

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background of the Problem

Literature is a collection of written works. This written work can be in the form of books that contain prose, drama, poetry, novel, and various other kinds of writings. Literature is a depiction of life that is poured through the media of writing. Between literature and life, there is a close relation, because the social function of literature is how it involves itself in the midst of people's lives. Wellek and Warren in Najda (2019) stated that the relationship between literature and society that supports cultural values cannot be separated, because literature presents life and mostly consists of social reality (society), although literary works imitate nature and the subjective world of humans (Wellek and Warren, 1956: 109 in Najda, 2019: 3).

Depita (2021) also said that literature also provides information about social, moral and historical conditions of the society in which literary works are seen. It is published to the public through the author's ideas (Depita, 2021: 1). According to some experts above, we can conclude that literature and the social environment are interconnected.

Discrimination is the act of differentiating treatment of others (person or group). Usually, this action is carried out based on the differences in race, ethnicity, religion, etc. and their treatment is one-sided (unbalanced). Not only against race, ethnicity, and or skin color, it turns out that discrimination can also occur against gender differences which is called sexism. Sexism is usually done by men against women. If racial discrimination and so on occur based on the majority and minority, sexism is usually done by men against women in terms of physical strength and intelligence. Discrimination is an act that we must avoid because it makes the movement of one of the person or groups limited, and it is so unfair. Acts of discrimination is often happen in every part of the world. They are usually done by the majority group against the minority group.

Racism is a belief system or doctrine that states that biological differences inherent in the human race determine cultural or individual achievement that a particular race is superior and has the right to govern other races. Until now, the issue of racism is still a problem in America or even around the world. There are several kinds of racism. Racism can be physical or non-physical or even an intimidation. Intimidation is a behavior that is offensive, done repeatedly, and there is an imbalance of power between the parties involved. Physical racism is directly related to physical contact such as bullying by hitting, kicking to the black people, etc. Meanwhile, non-physical racism is in the form of verbal insults such as mentioning the “N-word” (Nigga) which is a racial sentence that not anyone can say this word, except black people themselves. All these treatments are usually carried out by the majority to the minority.

Racism has been happening since ancient times even until now. From the past until now, many black people have even received bullying and physical insults at the same time. There are so many cases of racism that occur in America, such as shooting cases, and the victims are mostly black people. The former US president Barack Obama himself has used racist sentences to express his annoyance. He did not regret using the "N-word" (Negro) to clarify this seemingly endless problem. According to a website written by Willy Haryono when Trump (a former American president) attacked four women congressmen from a party, Trump also attacked a black politician named Elijah Cummings who represents the Baltimore region and called Baltimore a city full of rats and rodents. Other cases are the shooting cases like the case of Eric Garner's death. And the latest viral controversy regarding race, of course the case of the death of George Floyd that happened in 2020. George Floyd, a 46-year-old black man, was murdered by a police officer in Minneapolis, Minnesota, while being arrested for allegedly using a counterfeit bill.

The case of George Floyd makes the terms or movements for anti-racism Black Lives Matter or BLM for the black people (African-American) became a trending topic in social media. The movement is now getting bigger because of our social lives and technology have increased. Thanks to technological advances, we should be able to

reduce or even eliminate the treatment of racism. But with the advancement of technology, instead it shows that this racism treatment is still there and getting exposed. Even now it doesn't only happen to the African-American but now it also happens to the Asian-American people and also has the same movement for anti-racism towards Asian-American which is called Stop Asian Hate. The movement of Black Lives Matter has already existed since 2013, meanwhile the movement of Stop Asian Hate existed in 2021. These movements were made and done to remind everyone about how bad racism is because it has claimed so many victims.

In the movie script *Green Book*, it has a racism issue towards the African-American character. The movie script *Green Book* tells the story of a racist officer, Tony Lip, who used to be a security guard in a club, then he was offered to work as a driver for an African-American musician, Don Shirley. Due to Tony's financial problems and the payment that is offered by Don is quite large, Tony accepts the job offer. Tony, who is a white man, had to take Don, who had several music tours in South America to the places where Don held his concerts. Meanwhile, at that time, which was in the 1960's, South America had such a strong case of racism. During his tour, Don was always subjected to racial bullying in the form of physical and non-physical and even threats or intimidation. The musician, Don Shirley, could have toured to North America and been paid three times more, but Don turned it down and decided to do the south tour. Don must have had a purpose behind his tour decision. The relationship between Tony and Don was not very good at first, but because along the way they get different trials in each place they visit, their relationship gets pretty well and slowly changes the way Tony views Don.

The film is set in the 1960's in the United States of America. Meanwhile, in the 1960s the states of America experienced the civil rights problems and progressed violently. Social tensions also affect African-Americans in so many areas especially the Southern states, unlike in the Northern states where racism is less common. Also, the Jim Crow Law, the implementation of the racial segregation system. Segregation is an act of separating certain social groups in the community space. This law regulates the condition of the Negro "*Separate but equal*". But in reality, black people still get

facilities or treatment that is worse than white people. Later, African-Americans and other minorities rejected this law. Slowly and gradually, the African-American did the rejection. They did everything to stop the mistreatment that happened to them.

Therefore, this movie script is interesting to study. And to analyze the movie script, the researcher uses the genetic structuralism approach by Lucien Goldmann. Genetic structuralism was proposed by Lucien Goldmann in the 1960s. Genetic structuralism is a structure that is a product of an ongoing history that is lived and internalized by the community that influences their work (Faruk, 1999a: 12). The theory of genetic structuralism introduced by Lucien Goldmann has various categories, namely human facts, collective subjects, world views, etc.

1.2. Identification of the Problem

Based on the explanation of racism, the racism that happened to all the African-American in the US, and the synopsis of the movie script Green Book above, it turns out that there are several problems. The following problems can be identified:

1. The struggles of the main characters Don has got from being a man of color (an African-American).
2. The problems of racism in society.
3. The racial discrimination that happened to Don such as racial segregation.
4. Verbal insults, such as when white people called Don “Nigger” (N-word).
5. The main character also received a lot of intimidation. Intimidation is a behavior that is offensive, done repeatedly, and there is an imbalance of power between the parties involved.

1.3. Limitation of the Problem

Based on the identification of the problem above, the researcher limits it to only several problems. This research is focused on the intrinsic elements and extrinsic elements of the Green Book movie script that is written by Peter Farrelly. The intrinsic element contains characters, plot and settings. Meanwhile the extrinsic elements

contain the social issue in their social life or social class in the 1960's in America, which is where the movie is setted.

1.4. Formulation of the Problem

Based on the limitation of the problem above, the research problem is formulated in the form of research questions as follows:

1. How is the character of Don Shirley and Tony Lip in the movie?
2. How the characters can survive from the racial problems?
3. What are the genetic structures that appears in the Green Book movie script?

1.5. Objectives of the Research

1. To know the characters of Don Shirley and Tony Lip in the movie, so we can analyze the racism that they got and how they overcame it.
2. To know how Don and Tony survive the racism that they got that happened in the 1960's that occurs in the movie script of Green Book.
3. To find out the genetic structure that appears in the Green Book movie script.

1.6. Benefit of the Research

By doing this research, the writer hopes that it will give contributions as in form of benefits, such as:

1. To give more attention and awareness to the racism issue.
2. To inform the history of the condition of racism in the 1960's in America, about how do the black people overcome the racism issue, and how do they fight for their social equality rights so people can be more concerned about how bad racism is.
3. This research will be useful for future researchers who will carry out and apply further research.

1.7. Systematic Organization of the Research

According to the title of the research, this thesis consists of five chapters, namely:

CHAPTER 1 : INTRODUCTION

Consists of: Background of the Problem, Identification of the Problem, Limitation of the Problem, Formulation of the Problem, Objective of the Research, Method of research, Benefit of the Research, and Systematic organization of the research.

CHAPTER 2 : FRAMEWORK OF THE THEORIES

The second chapter (Chapter 2) contains a theoretical basis that contains a framework of theories that has the descriptions about intrinsic elements, and extrinsic elements which is using the Genetic Structuralism approach according to Faruk and Goldman.

CHAPTER 3 : RESEARCH METHOD

Chapter 3 contains the research method approach that is used in this research.

CHAPTER 4 : THE ANALYSIS OF THE RACISM ISSUE IN THE MOVIE SCRIPT *GREEN BOOK* USING GENETIC STRUCTURALISM THEORY

Chapter 4 contains research data, analysis, and conclusion.

CHAPTER 5 : CONCLUSION

Chapter 5 contains the conclusion of the research. The final part of the thesis which is bibliography contains the references that are used to support this research.