

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Literature represents human's expression because it is the result of the creation of man's imagination. In the literary work, human can work or create something that has relationship with literature, used of imagination, thought, ideas, experience of life. In the literary work contains of emotion, love, hatred, selfishness, kindness, humility, worship and purity. Griffith (1990:1) in *Writing Essay about Literature* says, "Like all art, literature gives pleasure, it has magic that transport us from the "real" world to seeming more remote and enjoyable place". People feel that by reading literary works, they keep their mind in getting some pleasures because they can fall to live in it as in real life. Even though, the writer writes a fiction story but the writer tries to make sure the story more alive, in order to make the reader feel it and follow it.

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

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

From the statement above shows that literature is important for human because human has connected with literature. It means that human have thought and feeling, through literature human can pour any idea, thought, feelings in form of poem, short story, and book. Moreover, literature uses language as medium to

transfer the idea and feeling with good language, in order that the reader respects, and feels.

The writer discusses novel entitled *The Strange Case Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* written by Robert Louis Stevenson. Stevenson writes, in this novel, of middle of Victorian era. This novel is horror story about a man who has problem in his side. This story describes his suffering because he has many conflicts with himself. Everyone has two different sides, good and evil. But, Dr. Jekyll wants to lose people bad side. He does not realize that he has bad side, after that, he will be conscious. From here, the writer tries to blow Dr. Jekyll's cover.

Dr. Jekyll is a good, smart, honorable, wealthy, popular, and good-looking person, adored by the people, but he becomes strange because of his theory. Actually, Dr. Jekyll has own theories in his point of view. He believes that everyone has two sides, good and evil. He wants to make an experiment and develops the formula in which he makes two potion intended to separate good and evil. Therefore, Dr. Jekyll wants to prove his theory. When he is drinking a potion (kind of drug, chemical medicine), he transforms himself into Edward Hyde that he becomes evil, one of his evil that he murders Sir Denvers Carew. Mr. Hyde is Jekyll's dark side, released from the bonds of conscience and lost into the world by mysterious potion. So far, Dr. Jekyll always acts to be a good person, and always shows good impression in his society. But, he changes again to be evil in the form of Mr. Hyde. Shortly after becoming Hyde, he drinks a second potion and once again becomes Jekyll. From here, the persona of Dr. Jekyll is appearing. Means that, the aim of persona blows Dr. Jekyll's cover. Therefore, for along time

Dr. Jekyll hides his mask that he does not realize, he actually has terrible behavior and bad personality.

The writer is interested in the persona concept of main character Dr. Jekyll. First, Dr. Jekyll has dual nature, the good and the evil spirit within himself and every human being has that dual nature. Second, as a respectable man who has good reputation in his society, he acts in front of the public. This may cause a problem that may lead the person into some conflicts. Third, the story talks about hypocrisy of Dr. Jekyll who occurs in the society. Hypocrisy also happens in our society. However, people often do not realize the good and the evil sides that dominate their life. They cannot separate one of these sides or choose one of these sides such as what Dr. Jekyll does. Basically, the society has the power to determine the behavior called good and evil. When people do bad things in his life, such as killing or stealing, he is called as person who is dominated by his evil side. Meanwhile, his good side dominates him if he gives benefits to others such as giving charity to poor people or helping someone. Therefore, the writer gives value of performance of Dr. Jekyll as representative of the Victorian society used by Carl G. Jung in his concept of persona. Here, the writer wants to analyze Dr. Jekyll's persona. Persona is like a mask, it means that, a mask or face which use a person to front the public. People respect Dr. Jekyll, so, Dr. Jekyll tries to be a good person and gives some good impressions to everyone. The people believe and give perception that Dr. Jekyll has good personality and people do not know behind of face that he hides from the mask. From here, the writer tries to blow Dr. Jekyll's cover. Means that, the aim of persona blows Dr. Jekyll's cover. From the

Jekyll's cover. Means that, the aim of persona blows Dr. Jekyll's cover. From the illustration above, Dr. Jekyll's inner conflict is caused by his unpleasant towards the society.

Based on psychological phenomenon above, the thesis writer wants to analyze Persona Concept on Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde's Character in Robert Louis Stevenson's *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*.

1.2 Statement of the Problems

The writer will discuss Dr. Jekyll's persona. Here the writer takes some problems in order to get clear discussion of this thesis, as follows:

1. What are the masks of goodness represented by Dr. Jekyll?
2. What are the dark sides represented by Mr. Hyde?

1.3 Objective of the Study

Analyzing this novel, the writer has some purpose to choose *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* as the thesis namely:

1. To explain the masks of goodness represented by Dr. Jekyll.
2. To explain the dark sides represented by Mr. Hyde.

1.4 Limitation of the Study

There are several topics which are interesting to be analyzed, but the thesis writer only focuses on Dr. Jekyll's and Mr. Hyde's persona, psychological concept proposed Carl. G. Jung. The writer would like to discuss some studies

in Robert Louis Stevenson's *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* published by the Penguin Group in London in 1886.

1.5 Significance of the Study

The writer tries to analyze the main character Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde persona by using the theory of Carl. G. Jung about psychoanalytic as a branch of psychology. However, the writer tries to give some literary work that is connected with psychology to make the story can be clearer. The writer wants the reader to know that there are many priceless values and good lesson that can be taken to be applied in life through Dr. Jekyll's and Mr. Hyde's story.

The study is a significant reference for other researchers doing further research on Dr. Jekyll's and Mr. Hyde's persona. The writer hopes that it will be useful as a model in studying novel and as a contribution for those who can understand not only the certain of the story but the personality of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde that they have of persona concept. Moreover, the researcher gets the knowledge about psychology and learns of person's persona.