorder shown by the characters?
3. What is the cause that leads the characters experience narcissistic personality disorder?

1.3. Objectives of the Study

The objectives of the study will describe the answer from the questions of research problem, those are:

1. To elaborate the characteristics of the characters having narcissistic personality disorder through the novel.
2. To elaborate the symptoms of narcissistic personality disorder shown by the characters.
3. To elaborate the cause that leads the characters experience narcissistic personality disorder.

1.4. Significances of the Study

This study has significances that are very useful to study. The significances are theoretically and practically. Theoretically, this study strengthens and enriches the narcissism theory to apply in analysis novel Lisa Kleypas' *Blue-Eyed Devil*. In specially, this study extends theory of narcissistic personality disorder. On the other hand, it is also as reference for student of English Study Program.

Meanwhile, in practically, this study is hopefully useful for others student to take narcissism theory as a tool to analyze a literary work. Not only give more knowledge about the people having narcissistic personality disorder, but also knowing it one of the types personality disorder.

1.5. Scope and limitation

This study discusses about the characters that have narcissistic personality disorder. Based on the theory applied to analyze this novel, the scope is focus on the term of Heinz Kohut about narcissistic personality disorder. It is to find out the characteristics, symptoms, and cause the characters having narcissistic personality disorder. This study is limited on utterances in dialogue between the characters and the narration in this novel.