

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, the researcher reveals the background of the study, statement of the problem, objective of the study, significance of the study, scope and limitation of the study and operational definition.

1.1. Background of the Study

Literature can be interpreted as a reference used to obtain certain information. Literature can be a book or any other type of writing. In addition to educational and academic activities, literature can also be used in literary work such as novels. It also fits the opinion of one of the literary expert there are Wellek and Warren (1963: 22) says that “Literature is also produced by imagination of the author. Literature is not just a documents of fact, not only the collection of real events though it may be happening in real life. Literature can create its own world as a product of the unlimited imagination”.

Novel is one of literary work. In novels, there are characters who act out stories. The characters in the novels became an essential part of the story's path created by the author. A novelist must describe a character that will attract readers to read a story from a published novel. The writer's way of describing the characters in this novel is called characterization. Characterization is the process of creating a character in a literary work (Auger, 2010: 46). When a

writer writes a story it is important to note not only the story that is interesting but also how the writer describes the character in the story that is fascinating.

Characterization becomes a very important part of the story especially in the novel. The characterization is used as a differentiation between character and character and also as a media conveying the moral message of each character in the novel. Characterization in novel can help the readers to understand about the literary thoughts of characters in novel. However, when describing the characters, the authors often portray characters in novels as indirect or implied so that the readers have difficulty understanding the literary thoughts of characters in particular novels. Based on that statement, this study become important to do, because to know how the characterization of the main character in novel especially in novel "Earth" by Tere Liye.

In this study, the researcher interests to analyze the characterization of main character in novel "Earth" by Tere Liye. This novel describes the adventures of three teenagers namely Raib, Ali and Seli. But they're not just teenagers, they're teenagers with special powers like Raib has power disappearing, Seli that can shoot lightning and Ali is a genius student. The novel not only describes school life for ordinary teens but also has an interesting theme about self-searching. The main character, Raib, Ali and Seli have different characters that make the story even more interesting.

Raib was a high school teenage girl who was a little shy, liked to read, not very popular or even clever. Ali had disorderly conduct at school until an

activity that created weird stuff to go with Raib's day. Meanwhile, seli enjoyed listening to songs that were popular, going to fast food shop, watching dramas and films. When reading this novel, readers are brought to the fantasy world. Besides captivating stories, there are also the educational values that our readers can take. Such as honesty, discipline, curiosity, nationalistic fervor and so on.

Based on these reasons, the researcher was attracted to the study under the title “An Analysis of Characterization of the Main Character in Novel of Earth by Tere Liye”.

1.2. Statement of the Problem

Based on the background of the study above, the researcher finds a research problem that is how are the characterizations of the main characters in the novel “Earth” by Tere Liye?

1.3. Objective of the Study

Based on the statement of the problem of this study, the purpose of the study is to describe the characterization of the main character of the novel “Earth” by Tere Liye.

1.4. Scope and Limitation of the Study

The scope and limitation of research are limited to research subject and research object. This study is only focus on the analysis of characterization of the main characters in the novel “Earth” by Tere Liye. The researcher choses to analyze the characterization in the novel because the characterization played

an important role in novel. Without characterization, a novel has no story or plot.

The researcher chose the novel "Earth" by Tere Liye to be analyzed because it contained a lot of moral value that can be taken from any event and conflict that exists, both implied and written. The genre of the novel "Earth" is fantasy which is imaginative that it makes the reader can feel in the fantasy world. The limitation of this research is the main character of the novel "Earth" by Tere Liye. The main character is the center of everything in the novel. The story in the book can happen with the main character. Based on the importance of the main character in a literary work such as the novel, the researcher would provide an idea about the characterization of main character in the novel "Earth" by Tere Liye.

1.5. Significance of the Study

The significance of this study is to insight into how a character is portrayed by the writer, especially characterization carried out by the writer in Novel.

1.5.1. For English Teacher

The results of this study may help teachers to increase students' interest in reading through interesting characters depicted by the author in a literature work.

1.5.2. For Students

Students may understand how a character is portrayed by the author and thus appreciate the author's work.

1.5.3. For Other Researchers

The other researchers may use the results of this study as a reference.

1.6. Operational Definition

In order to clarify all of the key terms in this research, here are some definitions:

1.6.1. Character

Character is a trait that influences the thoughts, behavior, character and traits that belong to humans or other living creatures.

1.6.2. Characteristics

Characteristics are something that makes us distinct from someone or something.

1.6.3. Characterization

Characterization is a technique used by the authors in describing a character in literature such as novels, fairy tales, movie, etc.

1.6.4. Novel

Novel is a long story on a piece of literature that tells about life and the problems of character.

1.6.5. Tere Liye

Tere liye is the pen name of one of the prolific and imaginative writers in Indonesia. Darwis, the original name of tere liye. Tere liye was born on May 21, 1979 in Lahat, South Sumatera. During his career, tere liye has created a variety of writing works on his best selleric novel with

different styles, such as romance, action, sci-fi, fantasy, islamic drama, and so on. Some of these have even been put up in the form of a screen.

