# CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Background of The Problems

There are many Literature study, in this world that can be described as the reflection of the author's perspectives and messages. Sometimes we can see the personality of the writer from their works, because some of them put their personality into it. Every writer has a purpose and meaning that they want to tell or show to the reader. As an author Megan Miranda dedicated her psychological suspense novel to makes the reader curious the whole of its story "The Last House Guest". All human beings in this world have moments of curiosity in their life. They will always have a curiosity desire and want to understand everything. It is also the same as revenge everyone in this world has ever revenge because act of revenge, individuals respond to a wrong by harming transgressor.

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The story takes place in Littleport, Maine. A very beautiful city carved with views of the mountains and sea that is suitable as a summer vacation spot for rich and a small port city for the locals. There lives a wealth family called The Lomans consists of Grant, Bianca, Parker, and Sadie. Sadie is the Daughter of Loman Family who died when she wants to go to a Plus One Party at Blue Robbin ( A rental property own by Grant Loman). Avery waits for Sadie but she has not come to the party yet. Avery sends a message to Sadie but there is no response from her even though Avery sees the dots as a symbol she is writing the answer but stops. Avery becomes worried to her. At midnight two police come looking for Parker to talk to him. They tell Sadie has been found at Breaker Beach allegedly commits suicide jumping off a cliff. Detective Collins suspects Avery because There is a big gap between her and the next person on the arrival list of Plus One Party. Avery is Sadie's best friend. When she is 14 years old, her parents died in a car accident. Avery lives with her grandmother for 6 months before she graduates from her High School and after her grandmother's death Grant buys her grandmother's house and finances Avery's life. Avery works at Grant Loman's rental property (Blue Robbin) as a property manager.

Because of accusations, From Detective Collins Avery becomes curious about whether Sadie commits suicide. Finally, Avery to seeks the truth about Sadie's death. The first thing Avery finds is Sadie's Handphone at Blue Robbin where we are all night she died. Avery opens her inbox whether there is a message another but there is no message from anyone except Avery and the call log is also empty. There is no call for Sadie. Then, Avery checks Sadie's e-mail. Sadie has two emails. The first account is a work account but it has been inactive since her death. While the second is a personal account but there is no dangerous sign only shows spam, sales warnings, and appointment reminders that have never been canceled. Furthermore, Avery opens a photo gallery owned by Sadie. A photo that looks around Littleport like Sadie with the ocean behind it. Sadie with luce in the swimming pool, Parker with luce who is having dinner, Avery is surprised so she stops scrolling because there is a picture of Connor with Sadie on the boat.

Avery meets Connor at the dock to talk about Sadie. Connor asks Avery speak up on the boat. Connor tells about Sadie, he does a private tour with Sadie to several islands, one of the islands visited is Horseshoe where Avery finds a flash drive that Sadie has hidden there. Avery returns to the Sea Rose then she takes out the flashdrive from her wallet and put it in her laptop's Usb port. The flash drive reveals some payments hidden by Sadie. The first payment of one hundred thousand dollars and other payments can only be seen from a bank account and routing number with unclear information. Avery becomes curious why Sadie hidden it on an island. Avery finds the name of the recipient of the payment hidden by Sadie when she opens her grandmother's asset box in the kitchen. She finds a check that is cancels then she brings the check to the computer to read the routing number. The Lomans family pays her grandmother. Payment of one hundred thousand dollars in return for the death of Avery's parents.

Sadie's note is being found in a kitchen trash can in the afternoon after Avery's interview with Detective Collins. Parker convinces the note is Sadie's handwriting because it matches her diary but Avery does not believe it because Sadie does not like writing something on the note. Avery finds a box in Parker's trunks when she wants to take her handphone then she opens it. There are a purple journal. it matches Sadie's note but the journal and note belong to Avery. The journals and notes are written by Avery's handwriting which describes anger, emotions, and revenge. A story about Avery's life that is ruined in her life.

Someones breaking into the Loman's rental properties. These incidences force Avery to recall more details from the night of the Plus one party. Faith comes to the plus one party at 9 p.m. A window has been broken while Parker is fighting with Faith. Faith is trying to hit Parker in the head with a stone pillar but missed, instead of hitting the window. As it turns out Faith has been entering one of the Loman's properties, Sunset Retreat with a key but she denies being the one who has been ransacking the Loman's properties. Avery adds the name Faith to arrival note plus one party

Avery has seen tire marks in the grass the roadside, indicating that someone has left the party in a hurry. She sees her vehicle parked, facing outward at Sunset Retreat. Avery finds traces of Sadie's death in the trunk of her car when she checks her car. There is a gold shoe and a worn belt. Avery looks surprised that meant Sadie has arrived at the party plus one but someone has brought Sadie. Avery does not know that whoever takes Sadie has done so in Avery's car, as a way to frame Avery for Sadie's death. She adds the name Sadie to the arrival note plus one party.

Parker has a scar on his eyebrow indicating the cause of the accident he hid. Avery becomes curious and Avery finds a folder that marks the medical there is a history of doctor visits for the Loman family at Grant loman desk. The first thing Avery looks at is a history of Sadie's test strep due to a reaction from the sunscreen then Grant who has coughing and finally there is a history of Parker with a diagnosis of laceration, prescription painkillers, and suggestions for plastic surgery.

Sadie is killed by someone. Sadie's death is not on a cliff or a breaker beach. There is torture on Sadie in the bathroom. Avery finds a piece of evidence left in the form of a rust-colored bloodstain, a circuit breaker, and a blanket, and then she takes a picture as evidence to be given to the police .He has been paid by the Loman family also for the death of Avery's parents Because the first person to respond to the scene of the accident. Whereas at that time news coverage claims is a one-car accident leaving Parker involved.

At the end of the story, Avery brings all the evidence to the police station Because she revenges with Parker. Avery wants them to pay for what they have done. Parker is imprisoned. Avery starts a new life, Avery sells everything she has to the Sylva family last winter and then she has invested with cash from Loman when he buys her grandmother's house. She invests it with a small group in a plot of land in several cities on the coast and establishing a joint venture with Faith to rent out their new property in Littleport.

According to the background of the story above, The novel discusses story relates to Strong Curiosity. What's interesting about this novel is how the storylines and main character, Avery explores the mystery of Sadie's death and find the cause of her parents'accident, Prompting Avery to take revenge after knowing what The Lomans have done that caused Parker to be imprisoned by bringing all the evidence that indicate that Parker is hiding the Avery's parent's accident. He knows that Detective Collins kills her best friend-Sadie. In analyzing this issue, The writer will present evidence about the issues to be discussed. The writer want to analyze it through intrinsic and extrinsic approaches. Through the Intrinsic approach The writer uses Characterization ( showing and telling), Plot and Setting and Extrinsic approach The writer uses Psychological Literature approach of concept of curiosity and revenge.

#### **1.2 Identification of the Problems**

Based on the background of the problems above, The writer identifies my identification of problem is the reflection of curiosity and revenge. Therefore The writer assumes that there is The Reflection of Curiosity and Revenge On Avery Greer Character in Megan Miranda's Novel *The Last House Guest*.

### **1.3** Limitation of the Problems

Based on the identification of problem above, The writer limits the problem of The reflection of Curiosity and Revenge On Avery Greer Character in Megan Miranda's Novel *The Last House Guest* with theories and concepts that The writer will apply as follow:

- 1. Through intrinsic approaches: characterizations-telling and showing methods, plot, setting and theme.
- 2. Through extrinsic approaches which are psychology of literature and Psychology of personality : curiosity and revenge

#### 1.4 Formulation of the Problems

Based on the background of the of the problems, The writer formulated the problem whether my assumption is true in The Reflection of Curiosity and Revenge On Avery Greer Character in Megan Miranda's Novel *The Last House Guest* to answer this question, The writer formulated the problem as follow:

- 1. What are the characters through characterization of telling and showing methods of this novel?
- 2. What are the plot and setting of this novel?
- 3. What are the concept of curiosity and revenge through the characterizations of telling and showing methods, setting and plot?
- 4. What does the theme of this novel reinforce through intrinsic and extrinsic approaches?

## 1.5 Objectives of the Research

Based on the formulation of the problem, The writer aims to show that the objectives of this research are to prove the assumption of The Reflection of Curiosity and Revenge On Avery Greer Character in Megan Miranda's Novel *The Last House Guest* In order to achieve those objectives, The writer make several steps as follow;

- 1. To analyze characters through characterization of telling and showing methods of this novel
- 2. To analyze the plot and setting of this novel
- 3. To analyze this novel by elaborating the concept of curiosity and revenge through the characterization of telling and showing methods, setting, and plot
- 4. To reinforce the theme by using the result of analysis of intrinsic and extrinsic approaches

## 1.6 Methods of the Research

In this research, The writer uses a variety of qualitative research methods with, the type of library research methods with, the type of library research, the nature of research in the form of analysis using the method of data collection in the form text literary works of Megan Miranda's Novel *The Last House Guest* work as the primary source and supported by several references related to the primary source and supported by several references related to the theory and concept suitable as a second source.

The writer uses two approaches, first the intrinsic, There are characterization, plot, and setting. second, the extrinsic approach, there is one psychology of literature's concepts which is the dimension of curiosity and revenge.

#### 1.7 Benefit of the Research

This research is expected to be useful for those who are interested in getting move in-depth knowledge from the Novel *The Last House Guest* in The Reflection of Curiosity and Revenge On Avery Greer Character in Megan Miranda's Novel *The Last House Guest*. it also help for those who find the reference in the way to do their own research. The writer wish the result of this research is appears as something new and understandable for those who read this.

#### **1.8 Systematic Organization of the Research**

In accordance to the title of the research above, the order of the presentation is written as follows:

#### **CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION**

It consists of: the background of the problems, identification of the problems, the limitation of the problems, the formulation of the problems, the objectives of the research, the framework of the theories, methods of the research, and systematic organization of the research

## **CHAPTER 2: FRAMEWORK OF THEORIES**

It consists of: The explanation of the concepts and theories. It includes intrinsic and extrinsic approaches. Intrinsic approach are characterization-telling and showing methods,plot,setting, and theme.Through extrinsic approaches,the applied extrinsic approach is psychological approach which includes curiosity and revenge.

# CHAPTER 3: THE NOVEL THE LAST HOUSE GUEST THROUGH INTRINSIC APPROACHES

It consists of: Characterization of the characters, plot and setting of the novel. The concepts above must appear in the number of sub-chapters.

# CHAPTER 4: THE REFLECTION OF CURIOSITY AND REVENGE ON AVERY GREER CHARACTER IN MEGAN MIRANDA'S NOVEL THE LAST HOUSE GUEST THROUGH EXTRINSIC APPROACHES

It consists of: a brief explanation of this chapter's content, analysis of the reflection of curiosity and revenge and the relation with characterization, plot, and setting. The concepts above must appear in the number of sub-chapters

#### **CHAPTER 5: CONCLUSION**

It consists of: an evaluation from the previous chapters and the implication of the evaluated result. The chapters above are followed by references, scheme of the research, research poster, curriculum vitae, and other required attachments.