

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Literature is simply another way we can experience the world around us through our imagination. Through literary works, the author brings the readers from the real world into the imaginative one. Besides, literature is also an expression of human life. Literature tells about human experience. The people in the real life often face the same problems that are faced by the characters in the literature. Hudson (1965: 10) in *An Introduction to the Study of Literature* says as follows:

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

It means that literature is mean to record the life. It described the true life. Therefore, the authors express their feeling and ideas they have seen and experienced in the real life by using language as the medium.

In general, literature can be divided into three, namely drama or play, fiction, and poetry. Then, fiction can be divided into short story and novel. In this sense, the writer of this thesis is interested in analyzing novel. Ress (1973: 106) in *English Literature* says as the following:

Novel is a fictious narrative of considerable length in which characters and actions representative of real life and portrayed in a plot of more or less

complexity. In other words, novel is longer, more realistic and more complicated than Italian novella.

In a novel, there are some issues are offered such as, gender, discrimination, politic and so on. Relating to the gender and feminism issue, the writer of this thesis is interested in analyzing a revolt against patriarchal culture. According to Morris in *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*, revolt means any act of protest or rejection (1961: 1113). Patriarchal is derived from the noun patriarchy. Schaefer in *Sociology* (1986: 305) states as the following:

If society expects male to dominate in all family decision making, it is termed a patriarchy. Women hold low status in such societies and rarely are granted full and equal right within the legal system. It maybe more difficult, for example, for a woman to obtain a divorce for a man.

On the other words, patriarchal is a system of social organization in which descent and succession are traced through the male line. Therefore, a revolt against patriarchal culture here means all the actions that show the rebellion or protest toward the social system in which men dominated women.

In this sense, the writer is interested in analyzing Brett's revolt against patriarchal culture. The revolt in this thesis focuses on all of the actions that Brett is done in order to show her protest or her rejection to the patriarchal culture. Brett is the main character in Ernest Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises*. Then this study shows her effort to be an independent woman. Brett's revolt against patriarchal culture is shown in her domination in every love relationship she has and also her appearance. This topic is interesting and challenging to be discussed since gender and feminism issues still become a controversy in every country that is why this topic are chosen to

be analyzed. Patriarchal culture gives great impacts to the women's lives. One of the problems that is often faced by women is how to stand up their rights and do not allow the men dominate them. Women themselves must show their capability to prove who they are and what roles they will play in society. Moreover, they must reject the patriarchal assumption that women are inferior to men. Related to patriarchal culture, there are many problems arising because of men dominated to the women such as, sexual violence, bad treatment, and unequal right in education.

The writer takes Ernest Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises* as the source of data since this novel has different view about women. The central character of this novel is Lady Brett Ashley, a widow of Lord Ashley. She wants to revolt against patriarchal culture since she got bad treatment from her former husband. Then, Brett's revolt against patriarchal culture also gives huge effect toward Brett herself and also the other characters, especially the men with whom she commits love affairs.

The Sun Also Rises is Ernest Hemingway's famous novel that is first published in 1926. This novel tells about a woman namely Brett Ashley, a volunteer nurse during the First World War. Brett is the strongest and most conventionally "masculine" character in the novel. She wants to reject the social construct and establishes her own identity, by showing her existence in the society that women also have power in doing something like what the men are doing.

1.2 Statement of the Problems

In this study, the writer offers three statements of the problem as follows:

1. What are the causes of Brett's revolts against patriarchal culture in Ernest Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises*?
2. What are the ways of Brett's revolts against patriarchal culture in Ernest Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises*?
3. What are the effects of Brett's revolts against patriarchal culture in Ernest Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises*?

1.3 The Objectives of the Study

In line with the statement of the problem, this study has three objectives of the study as follows:

1. To explain the causes of Brett's revolts against patriarchal culture in Ernest Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises*.
2. To analyze the ways of Brett's revolts against patriarchal culture in Ernest Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises*.
3. To describe the effects of Brett's revolts against patriarchal culture in Ernest Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises*.

1.4 Limitation of the Study

To make this study easier to be conducted, giving limitation in this study is interesting. This study is limited on the causes of Brett's revolt against patriarchal

culture, the ways of Brett's revolt against patriarchal culture and the effects of Brett revolt against patriarchal culture.

1.5 Significance of the Study

This study hopefully can give the significance for the writer, readers, and the other researchers. For the writer this study is useful, it gives a brief description about the women inferior position in the society with its patriarchal system. This study is hoped in order that the readers can understand that the women are threatened unfairly in the society with patriarchal culture. Some of them want to revolt against this culture.

This analysis is also significant for the other researchers since this analysis can be a reference for them to conduct the same topic in the different novel. This topic is very interesting and there will be many other researchers are interested to research the similar topic.