

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents background of research, statement of problem, research objective, research significance, definition of key terms, and organization of the paper.

1.1 Background of Research

Human has been created by God with each own personality. The personality which people have will influence their character, behavior, action, attitude, and mind stream. Sometimes, the personality is not merely a gift from the God, but it comes with the influence of the environment. The personality also will be influenced by the unconscious. According to Tyson (2006 :12-13), the unconscious is the storehouse of those painful experiences and emotions, those wounds, fears, guilty desires, and unresolved conflicts we do not want to know about because we feel we will be overwhelmed by them. So, the unconscious is the place where the things like need, want, motivation, and desire started to control our behavior.

In the psychoanalysis theory, Freud (1856-1939) has talked about the human personality. He has classified that there are three structures of human personality. These three structures of human personality are id, ego and superego. The id is the oldest and the most primitive part of the mind which has many wants to fulfill the *pleasure principle*. Then, the ego which works based on the reality principle has a power to monitors what the id wants. The last part of the structures

of human personality is super-ego. In contrast with the id, super-ego is the most developed part of the human's mind. It has a power to monitor the ego through human's conscience; what is right and what is wrong. So, someone's behavior is a result from the interaction of those three elements.

Psychopath is one of the human personality that is always considered dangerous and detrimental of the public for a long time ago. It is difficult to recognize whether one person is psychopath or not with only seeing him/her. It is because the psychopath people, if someone see them briefly, he/she does not realize that they were the psychopath. In fact, they have another side of personality that will be detrimental for the public. All those activities above are called psychopathic disorder.

There are so many terms or definitions which are delivered by the expert of psychopath, but according to terminology of medical science through Cleckley (2006), the psychopath is considered as the one who has antisocial personality disorder. Generally, the people with the psychopath are selfish, they will do everything to get what they want, they do not care at all about the effect of their action to others, instead of having the guilty feeling with others' suffering, they do enjoy it.

Those all the characteristics about the psychopath above have been found by the researcher in the personality of the main character in a novel entitled *Illusion of Luck*. The main character is Larry Luzor. He is a novelist who has committed many murders and sexual harassment. He did all that things with purpose to get his pleasure principle. He obeyed all what his id want. In the story,

he wanted to get a contract with the publisher and being a famous novelist. He committed a series of heinous murder and he even kill his own wife. It is interesting to analyze how Larry who has a huge desire in achieving his aim and he shows the psychopathic disorder. The characteristics of psychopath in the main character are analyzed by the researcher using the psychoanalysis of Sidmund Freud.

. The same previous research about this study is reflected in other researchs such as *Disobedience Against Delirium: A Psychoanalysis Approach on Characterization in Henry James "Washington Square"* by Apris Teguh Imansyah (2005) who analyzes character and nature which have the typical personalities and close related with the integrality of three personalities systems in psychological context called as id, ego and superego. Other research, *The Psychoanalysis on the Main Character of Robert Louis Stevenson's the Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Tiara Adinda (2008) who analyzes the personal conflict of psychology on the main character who believes that human must have the dual personality. This research objective is to know how the id, ego, and superego affected on his each behavior. Then, also on *Id, Ego and Superego Analysis of Jean Baptiste Grenouille Character in Perfume* by Patrick Suskind by Hilde Sitohang (2008), who analyzes the extraordinary personality of the main character in his view on the perfume by using intrinsic and extrinsic method, and also using psychoanalysis theory to know the id, ego and super-ego of the character. Seeing all those researchs above, this research, the researcher

uses the same theory which is Psychoanalysis, to analyzes a novel entitled *Illusion of Luck*.

1.2 Statement of Problem

The focused problem in this research is the psychopathic disorder in the personality of the main character in the novel entitled *Illusion of Luck* by Robert Burton Robinson, Larry Luzor, and the influence of that personality to his characteristic and behavior.

From the identification of the problem above, the researcher submits two research questions below to discuss and to limit the problem.

1. How does the psychopathic disorder appear in the main character in *Illusion of Luck*?
2. How does Larry Luzor deal with his internal conflict to fulfill his desire?

1.3 Research Objective

This research has some purposes for:

1. Recognizing the psychopathic disorder appears in the main character in *Illusion of Luck*.
2. Understanding how Larry Luzor deals with his internal conflict to fulfill his desire.

1.4 Research Significance

For the researcher, the significance of this research are to improves in understanding and applying Psychoanalysis theory deeply from Sigmund Freud and to increases the capacity in identifying the character of human especially the psychopath in the main character of *Illusion of Luck* novel written by Robert Burton Robinson.

For the others, this research is directed for all people who live with the sanity who can understand the words and sentences and the purposed design of the novel by taking some lesson of life experiences. In addition, this research also can be a reference directed to those who are interested to this research in Psychoanalysis theory of Sigmund Freud.

1.5 Definition of Key Terms

To avoid misconception in conceiving the terms in this research, the researcher makes clarification of key terms to explain some words:

- a. Psychopathic: a condition that occurs in the human personality and behaviour. This condition is characterized by some characteristics which are considered to be dangerous and damage for the public.
- b. Disorder: an abnormal physical or mental condition.
- c. Character: the people who appear in the narrative work, or drama. They are considered having a moral quality and particular tendency through the expression of the dialogue and action. It is one of the important parts from a fiction work.

- d. Conflict: one of the intrinsic elements of the novel. It refers to the fight of two powers. It can happen between one character and another in the novel or one character with himself.
- e. Desire: a strong feeling of wanting to have something or wishing for something to happen

1.6 Organization of Paper

1.6.1 Chapter I (Introduction)

This chapter provides the background of research, statement of problem, research objective and significance, definition of key terms, and organization of paper.

1.6.2 Chapter II (Theoretical Review)

This chapter consists of the theories about:

1. Psychopathic disorder
2. The characteristic of psychopath
3. Character
 - (a) Types of character
 - (b) Conflict of character
4. Psychoanalysis
 - (a) Structure of personality
 - (b) Defence mechanisms

1.6.3 Chapter III (Research Method)

This chapter explores the methodology of this research, such as: research design, sample of data, source of data, technique of collecting data, technique of analyzing data, and ends with synopsis of the novel.

1.6.4 Chapter IV (Data Analysis)

This chapter presents the discussion of the previously collected data which is analyzed by the theories provided in Chapter II.

1.6.5 Chapter V (Conclusions and Suggestions)

This is the final chapter that provides the conclusion of the whole analysis and suggestions of the research finding

