

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

To provide a straight line of the description of this study, the writer is going to deal the following sub topic: Background of study, Statement of study, objective of study, significance of study, limitation of study, and Definition of key term.

A. Background of Study

As a species, we are social beings who live out our lives in the company of other humans. We organize ourselves into various kinds of social groupings, such as nomadic bands, villages, cities, and countries, in which we work, trade, play, reproduce, and interact in many other ways. Unlike other species, we combine socialization with deliberate changes in social behavior and organization over time. Consequently, the patterns of human society differ from place to place and era to era and across cultures, making the social world a very complex and dynamic environment.¹

In the complex society, there are many problems that improve in recent days. Crimes, sex assault, and another have many times we hear and never

¹ <http://www.project2061.org/publications/sfaa/online/chap7.htm> di akses pada tanggal 29 Juni 2009

end. These are because there are no awareness' between them. One of another problem is loneliness. Loneliness becomes the problem in modern society.²

Loneliness includes psychological problems.³ It is an emotional state in which a person experiences a powerful feeling of emptiness and isolation. Loneliness is more than just the feeling of wanting company or wanting to do something with another person. Loneliness is a feeling of being cut off, disconnected, and/or alienated from other people, so that it feels difficult or even impossible to have any form of meaningful human contact. Lonely people often feel empty or hollow inside. Feelings of separation or isolation from the world are common among those that are lonely.⁴ Lonely people feel empties and unsatisfied because they believe all satisfies come from good relationship from others.⁵

The problem of loneliness such as above is not just discussed in the real life, but it has been presented in the literature too. Literature is the simple another way we can experience the world around us through our

² Joyce Meyer. *Help Me-I'm Alone*. 1998. Page: 5

³ Elizabeth Skoglund. *Kesepian*. 1993. Page: 18

⁴ <http://psychology.wikia.com/wiki/Loneliness> di akses pada tanggal 29 Mei 2009

⁵ David D. Burns. *Mengapa Kesepian*. 1988. Page: 7

imagination. It includes all written material such as books, novel, poem, plays, scientific articles, dictionaries etc⁶.

One of the kinds of literature that discusses the real life is the novel. Novel is one form of literary work that often tries to reflect human life by portraying the soul and the inner mind of the characters and of the time in which it is written.⁷ It is fictitious prose of considerable length, in which characters and actions representative of real life are portrayed in a plot that is more or less complexity.⁸ Some persons read Novel for some purposes. They are for enjoyment, relaxing, and for certain people read the literature in order to study the interaction of characters.⁹ Therefore there are many aspects that can be learned through the novel.

Based on that explanation, it can be concluded that human life can be learned through reading literature, and loneliness can be discussed in the novel. This becomes the reason why the researcher analyzes the novel by the title **Jeri Lec Randall's Loneliness in *The Lonely Lady* by Harold Robbins.**

⁶ Edward H. John, Jr. *Outlines of Literature*. 1968. Page 1

⁷ Rene Wellek and Austin Warren. *Theory of Literature*. 1956 page 216

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ Judy E. Yordon. *Roles in Interpretation*. 1932. Page: 33

B. Statement of Problem

According to the background of the study in this research above, there are statements of the problem in this research. They are:

1. What is Jeri Lee Randall's personality in *The Lonely Lady*?
2. What loneliness does Jeri Lee Randall face?
3. What does Jeri Lee Randall do to solve her problems?

C. Objective of Problems

The objectives of this study are directly related to the statements of the study, they are aimed at general description of:

1. To describe Jeri Lee Randall's personality in *The Lonely Lady*.
2. To describe the Jeri Lee Randal's loneliness in *The Lonely Lady*.
3. To describe the Jeri Lee Randal's effort to solve her problems in *The Lonely Lady*.

D. The Significance of Study

The significance of the research is getting the clear description about the kind of loneliness that happened at Jeri Lee Randall through her life in *The Loneliness Lady* by Harold Robbins. Considering that, this research must have the result, which can be used for certain purposes. The result of

the research expected has any uses for the readers and also to the students and teachers department.

For students, this study will give easy ways to understand this novel deeply and to enjoy the story. It also can enlarge the knowledge about family (the role of mother, husband and children in family) because this research is intended to give a picture of family life of the characters in the novel as a whole. Basically, this study tends to grow student's interest in literature, especially in the novel.

For the English students department, they are hoped to be more interesting in learning the literary work and can enhance and enlarge their knowledge about culture, human life, family, expression, religion, science, personality and also having capability in analyzing the literary work.

For the teacher in hope, it can give input in developing the material. In teaching literature, it also verifies the literature that becomes the sources to be analyzed in teaching material. Beside that, the teacher can get much knowledge from the literature that consists of many vocabularies.

E. Scope of Limitation

There are some objects in literary works; they are novels, short stories, poem and dramas¹⁰. In this thesis, the researcher studies a novel. Novel has elements as like intrinsic and extrinsic element. The intrinsic element is the element which is part or inside of the story such as the theme, plot, conflict, characterization, setting, style, and the other component. In other sides are the extrinsic, politics, and the view of life of the writer.

To make this research more effective, it will be made the limitation of the problem in the research. There are many aspects that can be analyzed in this novel but to get deep understanding it is made the limitation of the research that concerns in the main character, she is Jeri Lee Randall. And the analysis is on the Jeri Lee Randall's personality and her loneliness.

F. Definition of Key Term

To make easier understanding for the reader, it will be explained the difficult words briefly.

1. Personality

Personality is external appearance or outside appearance of someone such as behavior, conduct, mood, temper, traits that is different from someone else.

¹⁰ Edward H. Jones, Jr. *Out Lines of Literature*. 1968 page 1

2. Loneliness

Loneliness is a mental and emotional situation that is characterized by the feeling of being alienated and the lack significant relationships with others. Loneliness is a feeling of being cut off, disconnected, and/or alienated from other people, so that it feels difficult or even impossible to have any form of meaningful human contact. For example, usually someone will feel lonely because his/her father was dead etc.