

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

World is full of beautiful thing. God make our life full of story to complete the beauty of world. People express their feeling and tell their life story through language.

Hudson (1965:10) in *An Introduction to the Study of Literature* states as follows:

Literature is a vital record of what men have seen in life. What they have experience of it. What they have thought and felt about those aspects of it which have the most immediate and enduring interest for all of us. It is thus fundamentally an expression of the life through the medium of language.

This statement describes that literature is description of life and written by the author through the medium of language. Then, literature is the result of the authors mind based on the happening that he or she has seen and felt in his or her surrounding.

Kennedy (1983: 5) says, "Literature is kind of art usually written that offers pleasure and illustration." Novel is chosen as the source of data of this research, because a novel usually imitates the real life of a person. Kennedy (1983: 183) states, "Novel is a picture of real life and manners, and of the time in which it was written." Novel consists of many problems that can be used as the topic of discussion. D. H Lawrence's *Sons and Lovers* is chosen as the object of this research, it is published in 1913. D.H. Lawrence is a great novelist, who respects Novel greatly. Ferrara (1970: 455) in *English Western Literature* suggests that, "Since Britain's greatest writers in

the twentieth century have been novelists, the modern prose has become Britain's achievement that one of the great novelist is David Herbert Lawrence." His novel *Sons and Lovers* is the expression of his life; it shows the great of his work as a realist. Peck (1984: 116) in *Literature Terms and Criticism* tells us that, "It may be due to his effort as a great realist, to reproduce something of the complexity of life itself, which is expressed in this novel entitled *Sons and Lovers*." D.H. Lawrence's famous name and the interesting story of his novel attract the writer to make a research of her writing.

Sons and Lovers describes women in men world. In fact that women are usually as the bottom sawyer. All of women in *Sons and Lovers* are presented as frustrated in one way that women get the injustice position. The basic is the social system which states that women are born as the inferior sex and men are born as the superior one. Freeman (1979: 84) in *Women* explains the woman position "Woman are always in some sense the 'second sex.' With greater or less subordination to men." Furthermore Phares (1984:97) in *Introduction to Personality* serves Alder's idea that men are not innately superior-quite the contrary but the Law that give them the guarantee of the domination, as the following illustration:

So far as the history of the origin of masculine dominance is concerned, we must call attention to the fact that this a phenomenon which does not occur as a natural thing. This is indicated by the numerous laws which are necessary legally to guarantee this domination to men... Men who like to believe that their privileges and prerogatives are determined by nature will be surprised to learn that men did not possess there prerogatives from the beginning, but had to fight for them. The triumph of man was simultaneous with the subjugation of women, and it is especially the evidence in the development of the law which bears witness to this long process of subjugation.

Men are innately as superior and women are innately as inferior. It is fact that men usually give many impressions to women. Man forces woman to have no choice, to have no right and only to receive his decision for her life. In part of a kind of unconscious or perhaps conscious compensation for women life of ceaseless drudgery in which men make the decisions while women cook, wash and keep house for them. One way they are called it as one's personal sacrifice to God.

Women inferiority is chosen as the topic of this research. Inferiority is based on weakness and illness. Adler says, "The site of illness was determined by a basic inferiority or weakness in that region, perhaps an inherited abnormality of development, Adler also notes that many individuals afflicted with an inferior characteristic eventually begin to compensate for their weakness" (Phares, 1984: 90 in *Introduction to Personality*). Women as individuals are born with weak personality. They get illness from men acting in daily and they get many impressions in her life. *Sons and Lovers* describes women inferiority through the three characters that are Mrs. Morel, Miriam and Clara Dawes. They are the mirror of the women inferiority.

The writer has some reasons to analyze women inferiority in *Sons and Lovers*. Firstly, D.H. Lawrence is a famous novelist and the writer amazes him. Secondly, this topic is fact; many of violence toward women appear in our society in all parts of world. Thirdly, the inferiority of women that shows in this novel may arouse all of us to change the position of women to be better and respect them highly.

1.2 Statements of the Problems

The writer presents some statements of the problems, due to the title of this research, *A Study on Women Inferiority in D.H. Lawrence's Sons and Lovers*. The statements of problems are formed as follows:

1. How is women inferiority described in D.H. Lawrence's *Sons and Lovers*?
2. What are the effects of the women inferiority on the women themselves and their families in D.H Lawrence's *Sons and Lovers*?

Those two questions above are used to make a deep discussion of woman inferiority in this research. The writer hopes that the readers can enjoy this writing and take a study from the discussion.

1.3 Objectives of the Study

In line with the statements of the problem, the objectives of the research of women inferiority in D.H. Lawrence's *Sons and Lovers* are as the following:

1. To describe women inferiority in D.H. Lawrence's *Sons and Lovers*.
2. To find out the effects of the women inferiority on the women themselves and their families in D.H Lawrence's *Sons and Lovers*.

1.4 Scope of the Study

It is important to make a limitation about the scope of the problems in this research in order to make deep discussion about women inferiority in the novel. The

writer gives limitation on the description and the effect of the women inferiority. The writer serves the explanation of the problems through the three women characters' lives that is Mrs. Morel, Miriam and Clara Dawes.

1.5 Significance of the Study

This analysis hopefully can give some significance for the writer, the readers, and the other researchers. For the writer this research is very interesting and useful. It gives a brief description about the women condition in Victorian era. It gives deeper insight about the difficulties of the English women at that time. From this study is hoped that the readers can change their minds that women are not inferior. It also expected that they can respect women highly and life together without any discrimination. Finally, this analysis is also significant because it can be the reference for the other researchers in doing further research about women inferiority because the study of women inferiority is very interesting.